



## Year 11 Careers Newsletter: Friday 5th May 2023

Hello, Year 11

How are your pockets? A bit lighter than they were before Thursday night? What was your favourite? Oxygen, Miami Dance? I know that many of you had a great time at the May Fair, and made the most of the Bank Holiday.

May 16<sup>th</sup>, it is almost here. I am sure that there is nobody who does not know why I am referring to this particular date. You will know exactly in which venue it is being held for you, 'kick off and full time.' So many times, I have asked students: "When is your next exam?" "What time does the exam start?" "Which paper is the exam tomorrow?" Unbelievably, a few reply "I don't know." You will have drawn up your revision timetables to reflect the dates of your exams, so I have never understood how anyone can respond with "I don't know." Be organised, Year 11.

### **WWW: When, where, what**

I am pretty confident that you have all now applied for your post-16 choices, whether it is to college or an apprenticeship. Many of you have had interviews or have one coming up. Remember, if you have applied but have not received an interview date, contact the college. It is your responsibility to liaise with them first. If you have no joy, then let me know and I will follow it up. If you have applied to Ludlow College or Hereford Sixth Form, please be aware that the in-school interviews have now all taken place. Therefore, if you have not received an interview date, contact them asap. Do not leave it until the exam season is under way; you will have enough to do. Here it is again:

### **Don't delay, do it today.**

Remember the feedback from the Deputy Head of Ludlow College, Mr Church. It was really sound advice that will be very helpful to all of you, not only for college interviews. The key messages focussed on demonstrating that you have done your 'homework' and that you have questions to ask.

"Students came across very well and had done good research into their planned courses and future progressions."

I cannot stress enough the importance of asking questions. This shows that you are keen, interested and have thought carefully about your application, etc. As an interviewer, I would gain have a less positive impression of a candidate who had no questions. Everybody has something they want to clarify:

What clubs can I get involved with? Will I have a Tutor? I had support with exams, will this continue at college?

When you move into paid work, the key messages will still apply.

Make the most of the time left before the 16<sup>th</sup> May. Not long now.

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