



## Year 11 Careers Newsletter: Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2023

Happy Friday, Year 11

Wow! Is it just me or does anyone else feel that January was an extraordinarily long month? Either way, next step forward and into February we tread. Another hectic month for us all.

Herefordshire Sixth Form College came into school on Monday and you attended an assembly. What the college has to offer definitely looks impressive; the exam pass rate, wide range of courses and facilities and clubs on offer for all to join. If you are still undecided as to where you would like to study in September, the next Open event is on February 11<sup>th</sup>. Go and take a look. I intend to do so.

Herefordshire Sixth Form College did inform us in the assembly, that the closing date for applications is by the end of the third week in February. Any applications received after this date cannot be guaranteed a place, particularly on the more popular courses. These traditionally tend to be Psychology, Criminology, English and sports-related qualifications. Mr Tranter, the Deputy Principal of the College, reminded you that even if you have not completely made your final decision, you should still apply by this date. Final decisions do not have to be made until you receive your results in August. There is nothing to stop you from applying for a number of courses, or to more than one college.

The remaining college assembly will be led by Shrewsbury Colleges Group, who has provided me with the names of students who have already applied to study there. Already, this number is the largest to have done so in the last couple of years. The Army are also going to come into school and take an assembly. I am keen that you are made aware of the range of courses that the Armed Forces have to offer. I feel that breaking down the stereotypes we have of traditional army careers is important. You may be surprised to find that you can be a musician, a vet, dog handler, nurse or a chef. I am looking forward to hearing more during this assembly.

### Exam Boards and application forms

College application forms require you to add Exam Boards for all your GCSE subjects. You should really be aware of what these are, as they are on the front of your mock papers. If you are unsure, they are all listed on the Careers notice board to the left of the CLT Office and on the school's website. I could include the names of each Board in this newsletter; however, I think it will encourage you to be resourceful and go and find them yourself. A key skill for you all.

A number of you have also asked me what you should add in the box on application forms for your National Insurance. If you are lucky enough to be 16 already, simply include the number from your red and blue National Insurance card. If you are still 15, leave the box blank. It has no bearing on whether you will, or will not, be accepted onto courses.

### Careers appointments

I am doing my best to offer these to you all. However, if you are yet to see me, particularly if you are struggling to decide on what to study and where, please let me know asap.

### **'Career of the week'**

I think I am going to have to leave this until next week. February has started with a great deal of important information. If you have a particular career that you would like to see featured, let me know.

Take care and stay focussed.

Mrs Griffiths-Jones