



Year 11 Careers Newsletter: Friday 11th November 2022

Hello, Year 11

Now that we are into the month of November, mocks are on the horizon. Reports will then be written for you all and will give the most up-to-date picture of what your current attainment is. Every college will ask for a reference before accepting you on a course. Ludlow School will provide them with your predicted GCSE grades and your mock exam attainment. Therefore, I cannot stress the importance of working as hard as you can to achieve your potential in the forthcoming exams. The view, 'They are only mocks, not the real exams' will not do you any favours, Year 11. Mock exams will provide you, and colleges, with a pretty accurate picture of what you will achieve in the final summer exams.

Remember that the Open Event at **Herefordshire and Ludlow** is on this Saturday, 12th November. This is likely to be the last opportunity to see the college and speak to staff before you start your applications.

I have looked at train times from Ludlow to Hereford and they leave every hour. However, the event only runs from 10-12pm. Therefore, arrive early, giving you plenty of time to make the most of the experience. I need to draw your attention to the fact that if you are planning to go to **Holme Lacy** this Saturday, you will need to catch a bus from the railway station in Hereford. These time well with the trains. You will have to forego that 'Saturday lie-in' for once, I am afraid. Those of you who have part-time job commitments will need to give serious consideration to speaking to employers. As previously mentioned, this will probably be the last opportunity to visit the college before you start applying. I am sure that nobody would apply for a course without having visited the college where they intend to go. Travelling by train will also give you the chance to consider whether the time and organisation of getting to Hereford is something that you will be prepared to do. It isn't for everyone and certainly requires you to focus on your time management skills. However, it is the course and the whole learning experience that needs to be prioritised.

Keep checking on the college websites on a regular basis for updates to courses, open events, when the application process closes, etc. I have realised that they are regularly added to. The taster sessions on a Saturday morning at some of the colleges, would be particularly useful to attend.

Open Events at local colleges: 2022-23

Open Events at Ludlow College

- Monday 9th January 2023 - 4.30pm – 7.00pm
- Saturday 4th March 2023 - 10:00am – 12:00 noon

Open Events at the Hereford Campus

- **Saturday 12th November 2022 - 10:00am – 12:00 noon**

Open Events at the Holme Lacy Campus (Land-based)

- **Saturday 12th November 2022 - 10:00am – 12:00 noon (Train to Hereford then bus to Holme Lacy)**

Open Event at Hereford Sixth Form

- Saturday 11th February 2023 - 9.30am – 12.30pm
- Thursday 29th June 2023 - 5.30pm – 7.30pm

Shrewsbury College Open Events 2022-23

- **Tasters**
- **Saturday 19th November - English and Welsh Bridge Campuses (A Levels and Vocational Art) - 9.00am - 12.30pm**
- **Saturday 26th November - London Road Campus (Vocational) - 9.00am - 12.30pm**

Enjoy your weekend, all.

Mrs Griffiths-Jones