



Year 11 Careers Newsletter: Friday 2nd October 2026

Hello Year 11

You will have a number of assemblies focussing on the many different post-16 pathways you can choose over the next few weeks. Hereford Sixth Form, Herefordshire and Ludlow, Shrewsbury College, along with the RAF and Army all scheduled. These assemblies will give you a taster of what is on offer, but it is the Open events that will really answer all your questions.

Kidderminster College are holding the first of it's Open events on Monday 5th October. We have had a few students enrol on courses at the college and I actually spoke to one of them last weekend. More of that later in this newsletter. Remember to look at the college websites before attending. Changes in days and times do happen.

College	Location	Date	Time
Hartpury College	Hartpury, Gloucester GL19 3BE	Saturday Sept 19th Saturday October 10 th Saturday November 21 st Saturday December 12th	9.30am – 3pm (You can only attend if you book online)
Ludlow College	Castle Square, Ludlow, SY8 1GD	Tuesday October 13th	5pm - 7pm
Shropshire School Leaver Roadshow	Cineworld, Shrewsbury, SY3 7ET.	Monday September 21st	4pm – 8pm
Shrewsbury College	English and Welsh Bridge Campuses, SY2 6AA. (A Levels and Creative Arts)	Thursday October 15 th Tuesday October 20th	5pm-8pm (You may be turned away if you do not book online)
Walford College, Baschurch, SY4 2HL.	Agriculture, equine, small animals	Saturday October 17th	9am – 12pm
Hereford Sixth Form College	Folly Lane, HR1 1LU.	Saturday October 17th	9am – 12pm
Ludlow and Herefordshire College	Holme Lacy campus, HR2 6LL. (Land-based, agriculture, equine, small animals)	Saturday November 7th	10am - 12pm
Ludlow and Herefordshire College	Hereford campus, Folly Lane, HR1 1LS.	Saturday November 7th	10am - 12pm
	London Road Campus, SY2 6PR. (Vocational, T-Levels, Apprenticeships)	Thursday October 22nd	5pm – 8pm
Kidderminster College	Market St, DY10 1AB (Vocational)	Monday October 5th Saturday November 7th	5.30pm – 7.30pm 10am – 1pm
Hereford and Worcester Group Training Association	Holmer Rd, Hereford, Hr4 9SX. (Apprenticeships)	Thursday 20th October	4pm – 7pm (Last entry 6.30pm)
Rease Heath College	Nantwich, Cheshire, CWF 6DH (Agriculture)	Saturday 26th September Saturday 17th October	Check times on College website. You need to book.

		Tuesday 10th November (evening) Saturday 28th November Saturday 30th January Saturday 20th March Saturday 24th April Saturday 12th June	
--	--	--	--

You should by now have written your GCSE target grades into your planners. However, it does surprise me that not many of you seem to know what they are. When researching post-16 pathways, the very first thing you need to know is what your targets are. This will determine what level of entry you can apply for. Look back at last week's careers newsletter for a reminder of what post-16 qualifications entry requirements are. When you have your targets, only then can you then look for and apply for courses. It would be a wasted effort to apply for a Level 3 course if you have GCSE targets of 3.

To go back to the conversation I had last weekend with 4 of our former students, it was an absolute delight to hear how well they are all doing. Among them, there is an Accountant. Will is currently working for a local accountancy business, having completed a degree at university. Will's next challenge is to gain the qualification that will allow him to become a Chartered Accountant. Zane has secured an apprenticeship with Connexus, beating about 200 other candidates to it! We have a Vet nurse, who attended Kidderminster College, undertaking work-based learning experience at West Midlands Safari Park. How great is that – looking after giraffes and rhinos! Finally, we also have a recently qualified nurse, who studied at the University of Worcester, attending extended workplaces in a range of healthcare settings. In a few years time, this might be you!

Enjoy your weekend, Year 11

Mrs Griffiths-Jones