



## Year 11 Careers Newsletter: Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Hello, Year 11

Mock exams done. First term done. Wow, it has been a busy time since September. The Christmas break will be chance to relax and enjoy the season. We all need to do so, in order to return for the new year, refreshed and ready to continue our journey towards the Summer.

The holiday also offers the opportunity to really focus on your application to where you will go next September. Herefordshire and Ludlow College, incorporating Holme Lacy, are encouraging prospective students to go online to look at courses and apply. The other colleges have supplied us with prospectuses. However, there is nothing to stop you going online, too. Ask your Tutor if you would like a college prospectus.

Due to the mock exams, there has been some interruption to career appointments. However, this will resume in January. Please speak to your Tutor if you would like one.

You will also receive your annual school report in the new year. This will show your mock exam results and the areas in which you performed well, in addition to those that require your focus. When you receive it, please take on board everything your subject teachers tell you and discuss this at home. Colleges require a reference from school and it is the front cover of your annual report that we provide. This shows your targets, mock results, attendance and merit / demerit points. The colleges use this information, in order to determine whether the course is appropriate for you and whether you will be accepted on to it. Interviews will either take place here in school, or at the college. These will begin in the Spring Term. We also have all the local colleges coming into school to lead an assembly. These will focus on studying, applications, etc. Apprenticeships, A-Levels and vocational courses will be the focus of the assemblies, with the opportunity to ask any questions afterwards.

I hope you made the most of the Careers Fair on December 12<sup>th</sup>. Apprenticeships, vocational training providers, engineering companies, Armed Forces, accountancy and Law, were a few of the employers in attendance. I hope that it gave you a clearer idea of your post-16 choices.

Happy Christmas, all. I look forward to seeing you in 2023.

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