



Year 11 Careers Newsletter: Friday 7th November 2025

Welcome back, Year 11

I really do hope that you had a restful, but productive, half term holiday. Mock exams are not far off. Remember that you can use your results when completing your application forms for your post-16 courses. It is important to check that your GCSE targets match the entry requirements for the course(s) for which you are applying. There is nothing to stop you from applying for more than one course at more than one college. For example, if you have targets of 3 for English and Maths, but you are exceeding these grades, I advise you apply for a course that reflects your targets and a course that mirrors the higher grades too.

I have updated the list of Open events. Below you will see the dates for next week. Make every effort to attend.

Herefordshire and Ludlow College	Hereford Campus, Folly Lane, Hereford (Vocational)	8th November 2025	10.00am - 12.00pm
	Holme Lacy Campus (Vocational, apprenticeships: Land-based, agriculture, animal welfare)	8th November 2025	10.00am - 12.00pm
Shrewsbury College	English and Welsh Bridge Campuses (A Levels and Vocational Art)	6th November 2025	5.00pm – 8.00pm

Over the half term holiday, I carried out some research into apprenticeships. Year on year, applications for apprenticeships increase and Ludlow School students are no exception. The most popular apprenticeships for school leavers are childcare, hairdressing and health and social care. These sectors are also the most favoured amongst applications from Ludlow School students. However, I would also add Trades, e.g. Plumbing and Carpentry and Joinery. Apprenticeships offer earning a salary whilst gaining valuable work experience and industry-specific skills, which is highly valued by employers. However, if you are planning to apply for an apprenticeship, you need to consider the fact that you are treading a narrower career path. If you later decide that you want to change career, it is likely that you will need to retrain. This could involve financial costs. As a 16-year-old, you will be paid the national minimum wage, £7.55. However, there is nothing to stop an employer paying more. The NHS will exceed this hourly rate. Apprentices are entitled to at least 20 days paid holiday per year plus Bank holidays. The government website is a great resource, giving you all the information you need to help you make the decision as to whether an apprenticeship is for you, or not. It even provides a list of opportunities available across the country. Take a look!

[Find an apprenticeship - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/find-apprenticeship)

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Enjoy your weekend.

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