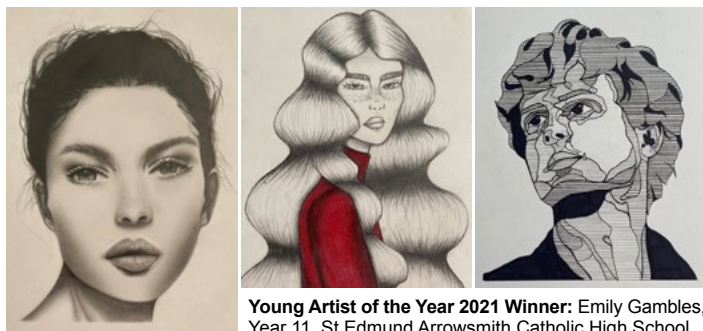




Warrington & Vale Royal College announces Young Artist of the Year



Young Artist of the Year 2021 Winner: Emily Gambles, Year 11, St Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic High School

Warrington & Vale Royal College recently celebrated the artistic talents of young students across the region with their annual Young Artist of the Year competition. The competition, organised by the college's School Engagement Team in partnership with their Art & Design department, invited local school students in year 10 and year 11 to submit their best artwork in a bid to be crowned Young Artist of the Year. The winning prize was an artist kit worth £65, containing a selection of artists' essentials from Abacus Supplies.

The artwork submitted, which included various forms of media such as drawing, collage and photography, was of an extremely high standard and greatly impressed the college's Art & Design tutors. Ben Brady, Senior Curriculum Manager for Art & Design, had the tough task of selecting finalists from the outstanding artwork submitted.

The finalists were announced at a virtual showcase and online exhibition on Thursday 1st of April, which was attended by the competition entrants and their parents/carers. The overall competition winner was announced as Emily Gambles, year 11 student at St. Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic High School, whose portrait drawings demonstrate her incredible talent and passion for art. Emily was delighted to be crowned the winner, saying: "I was extremely flattered to find that others had appreciated my artistic efforts enough to reward me so generously."

Congratulations to all of the finalists. You can view the full exhibition on our website from Monday 19th April.

Finalists:

Birchwood Community High School:
Stanley Strong, Year 10

Cansfield High School:
Casey Picton, Year 11
Hannah Tatley, Year 10
Sophie Naylor, Year 10

Cardinal Newman Catholic High School:
Esther Omoyele, Year 10
Franchesca Roskell, Year 10

Great Sankey High School:
Drew Horrabin, Year 11
Kymberly Rogerson, Year 10
Lucy Baker, Year 11
Olivia Chamun, Year 11

Padgate Academy:
Jess Mottram, Year 11

St Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic High School:
Lily Wyatt, Year 10

St Gregory's Catholic High School:
Eve Rogers, Year 10

Sir Thomas Boteler Church of England High School:
Dylan Roberts, Year 11

UTC Warrington:
Nikola Nakrewicz, Year 11
Dylan Sanders, Year 11
Leah Bradbury, Year 11
Jack Broadhurst, Year 11
Lilly Collins, Year 11
Sammi Anne Hughes, Year 11

Runners up:

Beamont Collegiate Academy:
Ruby Hatton, Year 10

Cansfield High School:
Caitlin Gore, Year 11

Cardinal Newman Catholic High School:
Mahek Patel, Year 10

Great Sankey High School:
Owen Faulkner, Year 10
Lara Moore, Year 11

Padgate Academy:
Sean Muir, Year 11

St Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic High School:
Leo Harrison, Year 10

UTC Warrington:
Ethan Taylor, Year 10

Applications update

- If you've applied to study with us and have been offered a place following a college interview, congratulations! We'll be in touch very soon with details of how to enrol online from 7th June.
- If you've applied but haven't yet been invited to a college interview, sit tight! We're currently conducting interviews over the phone and appointments have been booked up throughout April. We'll be in touch via email and text message as soon as an appointment becomes available.
- If you haven't yet applied to study with us, don't worry, applications are still open! You can apply online via our website wvr.ac.uk, or you can request a paper copy of our application form at wvr.ac.uk/applybypost.

Egg-cellent Easter!

We hope you all had a wonderful Easter break. Our Level 1 Hospitality & Culinary Arts students certainly did! They spent the week leading up to Easter baking some delicious treats in our Buckley's Restaurant kitchens. Take a look at some of their egg-travagant creations.



What's on?



Apprenticeship Events

• Apprenticeship Q&As

Tuesday 27th April, 4.00pm, Tuesday 11th May, 4.00pm

• Interview Tips and Techniques for Apprenticeship Vacancies

Tuesday 20th April, 4.00pm, 18th May, 4.00pm

• Apprenticeships Explained

Thursday 20th May, 6.00pm

Visit wvr.ac.uk/events for more information.

School Leaver Advice Zooms

Every Wednesday, 4.00pm - 5.00pm

Join us on Zoom to ask any college enquiries.

Meeting ID: 369 198 8935 Passcode: A109

Have you registered for a college bus service yet?

If you've applied to study with us, make sure you've taken a look at our dedicated college bus services. We have three routes which will bring you to college and take you back home again.



Irlam - Warrington campus*
(via Culcheth, Birchwood, Fearnhead, Padgate)



Leigh - Warrington campus*
(via Lowton, Golborne, Ashton-in-Makerfield, Haydock, Newton-le-Willows)



Winsford - Warrington campus*
(via Hartford campus and Northwich Bus Station)



We also offer a **FREE** Arriva bus pass for students studying at our Winsford campus who live more than one mile away.#

You must register to secure your place on one of the college's dedicated bus services, or to apply for the free Arriva bus pass. Registering couldn't be easier, simply head to wvr.ac.uk/bus.

*£1 charge each way from September 2021 *Free #Valid during term time only

Fantastic parent feedback for Travel & Tourism



Our Travel & Tourism department were delighted to receive wonderful feedback at our most recent parents' evening.

The parents and guardians of the Travel & Tourism students felt that the college had been incredibly supportive to their children throughout lockdown and that the communication

and feedback from the tutors has been outstanding.

They also said that their children have been really enjoying the course and are finding it very engaging. One parent said: "My daughter often talks about her college work at home and she was so excited to come back to college."

Contact us



Our friendly Learner Services Team are on hand Monday to Friday to answer any of your college questions. You can reach them on **01925 494 400** or learner.services@wvr.ac.uk

Don't forget to follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter [@wvrcollege](https://www.facebook.com/wvrcollege). Our inboxes are checked daily by our supportive marketing team so please don't hesitate to direct message us.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Sadie's advice for securing an apprenticeship employer

Former Business Administration Apprentice Sadie Wrench, who is now employed in the college's Business Development Team, shares her knowledge on securing an employer for your apprenticeship.



Sadie says:

“ In order to start an apprenticeship, you must have an employer. There are a few ways you can secure an employer:

1. Source your own employer.

Consider family or friend's organisations. Would they be willing to take you on as an apprentice? Alternatively, you can perfect your CV and send this out alongside a personalised covering letter to companies within the sector you are hoping to study.

2. Join our Skills Pool.

We have a dedicated Apprenticeship Team who provide a matching service, helping you to find an ideal position with a fantastic employer. Simply contact our Apprenticeships Team today at apprenticeships@wvr.ac.uk and ask to join our Skills Pool. After you have received your GCSE grades you will be able to send those to us, alongside your CV, and we will contact you about opportunities before they are advertised to the general public and work hard to match you with an employer.

3. Check the National Apprenticeship Service.

You can view a list of current vacancies nationally on the government site: www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship

It is important to note that if you are unable to secure an apprenticeship by September, you can start on a full-time course and transfer over at any time throughout the year if you manage to secure an apprenticeship. Any relevant modules or units will also be transferred. With that in mind, it is strongly advised that you apply for a full-time course for September so that your place to study at Warrington & Vale Royal College is secure.

Good luck! If you need any more advice about apprenticeships, please don't hesitate to email us at apprenticeships@wvr.ac.uk. ”

Have you heard the news? We're building construction's digital future!

BIG things are coming to our Warrington campus Colin Daniels Construction and Engineering Skills Centre! From September we'll be delivering Advanced Construction Training (ACT), supported by a £260,000 grant from the Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP). What's more, following the success of Winsford campus' Advanced Manufacturing & Engineering Training (AMET) Centre which opened last September, we'll also be launching a second AMET Centre at our Warrington campus!

Visit www.wvr.ac.uk/act and www.wvr.ac.uk/amet to find out more and apply.



Apply online today: wvr.ac.uk/apply