



AUTUMN TERM 2026
01/09/26- 18/12/26

Warwickshire Virtual School

Enrichment Newsletter

WHAT TOOK PLACE LAST TERM

ART WORKSHOP

Young people transformed blank canvases into beautiful, unique pieces of artwork to take home. The workshop was filled with creativity, imagination and talent, giving everyone the opportunity to express themselves and create something truly special.



MAMMA MIA!

Young people enjoyed an energetic and captivating theatre performance, followed by a Q&A session with the cast and crew.

The discussion provided a fascinating insight into the many different career paths available within the theatre industry and inspired young people to think about future opportunities.



WATERSPORTS

Participants enjoyed learning new skills, building confidence on the water, and putting their balance to the test as they worked hard to stay afloat. It was a fun-filled experience packed with adventure, laughter and plenty of splashes!



CLAY WORKSHOP

A group of young people created unique and decorative trinket dishes while learning new clay techniques.

They also enjoyed a tour of the Herbert and had the chance to step back in time by dressing up in historic costumes.

UNIVENTURE

A group of Year 8 students recently completed Uni Venture, an interactive programme designed to build a sense of belonging and community.

Throughout the programme, young people took part in a range of engaging activities and sessions, made new friends, tried new experiences, and had lots of fun along the way.



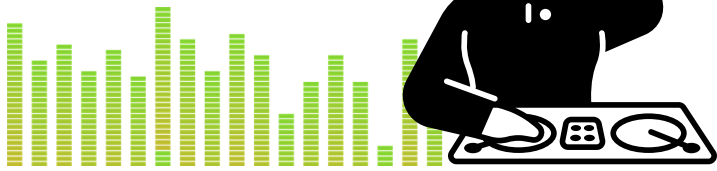
VAMOS

After many young people from across the West Midlands worked with Vamos Theatre over several months, the film project has now been completed. The finished film will be used to support training for schools, social workers and foster carers, helping to share young people in care's experiences and insights in a powerful and engaging way.

COMING THIS TERM!

Arts & Sports

DJ WORKSHOP



Wednesday 28th October
2-4pm



The Tin Music and Arts,
The Canal Basin, CV1 4LY
Ages 10+

**No experience needed! Just bring
your energy and get ready to make
some noise!**



MOUNTAIN BIKING

Saturday 17th October

10:30am to 12pm for

6-11 year olds

12:30 to 2:00pm for

12-17 year olds



Newbold Comyn MTB Park- Newbold
Terrace E, Royal Leamington Spa CV32 4EU

LED BY A QUALIFIED MTB COACH, USING HIGH-
QUALITY BIKES, YOU WILL BE ABLE TO LEARN THE
SKILLS TO RIDE ALONG SINGLE-TRACK MOUNTAIN
BIKE TRAILS.



**Bikes, helmets,
snacks and drinks
provided!**



BOOK NOW

Christmas BAUBLE WORKSHOP



Saturday 5th December 2026

The Kenilworth Centre,

Abbey End Car Park,
Kenilworth, Warwickshire. CV8 1QJ

1-3pm

All ages welcome

Come along and get into the festive mood while
decorating and creating your own baubles to
take home and put on the Christmas tree!



BOOK NOW
We hope to see
you there!

Albany Theatre
Productions
Presents



"Gloriously charming and heartwarming."

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

THE
ALBANY
theatre



THE ALBANY'S PRODUCTION OF A CHRISTMAS CAROL

(Please notes this is not a pantomime)

Sunday 13th December 2025

Albany Theatre, Albany Road, Coventry, CV5 6JQ

1:30- 4:00pm (performance starts at 2pm)

Family tickets available for children currently in



care (4 tickets per family)

Suitable for children ages 6+

To Book, email:

jasminegillett-ohagan@warwickshire.gov.uk

COMING THIS TERM!

HE & Aspirational programmes

COVENTRY
**VIRTUAL
SCHOOL**

Together we make the difference



Warwickshire
VIRTUAL SCHOOL



YOUR FUTURE, YOUR PATH

AN ASPIRATIONAL EVENT FOR YEARS 10–13

Coventry and Warwickshire Virtual Schools are delighted to invite you to our upcoming **Your Future, Your Path** session—our aspirational event designed to support young people in Years 10–13 as they explore their next steps.

For this session, we are excited to welcome guest speakers from **Become**, who work to improve the everyday lives and future life chances of children in care and young care leavers.

WITH GUEST SPEAKERS FROM

BECOME.

THE CHARITY FOR CHILDREN IN CARE
AND YOUNG CARE LEAVERS



Become work to improve the everyday lives and future life chances of children in care and young care leavers.



Become help care-experienced young people get the right support and advice for their personal lives, education and careers.



We're here for you – Become
becomecharity.org.uk

EVENT DETAILS



Thursday 26th November 2026



5:30PM – 7:30PM



The Council House, Coventry



We therefore encourage all young people in Years 10–13 to attend, as every opportunity to learn and connect is valuable.

Parents and carers are also welcome should they wish to join.



LET'S TAKE THE NEXT STEP TOGETHER.
EXPLORE. CONNECT. SUCCEED.

TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST

Scan QR Code



Places are limited – register early to avoid disappointment.



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



COMING THIS SOON!

HE & Aspirational programmes



WHAT IS UNIVENTURE?

Univenture is an aspiration-raising programme designed for fifteen Year 8 young people in care. Hosted at the University of Warwick and delivered by ThinkHigher, Univenture's interactive programme of activities aims to build a sense of belonging and community for young people in care, introduce young people to inspiring role models with lived experiences similar to their own, and provide young people with first-hand insight into what studying at a university is really like.

From hands-on engineering sessions at the University of Warwick's highly acclaimed Degree Apprenticeship Centre, to interactive university myth busting activities and resilience building workshops, young people will develop a range of soft skills, such as communication, networking, teamworking and problem solving to support their future success in education and beyond.

Celebration and connection is at the heart of the programme, which is why at the end of each day young people will be recognised and rewarded for their achievements and contributions.

Please read the second page of this brochure for more information about the activities young people will be involved in.

Programme Structure :

The programme will consist of four full-day on-campus sessions across January and March 2027 .

By taking part on the programme, young people will be committing to attending all four sessions.

Dates of the programme:

Session 1: Wednesday 13th January 2027
Session Focus: Connect

Session 2: Wednesday 3rd February 2027
Session Focus: Explore

Session 3: Wednesday 3rd March 2027
Session Focus: Accessing pathways

Session 4: Wednesday 24th March 2027
Session Focus: Resilience, Reflection & Celebration

 **Location:** The University of Warwick
Timings: 9:45-14:30

What's included:

-  Lunch and refreshments across all 3 days
-  Take home resources and prizes
-  Fun and interactive experience throughout

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



Opportunities

STEPPING FORWARD PERFORMING ARTS FOR LIFE

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



Earn £200 into
your savings!

Build skills for
now & the future

Work through at
your own pace



**SCAN
TO GET STARTED**

Open your camera and
scan to sign up

STEPPING FORWARD: PERFORMING ARTS FOR LIFE

- Free online performing arts course which puts money into savings for every part of the course they complete.
- For ages 13- 17 for children currently in care (and have been for 12 months or more)

Scan for
more info

HAMILTON IN THE WEST END

Tuesday 17th November

Performances starts at 1:30pm

Q&A with cast and crew

Ages 10+.

Tickets provided for free, travel not included.

Tickets available for children currently in care and one guardian to take them.



Email: jasminegillett-ohagan@warwickshire.gov.uk if interested!

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.



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

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