



Year 11 Careers Newsletter:
Friday 13th September 2024

Welcome back, Year 11

This is the first issue of your weekly Careers newsletter. Each one of you will receive it via your school email every Friday, and your parents/carers via 'InTouch', the school communication system. There will be a reminder on 'Thought for the Day' each Friday, as well as a copy on the Careers notice board outside the CLT Office. So, you have three options to access weekly support to guide you through your post-16 pathway choices. I will ask you if you have read the newsletter as if you do not, you run the risk of missing out on the following information:

- College Open Day / Weekend / Evening events
- College application deadlines and support in completion
- Mock interviews
- College interviews (Date / Time / Venue)
- College Taster events
- Where Next forms (Providing contact details for communication re. GCSE exams and your post-16 destination)
- Careers appointments
- In-school events (Armed Forces, NHS, University, visits from past Ludlow school student, NCS, Careers Fairs, assemblies, small group workshops.....)

A few of you have already attended careers appointments at the end of Year 10. I was most impressed with the amount of research into post-16 choices already. You should all make an early start, looking at what career and training you are interested in. If you have very few ideas look at the following websites:

<https://careerpilot.org.uk>

<https://careers.startprofile.com>

These 2 websites will allow you to undertake questionnaires and your responses will provide you with ideas re. careers college courses, qualifications needed etc. They are good. Give them a go. There are also a significant number of videos on YouTube, and the local college websites also offer online prospectuses, recorded Open Evening events from the last couple of years.

- Ludlow and Herefordshire colleges (Ludlow and Hereford campuses. A-Levels, vocational: BTEC diplomas, apprenticeships)
- Holme Lacy (Agriculture, animal studies)
- Hereford Sixth Form (A-Levels)
- Shrewsbury colleges group (A-Levels, vocational: BTEC diplomas, apprenticeships)
- Walford College (North Shropshire. Agriculture, animal courses)
- Shrewsbury Town Football Club
- Sixth Form colleges (Scholarships, bursaries for sports)
- Armed Forces (Entry can be from age 16 for some roles)

The most popular college applied for last year was **Ludlow and Herefordshire College**

The most popular courses applied for were:

- Psychology
- Criminology
- Business studies
- Vocational courses (Early years care, trades, e.g., plumbing, car maintenance, building maintenance)

It is worth noting that apprenticeships are led by an employer, with a member of college staff overseeing the course, visiting your place of employment to assess your progression. It is your responsibility to secure the employer (e.g., a hairdresser, local plumber). If you are unable to find an employer, you will need to apply for a Diploma/BTEC. You will spend more time in college with placements arranged for you unless you can do so yourself. Entry requirements are vitally important to look at before going any further. Look at college prospectuses for these. Colleges will release the 2024/25 prospectuses this term. However, you can look at their websites.

Year 11, I hope that you have enough in this first issue to make those first steps along the incredibly exciting road to your post-16 career.

Over the next few weeks, I shall ask you what you have done to start your journey.

Enjoy the weekend.

Mrs Griffiths-Jones