



Year 11 Careers Newsletter: Friday 30th September 2022

Hello, Year 11

Back to a normal timetable with a full week and the start of October this weekend. That means that colleges and other post-16 providers will start their schedule of Open Events. Last week, I included a list of most of them and below, you will find those for Hereford Sixth Form. You have also received information this week from Ludlow College about their Open Evening events.

As I have previously reminded you, please make every effort to attend at least two Open events. This will give you a better insight, rather than simply a 'Taster' of what different colleges, courses and tutors have to offer.

Hereford Sixth Form

Date	Event	Times
19 October 2022	Open Event	5pm – 8pm
11 February 2023	Open Event	9.30am – 12.30pm
29 June 2023	Open Event	5.30pm – 7.30pm

Careers appointments

On Friday 23rd September, I conducted a number of careers appointments with Year 11 students. All but one of you had a very clear idea of what they wanted to study post-16 and where. This is fantastic! Never before have I spoken to so many Y11 students who have done so much research, at this point in the academic, regarding their career options. If you are not one of those who have started to do your own research, I would strongly advise you to try their shoes on and follow the path they are clearly quite a way along. Some of you have also asked me for an appointment. This is important if you are still unsure of what is on offer and how to go about your research. We will focus December on starting to make applications.

New post-16 qualification

I would like to draw your attention to T-Levels, a new qualification that the government have begun to roll out since 2020. T-Levels are vocational courses, very much like B-TEC Diplomas, that the vast majority of students opt for. The idea with this new qualification is to spend more time on work placements, rather than in the classroom. This gives you more opportunity to gain the work experience and necessary skills designed to make you 'work ready.' Employers very often say that 'new recruits' commonly lack the hands-on, working skills that are needed to easily and swiftly integrate them into their workforce. T-Levels, along with apprenticeships, do just this.

While T-Levels are relatively new and unheard of amongst students and employers, they are quickly gaining in popularity and range. Take a look at Herefordshire and Ludlow College online for what T-Levels are on offer. I feel that they bridge the gap between BTEC Diplomas and apprenticeships. Go along to the Open events at Herefordshire and Ludlow and ask Tutors more about them.

Until next week,
Mrs Griffiths-Jones