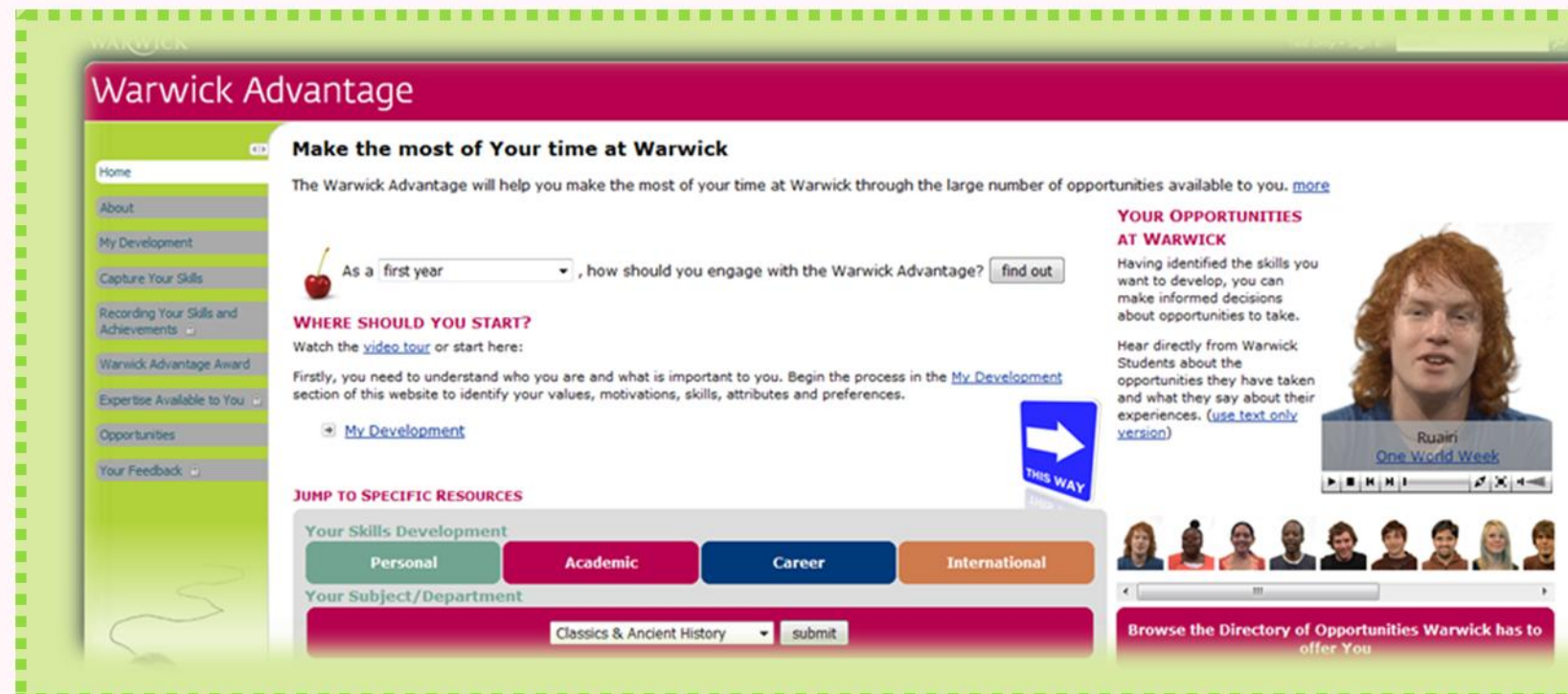




Advantage Award Ceremony 2009



The Advantage Award is part of a wider development and support service for students called Warwick Advantage. The Advantage website (see left) helps students capture skills, record skills and achievements and let students know about opportunities.



Example of work experience at the RSC

“The reflective process involved made me more spontaneous when answering questions about what I felt I could bring to the job.”

Shai Danmole-Ellis—Award Winner 2009

Warwick Advantage Awards

The Warwick Advantage Award and Advantage Gold Awards provides the opportunity to achieve University recognition and reward for the time and effort that students put into societies, sports clubs, campaigns, committees, volunteering, events and everything else that isn't degree-related.

The Gold Award enables those who have put considerable time, passion and dedication into a particular activity over a sustained period of time to be publicly acknowledged for their achievements.

Graduate recruiters often complain that students have many skills and experiences but don't necessarily know how to articulate these in interviews or on application forms. The Warwick Advantage Award helps students to do justice to their skills, talents and contributions.

The very first Warwick Advantage Awards ran in 2009. Over 100 students received a Warwick Advantage Award, and eighteen students with a Gold Award.

The Warwick Advantage Award

Warwick Advantage Global Award

Warwick Global Advantage is a new Award which recognise students' development of their global capabilities through interaction with people from different nationalities and cultures.

Many Warwick students express a desire to work globally and Warwick University provides a range of opportunities enabling students to develop these skills. The Global Award is a way of formally recognising those students who are willing to invest time and effort in developing their global capabilities which focus on skills highly valued by employers including openness and flexibility, building relationships, communicating across cultures and personal growth. These skills are crucial in a global employment market and prepare students for contributing to global projects, dealing with international clients and managing intercultural teams.

Examples of how students can demonstrate these skills include: work experience or volunteering in an overseas country, student societies or community activities which bring students into contact with people from other nationalities and international research projects.

There are two levels of Award – Warwick Global Advantage Main Award and the Global Advantage Gold Award.

“I recently attended for interview at a prestigious London teaching hospital. The panel asked lots of challenging questions and, at the end, the Chairman - who had been leafing through my CV - leaned forward to ask why I was awarded the Warwick Advantage Gold Award. This was a great opening for me to start talking about everything I wanted to get across from my CV.”

David Metcalfe—2009 Award Winner

“It made me aware of the need to communicate skills and experiences which were external to the syllabus of a degree subject to employers. These illustrated the motivation to learn in a university setting in multiple areas and diversify for personal growth.”

Kirstie Osborne —2009 Award Winner



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