



Year 10 Careers Newsletter: Friday 5th June 2026

Welcome back to the final Half Term Year 10, or should I say Year 11?

On more than one occasion this week, have you found yourself forgetting which year group you are in, who your new Tutor is, in which classroom you now register? It is a common challenge for most of us coming back after a holiday, having spent a week, or more, getting up later than we would normally, going to bed later, getting out of our normal 'school routine.' However, with your new timetables showing 'Year 10', but staff referring to you as 'Year 11', I think it is fair to say that we have had to be 'on it' even more this week. But, there are so many positives to this new 'territory' in which we all find ourselves. Use this last half term as a sort of 'Y11 embedding phase.' Rather than taking those first steps of your final year in September, start your 'training now.'

"A year from now you may wish you had started today." — Karen Lamb (Author).

In this final half term, we certainly have a great deal to pack into our 'Careers provision' schedule. You will no doubt have seen the many TFTD posts, drawing your attention to workplace visits and experiences. There are 50 places open to those who are interested in Construction, 12 places to those who are keen to pursue a career working with horses and other animals, interest is asked to be shown by those interested in working in a healthcare setting, engineering or technology-related environment. These experiences are an incredible opportunity to gain an insight into very popular career pathways. Many of us do not get the chance to have a 'taster' of what we think we might like to do when we leave school. Also, by attending one of these events, you will have evidence of workplace experience in a high profile working environment to add to your CV. Something that many others will not be lucky enough to do. I cannot stress how important it is to make your CV stand out amongst the many, many others that fall on the desks of employers. I recently heard of a young man in his late teens, who had applied for over 400 jobs. He received one interview and was told that he needed more workplace experience in order to compete with the other applicants. So, do not delay, email me, Mr Richards, or come and see either of us, to confirm your place on one of these visits.

In July, we will all be spending a day as post-16 students at Ludlow College. You will have been given a letter by your tutor to take home and return with parental consent to attend. This is an annual event, with the focus on providing a taste of what it is like to be a college student, choosing what you want to study, in order to help you take the next steps along your path into the working world. During tutor time, you will each be given a list of subjects that you will be able to experience a taster of during our visit. The list will include: Engineering, History, Art, PE, Electrical Installation, just to mention a few. You will be asked to make 4-5 choices and you will experience 45 minute-1 hour sessions of each of your carefully chosen options. It is vital that you make your OWN choices, based on your interests and not those that your friends choose. I can pretty much guarantee that mirroring their choices is not the best use of this fantastic opportunity to 'taste' post-16 career pathways. Make those choices work for YOU!

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