



Year 11 Careers Newsletter: Friday 28th April 2023

Happy end of April, Year 11

We are almost there, Year 11. Just a couple of weeks left until the GCSE exam season begins. All the hard work, resilience and reflectiveness you have put into your studies in Year 10 and throughout Year 11 will now show. The mocks have given excellent practice in so many ways: time management, importance of reading through instructions, etc. Now, put everything you have been advised to do and you will surely achieve your potential.

Unfortunately, I still do not have access to the data regarding where you have applied to go next year. Therefore, I am relying on you all to have done so. Remember, you are not tied to the decision you have made. After all, when you receive your results in August, you may well change your mind. Keep checking your school email for messages not only from subject teachers but also from me. From May – August, I often receive emails from employers offering apprenticeships.

“Students came across very well and had done good research into their planned courses and future progressions. One student had made notes on index cards which was admirable preparation! Only a few had more than one, if any, questions.”

Well done to the student who had prepared so thoroughly for their college interview. This is exactly what colleges and employers want to see from a candidate: someone who is obviously motivated and organised. A shame that despite repeated reminders and encouragement to prepare questions to ask during the interview, not many of you have acted on this advice.

Mr Church, Deputy Head of Ludlow College, wanted to draw attention to a couple of very important points from the interviews:

“Criminology - very popular but, particularly for candidates who want to study A-Levels, we do need to underline that it's an A level equivalent, rather than an A- level which some universities are less keen on. “

“Law - we don't offer it but universities often look for 'traditional' Humanities A-Levels, such as History and English Lit if a student has not taken an A-Level in Law.”

One last reminder to you all, if your contact details: address, email or mobile number change between now and the end of August you must let school know. If you don't, we will be unable to communicate anything regarding exam results, etc.

Take care, stay safe and enjoy the Fair.

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