



Year 11 Careers Newsletter: Friday 31st March 2023

Hello, Year 11

How has the last week before we break for Easter been - Busy? Geography Field trip, NEA assessments, Where Next forms, college applications, Teams college interviews.... Phew! Take some time over the next fortnight to take a rest and recharge ready for the final 4 weeks, or so, before the 'Big Off!' You will also need to get on with the business of revising: review those revision timetables and do not procrastinate or bury your head in the sand. We all have a subject that we would prefer to regard as 'I'll revise for that tomorrow.' But, 'mañana, mañana', 'tomorrow, tomorrow', never actually comes. There is usually a reason for pushing revision for a particular subject further down the list and that is because we find it challenging. I know, I am a 'professional procrastinator.' Instead, be a 'resilient reviser.'

By 3.20pm, Friday 31st March, you should all have completed your online 'Where Next' form. You have plenty of reminders about this and I am waiting for Shropshire Council to update me with those who have yet to complete this compulsory form. Not done so? Go on your school email; the link is in an email from me.

The second round of Ludlow College interviews takes place on April 21st. I am waiting for the schedule. Prepare questions you want to ask, research the course via the online prospectus, ask about clubs, sort of timetable you can expect and how to enrol. Mr Church from Ludlow College was overwhelmingly positive after the first round of interviews, but did add that 'students could have asked more questions.' I really do not want to hear this same comment following the second round, please.

As a final reminder to you all – Part-Time working hours. With the two-week holiday upon us, I do realise that many of you will take this as an opportunity to increase the number of hours of paid work you do. Employers will equally be aware of this. However, please do not neglect your revision. You have come too far to risk undoing all the hard work. You have not got long to go until you finish in July. By all means undertake paid work, but be mindful of the amount you do. Strike a balance, with revision taking priority. In the Autumn Term, I forwarded you information regarding working hours and the new legal requirements. This is also available on the government website. If you need a reminder, the website is provided below.

<https://www.gov.uk/child-employment>

On that note, Year 11, enjoy Easter, use your Easter eggs as energy to fuel your revision and return 'Ready and prepared for lift-off!'

Take care all,

Mrs Griffiths-Jones