

# ENTRY 2 SKILLS FOR INDEPENDENCE

Subject Area

Skills for  
Independence, Life &  
Work

Student Type  
Study Mode

Students aged 16-18  
Full Time

## What is the course about?

This course focuses on preparing you for your next steps in college, becoming as independent as possible and achieving your goals. Along the way, you will take part in a practical, informative and enjoyable range of activities that will interest and inspire you to reach your full potential. This course provides practical experiences to help you grow in confidence and make informed choices.

## Why should I choose the course?

This course provides you with a wide range of activities designed to help you be as independent as possible in the home, at college, and in the wider community. You may even be able to use your new skills in employment or the voluntary sector. You will be fully supported to achieve nationally recognised qualifications at the appropriate level. You will have the opportunity to take part in a variety of practical activities, develop independent learning, increase your independence, and develop socially. Most importantly, you will be able to gain the key skills to prepare you for adult life.

## What will I learn?

Key areas of focus include personal care, managing money, travel training, healthy living and communications skills.

Though a combination of classroom activities and projects you and your fellow classmates will also spend one day a week at Orford Community Hub as a valuable team member helping to run the café. You will take part in a range of community events while gaining valuable hands-on experience in this alternative learning environment. This course will build the skills needed for independent living, further education, supported employment and help prepare you for adulthood.

You will have a weekly tutorial where you will cover topics designed to be informative and current. Your tutorials will also aid with physical and mental wellbeing and provide pastoral support.

## What will the course lead on to?

Most students will progress on to the Entry 3 Personal and Social Development course, which will lead you towards level 1 courses or Supported Internships.

## Are there any links with industry and university?



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Workplace visits and guest speakers will take place throughout the year, giving students on our Skills for Independence course the opportunity to gain real-life work experience and develop skills suited to the world of work.

## What support is available?

You will be allocated a Progress Coach in addition we can offer the following if applicable;

- 1:1 in class support
- Lunchtime and breaktime supervision
- Meet & greet on entering and leaving the college
- Mobility support
- Exam access arrangements
- Orientation Modification of learning materials
- Specialist resources

We also have a welfare team that are on hand to offer guidance, support and help when needed. Additionally, eligible students can access a wide range of finance and funding support to help you during their time at college.

Click here for learning support: <https://wvr.ac.uk/college-life/learning-support>

Click here for finance support: <https://wvr.ac.uk/college-life/financial-support>

## Why should I choose to study the course at Warrington & Vale Royal College?

Our Foundation Department offers a caring and supportive environment that will enable you to reach your full potential. We recognise that all students develop at different rates, so our courses are designed to ensure that you can gain relevant new skills at your own pace.

## What are the entry requirements?

There are no formal entry requirements. You will have an informal interview where we will meet with you, find out more about you, and assess your needs.

## Are there any additional costs associated with the course?

They may be a requirement to buy a uniform for the pathway that you choose if this is applicable, however bursary applications can help with costs.



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