



Warwickshire Virtual School Enrichment Newsletter

WHAT TOOK PLACE LAST TERM

WICKED WORKSHOP

The young people got to meet and work with a professional who had been on Wicked in the west end. They learned the dance routine to 'What is this feeling?' and performed to carers and guardians at the end of the workshop.



UNIVERSITY EXPLORERS

Another successful year of university explorers for a cohort of our year 6's has wrapped up at the University of Warwick. The young people enjoyed exploring the campus, making new friends and taking part in academic taster sessions like philosophy and politics.

SIX THE MUSICAL

A fantastic time was had getting to watch Six the musical. The young people loved the show and couldn't stop talking about it after.



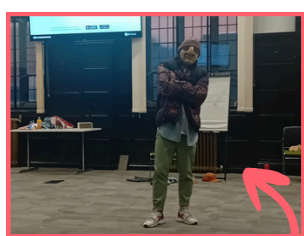
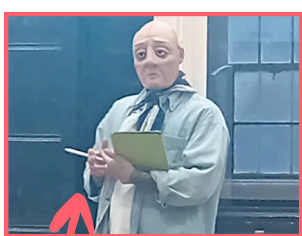
EXPRESSIVE JOURNAL WORKSHOP

Young people created their own journal using new techniques to make a fabric cover which could store paper inside. They also took a deep dive into Coventry's history in a tour of the museum.



YOUR FUTURE, YOUR PATH

We were very excited to welcome guest speakers from JLR, one of the UK's leading Automotive and engineering organisation. They shared valuable insight into a wide range of apprenticeships, training routes and career pathways available within JLR.



VAMOS

The first workshop took place and had the young people exploring the different masks and learning techniques to use them and bring them to life.

COMING THIS TERM!

Arts & Sports

Herbert
Art Gallery & Museum

Clay trinket ART WORKSHOP

Tuesday 26th May
10:30am- 1:30pm
Ages 10-16

Herbert Art Gallery & Museum
Jordan Well, Coventry CV1 5QP

**COME AND LEARN SOME BASIC CLAY
MAKING TECHNIQUES. THEN, USE
THEM TO CREATE A TRINKET JAR
TO STORE YOUR PRIZED**

**POSSESSIONS.
Book Now**



STREET ART WORKSHOP

Saturday 16th May
2- 4pm

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

**Come along, try something new,
and leave with a piece of street-
style art you made yourself!**

For more information,
follow the link or scan

QR code.

Book Now



SPORTS UPDATE

We are excited to announce we have partnered with a new sports provider! Sarah from Sarah Atkins & Co has run some of our sport events in the past and we're excited for what's to come. We are currently planning out the sports activities for the next year. If your young people have any suggestions, please send them over-

Sports suggestion form



MAMMA MIA!

THE SMASH HIT MUSICAL BASED ON THE SONGS OF ABBA®

Wednesday 20th May
12:30- 4:15pm

Birmingham Hippodrome

For ages 10- 16
Limited tickets



The performance will be followed by a 20-minute technical discussion and Q&A with the cast and crew, giving an insight into the inner workings of the show and the career opportunities in theatre.

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



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HE & Aspirational programmes

UNIVENTURE

UniVenture, created by ThinkHigher at the University of Warwick, supports care-experienced learners to explore and aspire to Higher Education. Aimed at Year 8 students, the three-day programme provides early exposure to university life, helping build confidence, a sense of belonging, and excitement about future study. Each session ends with reflective journaling to help learners track their growth over the programme.

DATES OF PROGRAMME:

Session 1: Wednesday 6th May 2026
Session focus: Connect

Session 2: Wednesday 20th May 2026
Session focus: Explore

Session 3: Wednesday 17th June 2026
Session focus: Build and celebration

Discovery Days

Discovery days with Severn Trent in partnership with Virtual school

- Inspiring Years 9-11 to explore future careers through interactive workshops, real-world insights and hands-on skill building.
- Students discover apprenticeships and work experience opportunities, develop confidence, communication and teamwork, and gain practical tips for interviews and CVs.
- Empowering young people to take their next steps with confidence.

Dates and year group:

Year 9 dates:
Wednesday 29th April
Wednesday 24th June



Year 10 dates:
Wednesday 13th May
Wednesday 1st July

Aim Higher: At University College Birmingham

Apprenticeship Day Years 9-11, Date TBC

The day showcases vocational pathways, exploring the pros and cons of vocational HE options and apprenticeships. Hearing from current apprentices and vocational degree students, compare these routes with the traditional pathway, experience the UCB campus and facilities, and take part in activities.

H.E.4 ME

Year 7-8, 3rd June 2026

Visit university campuses and explore facilities while taking part in subject masterclasses and hearing directly from university students with care experience. Learn about accommodation, finance and wellbeing support available at university.

Build environment Day

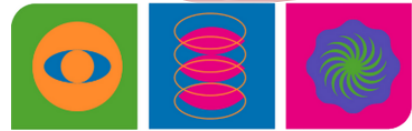
Year 10-11, 19th June 2026

The Built Environment Day introduces sustainable pathways in building, design, and surveying, combining insights into modern construction technologies with hands-on workshops covering design, manufacturing processes, and emerging topics such as AI.

Email: sabinamarsh@warwickshire.gov.uk for more information on any of the above



Warwickshire Libraries



TEEN BOOK BINGO:

Teen Book Bingo is your chance to discover books you'll enjoy - what you read is YOUR choice. Whether you're into graphic novels, trending titles, or stories set in faroff places, each challenge helps you explore something new without any pressure.

You can complete the prompts in any order, choose books that match your vibe, and maybe even find a new favourite along the way.

More information and how to sign up:
[Teen Book Bingo](#)



Teen's Book Club for 11-14 yrs old and Young peoples Book Club for 14-18 yrs old at Rugby Library:

Wait, a book club where you don't all read the same book? Tell me more! Whether you're trying to read more or already love reading, this group - open to anyone aged 11-14yrs old/ 14-18 yrs old- will give you the chance to chat to others about books you're reading and get ideas for new ones to try. You don't have to make it to every meeting either.

More info and booking links:

[Teen's Book Club](#)

[Young people's Book Club](#)



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 a part 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.

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