



Year 11 Careers Newsletter: Friday 10th February 2023

It is almost the weekend, Year 11

With just one week to go before half term, you have March mocks on the horizon. This is your last opportunity to gauge where you are in terms of what requires more focus, whether it is areas for further revision, time management, etc.

Looking at the bigger picture, you are almost halfway through your final full Term at Ludlow School. I challenge you to reflect on your first term in Year 7. What have been your best achievements, in and outside of school? What have been your biggest challenges? Have you overcome them? How? Use these reflections to set yourself SMART targets. I would also encourage you to use them in your college applications and interviews. This is an opportunity to really 'sell' your best qualities. Including references to your challenges is not a weakness. Rather, it shows that you are a reflective, self-aware student.

Following on from my reference to college interviews, Ludlow College conducted their first round in the Bungalow yesterday. If you have applied for a course that runs at Ludlow and you were not called for interview yesterday, there is no need to be concerned. It depends when you sent in your application. You will be invited to the next round of interviews. Hereford Sixth Form College will let me know when they are coming into school. But, Ludlow and Herefordshire, Holme Lacy, Shrewsbury College, etc, will contact you directly and will invite you to interview in college, not school. If you think this will be a problem, for any reason, please let me know.

For those of you yet to apply, I am sure the fact that your fellow Year 11s who were interviewed yesterday, will urge you into immediate action. Remember, you are not automatically entitled to a place on a course. Applying late is not a great first impression to give a college.

I asked all the local colleges for a list of Ludlow School students who have applied. So, I know who has applied and who has not! I shall be chasing up those who have yet to tread this path.

Assembly

The next post-16 pathway assembly is on Monday, February 13th and will be led by the Army. I have invited them in as I want to encourage you all to learn about the range of career opportunities offered. I am keen to breakdown the strong stereotypes of 'traditional Army jobs.' You will be surprised by the diversity of options. You will be told about the different points at which you can apply, the financial support available to everyone and will include apprenticeship opportunities.

National Apprenticeship Week

On that note, 6th – 10th February, has been 'National Apprenticeship week.' I put a Presentation of slides on TFTD with activities to do during tutor time. On the Careers noticeboard, I have also put information about apprenticeships and opportunities for September. Take a look. I advertised an apprenticeship to start this summer with Cleve Hill Plant as an engineer. This is a well-established company that has expanded significantly over the last few years and is now a national company. This apprenticeship is still available and offers a fantastic opportunity gain work ready skills while earning. Come and see me if you are interested.

'Career of the week'

Once again, I have filled the Careers newsletter, leaving no room for a focus on 'Career of the Week.' I shall endeavour to return to what I had planned.

Take care and stay focussed.

Mrs Griffiths-Jones