



Year 11 Careers Newsletter: Friday 10th October 2025

Happy end of the week, Year 11

Did you attend an Open event this week? There were 3 to choose from. Each college / training provider will host just one event before the end of 2025. The general advice is to apply for your post-16 pathway by Christmas, so getting yourself along to explore your choices needs to be done this term. This week, I have received a request for a reference for a Y11 student. Is it you? If the answer is no, log on, research, talk to your folks, your subject teachers, Tutor and speak to me, if you have not already done so. From the careers appointments that have taken place so far, courses in agriculture are top of the list and interest in T-Levels has certainly increased this year.

With regard to who you should put as a referee on your application forms, I suggest that you give my name:

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Application forms are notoriously tricky to complete. More often than not, students choose to complete them online. This tends to create a more positive impression and will make it easier for the recipient to read. Remember to look at the careers noticeboard for a list of GCSE exam boards. If you are not yet 16, you will not have a National Insurance number. Therefore, leave this box blank. If you have a part-time job, you may choose to give your employer's details as a second reference. The reason for this is that your employer is able to provide details regarding employability skills, motivation, team work, etc. Art colleges will ask for a portfolio. So, if you are thinking of applying to Shrewsbury or Hereford College of Art, start giving some thought to what you want to showcase. Your art teacher will be able to offer advice. But, start now. Putting together a portfolio to show your potential, is not something you will be able to pull off overnight. For those of you who are looking to apply for performing arts courses, e.g. Drama, Dance, it is likely that you will expected to audition. This is also the case for musicians. If you think that you might go on to study at university or T-Level or seek an apprenticeship, it would be advisable to research into whether there are any specific entry requirements. For example, if you want to pursue a career in Child nursing, universities / apprenticeship providers may well look for candidates to have a post-16 qualification in a science subject. PE may be considered as a science subject, but you will need to look at a few universities to see what they will accept.

Finally, have you taken a look at the careers noticeboard in the C-Block corridor? I have been updating the 'Former student' profiles. The new post-16 journeys cover a wide range of different pathways and you can track their footsteps from school to the working world. An apprenticeship at the age of 18, entry into the Marines after college and work, experience of working with young people on an activities holiday, are just some of the stories you can follow. Take a look, you may well get a few ideas.

Enjoy a drier weekend,

Mrs Griffiths-Jones