

Schools Newsletter – Term Update

A Busy and Brilliant End to 2025 at WCUC 🎉

The final two months of 2025 were packed with activity across Wiltshire College & University Centre. From school outreach and campus events to curriculum trips, wellbeing initiatives and exciting new digital launches, November and December showcased the energy, ambition and community spirit of WCUC.

🏠 Inspiring the Next Generation: School Engagement

We were out and about — and welcoming visitors onto campus — throughout November and early December, delivering an extensive programme of outreach and engagement with local schools.

We were delighted to work with schools including **Kingdown School, St Laurence School, Emmaus School, Clarendon Academy, St Joseph's School, Soundwell Academy, Winton Community Academy, RWBS Lackham, North Star School, Lawn Manor Academy, Dorset School Salisbury, Stonehenge School, KGA, SAIL Academy, Sheldon School** and many more.

Activities included:

- Engaging **assemblies and presentations**, including Year 11 and whole-school sessions
- **Mock interview days** to build confidence and employability skills
- **One-to-one tours and quiet visits**, tailored to individual learner needs
- Attendance at **external careers fairs**, including Ralph Allen and Commonweal College
- Campus tours at **Trowbridge, Chippenham and Salisbury**

These sessions gave hundreds of students the chance to explore their options, ask questions and picture their future with confidence.

🍷 Learning Beyond the Classroom: Trips & Experiences

Students across a range of subject areas enjoyed hands-on learning through curriculum-enhancing trips and visits:

- **Animal Care and Animal Management students** explored real-world practice through:
 - A wildlife investigation trip to **Langford Lakes with Wiltshire Wildlife Trust**, where learners carried out kick sampling, pollution testing and species identification.
 - An eye-opening visit to **B&W Equine Hospital**, gaining insight into clinical procedures and professional equine care.
 - A standout visit to the **Oxford University Natural History Museum**, including a lecture on evolution and adaptation and the chance to explore world-class collections. This trip brought together **Level 3 and T Level Animal Management students** for an inspiring day out.

These experiences helped students connect theory to practice and broaden their aspirations.



Building Skills with Industry Experts

In December, **Level 2 Beauty students across three campuses** took part in specialist **lash extension training**, delivered by external provider **Lash-is**.

Students completed the training successfully and gained certificates — developing practical, industry-ready skills and boosting confidence.



Student Success Spotlight

We were incredibly proud to celebrate **Rachel Robertson**, who raced at the **F1 Academy finale in Las Vegas**. Competing on an international stage, Rachel showcased outstanding talent, determination and professionalism — a fantastic achievement and an inspiring example of student success at WCUC.

Wellbeing, Inclusion & Student Voice

November also placed a strong spotlight on wellbeing and belonging:

- **Anti-Bullying Week** featured creative and engaging activities across campuses, including:
 - **Odd Socks Day**, celebrating individuality and difference
 - A **Power for Good** event at Chippenham LRC, with student-led activities, information and (of course) sweets!
- **Stress Awareness Week** shared helpful tips and strategies to support mental health.
- **Self-Care Week** invited students to contribute to an anonymous **Self-Care Table**, sharing positive advice and wellbeing ideas with one another.

These initiatives helped foster a supportive, inclusive and caring college environment.



📱 Going Digital: Hello TikTok!

December also marked an exciting milestone as **Wiltshire College** officially **joined TikTok**, opening up new ways to share student life, learning and achievements — and to connect with future students where they are. Join us @wiltshirecollege



🌟 Looking Ahead

From classrooms to campuses, wildlife reserves to museums, November and December truly reflected the diversity and vibrancy of life at WCUC. Thank you to all staff, students, schools and partners who helped make the end of 2025 such a success — we can't wait to see what 2026 brings!

If you'd like book us in, email us at schools@wiltshire.ac.uk