



Year 11 Careers Newsletter: Friday 18th September 2026

Hello Year 11

A very warm welcome to your first Y11 Careers newsletter. You will be emailed issues at regular intervals via your school address. It will also be available on the school website and your parents/carers will be emailed a copy. Your Y11 careers newsletter will provide you with information regarding:

- Post-16 course entry requirements
- Dates of College Open events
- How and when to apply for college
- Apprenticeship opportunities
- How to find out whether you are eligible for help with transport costs to college
- Interview dates for college
- College launch assemblies
- Armed Forces application, advice and awareness sessions
- Mock Interviews
- Useful websites and links to support you in making the best choices for you.

Post-16 Open events kick off **this weekend**. I shall post reminders for the events listed below. It is important that you look on the college websites as dates and times do sometimes change, in addition to extra dates added. Most of the events require you to book a slot. Experience shows that if you don't, you risk being turned away, particularly if numbers exceed expectations. If you have a part-time job and there is a clash with an Open event, I strongly encourage you to let employers know. See if you can swap your shift. **It is expected that students make their post-16 applications before we break up in December.**

College	Location	Date	Time
Hartpury College	Hartpury, Gloucester GL19 3BE	Saturday Sept 19 th Saturday October 10 th Saturday November 21 st Saturday December 12 th	9.30am – 3pm (You can only attend if you book online)
Ludlow College	Castle Square, Ludlow, SY8 1GD	Tuesday October 13 th	5pm - 7pm
Shropshire School Leaver Roadshow	Cineworld, Shrewsbury, SY3 7ET.	Monday September 21 st	4pm – 8pm
Shrewsbury College	English and Welsh Bridge Campuses, SY2 6AA. (A Levels and Creative Arts)	Thursday October 15 th Tuesday October 20 th	5pm-8pm (You may be turned away if you do not book online)
Walford College, Baschurch, SY4 2HL.	Agriculture, equine, small animals	Saturday October 17 th	9am – 12pm
Hereford Sixth Form College	Folly Lane, HR1 1LU.	Saturday October 17 th	9am – 12pm
Ludlow and Herefordshire College	Holme Lacy campus, HR2 6LL. (Land-based, agriculture, equine, small animals)	Saturday November 7 th	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 5 th 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 Tuesday 10th November (evening) Saturday 28th November Saturday 30th January Saturday 20th March Saturday 24th April Saturday 12th June	Check times on College website).

It is vital that you attend Open events. If you don't go and see for yourself what colleges have to offer, you risk applying and then find that it isn't the course or college for you. The above colleges all offer A-Level, apprenticeship training, vocational, T-Levels and creative courses. So, there is a course for everyone! This will mean that you will receive information regarding extra dates, deadlines and whether they have had to change dates, times or venue

I have seen 2 Y11 students this week, who have already booked places at Open events and will be attending in the next couple of weeks. There is nothing to stop them making their applications at the event, or indeed making multiple applications at the same, or other colleges. It is only on Results Day, next August, that you truly confirm your final choice.

If you have any questions, or you wish to make a careers appointment, please email me. Every Year 11 student will have at least one appointment but, please feel free to email me if you need some early advice. With mock exams and NEA deadlines, the opportunity to research post-16 pathways and attend events, will become more of a challenge. Don't delay, act today!

I hope you have found the information in this first issue of your careers newsletter helpful, Year 11. Please make it a priority to read it very carefully each week.

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