



Year 11 Careers Newsletter: Friday 24th March 2023

Hello, Year 11

How did the final round of GCSE mocks go? Can you see the progress you have made since those you sat in December? If you acted on the advice shared by your subject teachers, you will know where your strengths are and in which areas further progress is required. I am sure that when I resume Year 11 career appointments today, I will not hear “I didn’t really revise!”

Monday saw the launch of the online ‘Where Next’ forms during your RE/RSHE lessons. Some of you will have completed this week and the rest of the year group will do so next week. If you are timetabled in the PSC, you will complete your form during your time there. If you attend intervention during RE/RSHE time, or you were absent during the lesson, you will complete them on Friday 31st March, with me. However, it would be very helpful if you could complete it yourself. Look at your school email and click on the link I have sent you. Thank you to those who have already let me know that they have completed this COMPULSORY form in their own time. Year 11, this form has to be completed by every one of you. Shropshire Council requires the information to track where you have applied, or intend to go when you leave school. The information is also used by Mrs Sampson and Mrs Romeo to communicate with you after your school email is ‘deleted’ when you have completed your GCSE exams. You will not have access to your school email after you leave school, but we may need to contact you if there any issues regarding your exams, e.g. remarking, etc. **Therefore, the ‘Where Next’ form asks for your email. This is NOT your school email. It needs to be your personal email or that belonging to your parent / carer.** I cannot stress the importance of accurately providing this piece of information. Equally, the form is to be completed accurately and sensibly. Unfortunately, last year there were a couple of students who acted irresponsibly and Shropshire Council informed me of the names of those individuals. I am confident that there will not be a repeat of this. If you have not yet applied to college, this is what the form wants to know and will flag this up to me. I really do not expect there to be many of you. You have been told on an almost weekly basis to apply without delay. The local colleges have come into school and you have attended their assemblies. I know that from attending them myself, that you were told when the application deadlines were. Yes, that is correct, the colleges have pretty much finished their schedule of Open events and applications are closed. Interviews are well under way, with a number of you having attended at least one. Shropshire Council will share names with me of those of you who have:

- a) Not completed the form
- b) Not applied for a college course.

Career appointments after Easter will be prioritised for those of you who have not sent in a college application. I want this list to be very short, Year 11. I cannot see any reason why your name would be on it. You have received a great deal of advice, support and reminders, including the suggestion to apply for more than one course if you are unsure.

Wow, the first newsletter after a 2-week break in schedule has certainly given you much to reflect and act on.

Take care all

Mrs Griffiths-Jones