LUDLOW C.E. SCHOOL

Year 11 Careers Newsletter: Friday 21st April 2023

Welcome back, Year 11

How was your Easter holiday? Chocolate for breakfast, lunch and dinner? It really was a welcome break for us. Well done to those who came into school over the holiday. I was in one of the sessions and those who attended certainly made the most of the extra time and support. I strongly advise you to make the most of any extra support offered in the run-up to the final exams; it really will pay off. With only 4 weeks of lessons to go before the exam period starts, this really is your time to dig deep into the deepest depths of your resilience and reflectiveness, Year 11. This is your time!

I spent the last week before we broke up for Easter, asking you whether you had applied for a post-16 pathway. The very vast majority have done so. Brilliant! I also had the opportunity to speak to many of you and your parents during the Year 11 PTCE. It was great to hear how many of you have worked with them in order to make the best choices. Ludlow College will be coming into school again to conduct the second round of interviews. If you have applied but you have not heard from me about an interview, please see me asap. Herefordshire and Ludlow College and Shrewsbury Colleges Group will contact you directly. Shortly, I will know who has applied to college and for what courses because I will be provided with the information from the Where Next forms that you have been asked to complete via the online link sent to your email. Again, having spoken to many of you and to your parents during the PTCE, I am confident that most of you have done so. Remember, it is not a 'choice' to complete the form, it is compulsory.

I have continued to see you for careers appointments each Friday. At this late stage and given that you have all pretty much now applied to college, I shall switch the focus to Year 10. However, please do see me if you do want an appointment in the next 4 weeks. Or, if you just have a question or two, email me with what you want to know.

I have noticed that there are more apprenticeship opportunities available on the 'Indeed' website. Very often, local employers email me with a request to advertise an apprenticeship opportunity to you, but it doesn't time well with college course application deadlines. Over the past couple of years, opportunities have arisen in July. However, if the apprenticeship interests you, there is absolutely nothing to stop you from applying. In fact, I would strongly encourage you to do so. Apprenticeships are fantastic opportunities to train, learn and earn, many leading to permanent, full-time employment. Remember, even if you have applied for a college course and you have accepted it, you do not have to take up the offer until you receive your final exam results in August.

Well, there we go, Year 11, the first newsletter of the last term of your last 4 weeks in school. Wow, what a thought.

Dig deep, be the most resilient person you can possibly be. Not long to go.

Take care, all.

Mrs Griffiths-Jones