



Year 11 Careers Newsletter: Friday 13th March 2026

Are you superstitious, Year 11?

The first week of your final mock exams and I am sure that you are all ready for the weekend. You should all be expecting to see progress throughout the practice assessments, that you have undertaken since starting your GCSE studies. Remember to make effective use of the time you spend with Y11 tutors at the end of each day and ask them to clarify anything in which you need further support.

The very vast majority will have had a conversation with me over the past fortnight to confirm what course(s) you have applied for and where. This data is required by the Post-16 Transition Team at Shropshire Council. It is important that you keep me updated with any changes you make, this includes a change in contact details. When you leave us this Summer, we will not use your school email to contact you. Communication will be via your personal email.

I have gone over the spreadsheet of post-16 destinations and have found the following data and ranked them in order of number of applications.

DESTINATION
Herefordshire College
Ludlow Sixth Form College
Shrewsbury Colleges Group
Hereford Sixth Form College
Hartpury College (Agriculture)
Rease Heath College (Agriculture)
Holme Lacy College (Agriculture)
Herefordshire and Worcestershire Group Training Association (HWGTA) (Apprenticeships)
JDF Dance College
Shrewsbury School
Hereford College of Art
County Training

Herefordshire College and Shrewsbury Colleges Group, provide vocational courses, such as Plumbing, Hair and Beauty and Public and Protective Services as Diploma / BTEC Level and T-Levels

Applications for agricultural courses have significantly increased this year, with more students choosing to study at Hartpury and Rease Heath than we have ever had. Studying at these two colleges will likely involving students spending the working week on campus. This is a massive step to take and I applaud those who have taken the decision to do so.

Apprenticeship applications have also increased, as they have done year on year. 3 students have successfully applied to study with HWGTA, who take the work out of finding the employer. Well done to all those who have managed to secure an apprenticeship, particularly as there has been a 21% drop in advertised vacancies nationally, since last Summer. The most popular apprenticeships are in the Trades, e.g. Carpentry and Joinery. Significantly more male students have chosen this pathway than females. This does not reflect the national trend.

I hope you found this data interesting. I certainly did. Enjoy your weekend and forget about Friday the 13th!

Mrs Griffiths-Jones

