



Warwickshire Virtual School Enrichment Newsletter

WHAT TOOK PLACE LAST TERM

Circus skills workshop

Our young people learnt new skills like juggling, spinning plates and hoop tricks. At the end of the workshop they each had the chance to demonstrate a skill they had enjoyed learning!



Campus day at Aston University

Our young people experienced life at uni for the day. They had a tour of the campus, got to take part in an English literature seminar about Shakespeare and Microbiology lecture where they extracted DNA from a plum.

Hamilton & Mary Poppins educational performance

A small group of young people got to see Hamilton on the west end and were mesmerised by the performance. Another group enjoyed seeing Mary Poppins in Birmingham. Both had a Q&A session with the cast and crew, gaining valuable knowledge and insight about the theatre.



Kayaking and paddleboarding

Another successful event that saw a large number of our young people try out their balancing skills on paddleboards.

Virtual School Awards 2025

The Virtual School proudly hosted its Annual Awards Evening at the University of Warwick – a cherished event dedicated to celebrating the educational achievements of children in care.

The event was a resounding success and continues to be a highlight in the Virtual School calendar. It's a powerful reminder of the importance of celebrating educational milestones and the incredible potential of every child in care.



COMING THIS TERM!

Arts & Sports

Herbert

Art Gallery & Museum

Me Zines

Art workshop

Tuesday 28th October

10:30am - 1:30pm

Ages 11-16

Herbert Art Gallery & Museum

Jordan Well, Coventry CV1 5QP

What makes you you?

Tell us in a zine*!

Come and learn how to make different types of zines whilst experimenting with a range of mediums.

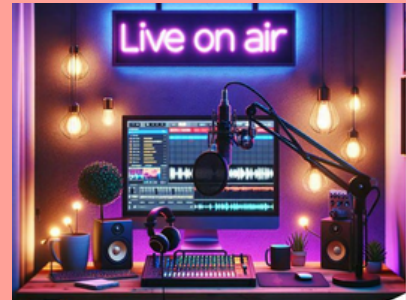
*A zine is a handmade mini magazine.

Arts Awards- Discover available!

Email: jasminegillett-ohagan@warwickshire.gov.uk

if your young person is interested.

PODCAST WORKSHOP



Learn how to create your own show from scratch!

Wednesday 29th October

11.00am - 1.00pm

Ages: 11-18

The Kenilworth Centre, Abbey End
Car Park, Kenilworth, CV8 1QJ

Book Now!



Tuesday 11th November

Performance starting at 1:30pm

For ages 13+

Victoria Palace Theatre

126 Victoria St, London SW1E 5EA

Q&A with cast and crew after
performance

Email: jasminegillett-ohagan@warwickshire.gov.uk if your
young person is interested.



LAUNCHING 25TH SEPTEMBER 2025

A new band opportunity for Children in
Care in Warwickshire!

When: Thursdays, 4:30-6pm,
term time

Where: East Music Centre
@ RFSS, Rugby

Who: Ages 11-16

Opportunity to explore band
instruments, learn how to write your
own songs and music, and perform!

Book Now!

COMING THIS TERM!

Arts & Sports

sharefound
inspiring young people in care

NEW TERM - NEW SKILLS

STEPPING FORWARD
PERFORMING ARTS FOR LIFE

A **online** performing arts programme for **young people aged 13-17** who are currently in care.

SCAN TO GET STARTED

OR WATCH THIS CLIP TO FIND OUT MORE!

Benefits:

- Earn up to £200 into your savings!
- No prior experience needed
- Work through at your own pace
- Boost confidence & creativity
- Build skills for now & the future
- Videos quizzes & reflective questions

ALLSTARS LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME

A great opportunity to develop your leadership skills, training and qualifications.

Various dates and locations.

Those interested **must** attend all sessions!

For ages 13- 18 year olds

ORIENTEERING - Tuesday 28th October
10am- 4pm, Park n Ride, Memorial Park,
Coventry, CV3 6PG

HIKING - Saturday 8th November
9am- 4pm, Hickory's Smokehouse, Burton
Green, Cornwell Lane, Coventry CV4 8AP

FIRST AID - Tuesday 27th January & 3rd
February 2026, 6-9pm, Queens Road Baptist
Church, Coventry, CV1 3EG

MULTISKILLS LEVEL 1 - Saturday 28th March
2026, 9am- 4pm, Pingles athletics track,
Nuneaton, CV11 4LX

GRADUATION TRIP -
Wednesday 15th April
2026, 9am- 4pm,
Bullring, Birmingham

**FLYER COMING
SOON**

the **mighty** creatives my creative track

My Creative Track is a digital platform designed for care-experienced young people to explore a pathway to arts and culture. With heaps of arts and cultural activities, from drama and dance to music and visual arts, it's an exciting opportunity for young people to get creative – and for their supporting adults to work through the stages with them!

STAGES:

1. GIVE IT A GO: Creating initial sparks of inspiration by participating in taster sessions

2. MAKE AND CREATE: Building aspiration to develop interest, talent and skills through medium length initiatives.

3. MAKE IT MINE: Arts specialism, developing independence and entrepreneurship, potentially leading to qualifications and careers.

Email: jasminegillett-ohagan@warwickshire.gov.uk for more information

COMING THIS TERM!

HE & Aspirational programmes



YOUR FUTURE, YOUR PATH FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN CARE (YEARS 10-13)

Empowering Your Next Steps

GUEST SPEAKERS

✍ We're welcoming two inspiring guest speakers:

Jen Emery-Green from Think Active, sharing career pathways in sport, physical activity, and outdoor adventure

Apprenticeship Specialist, offering insights into apprenticeship opportunities across sectors.

JOIN US

Gain the knowledge and support you need to build a future that reflects your goals and aspirations.

Interested in attending? Simply scan the QR code below to register.



TUESDAY 14TH OCTOBER

🍽 REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED



5:00PM - 7:30 PM



THE COUNCIL HOUSE

Earl Street,
Coventry CV1 5RR



For further details, feel free to reach out to us.
We're happy to help!

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YOUR FUTURE, YOUR PATH Careers in the Armed Forces

Tuesday 2nd December

5:00- 7:30pm

Year 10- 13's

Refreshment provided

The Council House, Earl Street,
Coventry, CV1 5RR

**We're excited to welcome
Corporal Gary Thompson,
Recruiting, Mentoring and
Support Officer (ReMSO), to
lead this inspiring event
focused on careers in the
Armed Forces.**



Email:



sabinamarsh@warwickshire.gov.uk

for more information or to book
your spot

EXPERIENCE WARWICK PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMME WITH WARWICK UNIVERSITY

A multi-year programme designed to raise aspirations and support progression for pupils in Coventry and Warwickshire:

Year 6/7: Reading Programme

Weekly one-to-one sessions with trained student ambassadors to boost reading skills and self-esteem.

Year 7: Campus Introduction

Pupils explore Warwick's campus and take part in a challenge activity to kickstart their journey.

Year 8: Academic Taster Days

Interactive sessions in Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences, and STEM to broaden subject awareness.

Year 9: Big Idea Workshop

Delivered by Talent Foundry, focusing on social issues, tech for good, and key employability skills.

Year 10: Student Experience Day

A hands-on visit including tours, Esports Centre activities, and insights into student life.

Year 11: Next Steps Conference

Guidance on Warwick's post-16 programmes and how to apply.

Email:

sabinamarsh@warwickshire.gov.uk for more information.

COMING SOON!

UNIFEST 2026

SUMMER SCHOOL FOR YEAR 10'S

**MORE INFO
COMING SOON**

Aimhigher's flagship summer school programme will **soon be taking applications for UniFest 2026!**

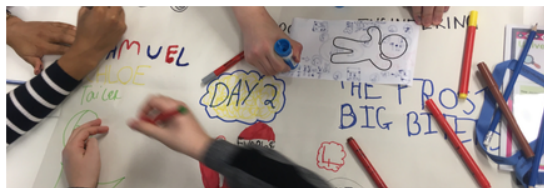
Year 10 summer school which offers learners the chance to explore university life, meet current university students and staff and make new friends. With five summer school events to choose from at different universities across the West Midlands, it is a highly-anticipated, action-packed, fun experience.

UNIVERSITY EXPLORERS

Explore the university, take part in fun activities and make new friends!
For Year 6's currently in care.



- ▶ Free of charge
- ▶ Lunch and snacks provided
- ▶ Celebration with carers on final afternoon



MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON

Email if interested:
sabinamarsh@warwickshire.gov.uk

Christmas Theatre Trip

Show information and tickets will be **available soon!**

Keep an eye on your inbox.



West Midlands Children in Care Foundation



Stay up to date with all Arts and Sports enrichment offers around all West Midlands.

If your child/ young person currently in care is apart of Warwickshire's local authority but lives in another local authority within the West Midlands, they are entitled to attend any of the enrichment offers in their area.

Art offers- <https://www.wmvscicfoundation.org.uk/arts-events-what's-on>

Sport offers- <https://www.wmvscicfoundation.org.uk/active-now-events-what's-on>

Get in touch:

All our enrichment programmes are **available to children/ young people currently in care.** Any questions/ queries or for more information, please email Jaz or Sabina.



Arts & Sports- jasminegillett-ohagan@warwickshire.gov.uk

Higher Education & Aspirational programmes- sabinamarsh@warwickshire.gov.uk

