



Year 11 Careers Newsletter: Friday 16th January 2026

Welcome to a new term, Year 11

Where did those 2 weeks of Christmas holiday go? For some, it must have been a bit of a rude awakening having to get up for school. Any resolutions made? Any made and broken? I am sure that you have all made at least 1 resolution: To achieve your potential in your final GCSE exams. With NEAs and further mock exams this term, it certainly is another busy time ahead.

Post-16 applications, have they been completed and sent? I will be chasing up a few of you this week, but I cannot urge you enough to get your applications completed. The first round of interviews start later this month with Ludlow College.

College Open events restart this month. During my career appointments, I always ask whether you have attended? I am always amazed at the number who have not done so by Christmas. However, more often than not, the reason given is "I had work." It is fantastic that that so many of you have part-time jobs as you are gaining 'real-world' experience, in addition to helping you to manage your finances. However, if it is a question of making the most informed and best decision about your future, attending Open events to familiarise yourself with the college, course and tutors is vital. So, make it a priority to attend an upcoming Open event. I would also like you to think about going along to events at different colleges, if only to confirm your decision.

Visit the college websites and book your place.

College	Location/Courses	Date	Time
Herefordshire and Ludlow College	Hereford Campus , Folly Lane, Hereford, HR1 1LS. (Vocational)	3 rd March 2026	5.00pm - 7.00pm
Herefordshire and Ludlow College	Walford Campus , Baschurch, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY4 2HL. (Vocational, apprenticeships: Land-based, agriculture, animal welfare)	7 th February, 2026	10.00am - 12.00pm
Herefordshire and Ludlow College	Holme Lacy Campus , Holme Lacy, Hereford, HR2 6LL. Vocational, apprenticeships: Land-based, agriculture, animal welfare)	18 th April, 2026	10.00am - 12.00pm
Hereford Sixth Form College	Folly Lane , Hereford, HR1 1LU. (A-Levels)	5 th , Feb, 2026	5.00pm - 7.00pm
Shrewsbury College	English and Welsh Bridge campuses (A Levels and Vocational Art)	3rd Feb, 2026	5.00pm - 7.00pm
	London Road campus (Vocational courses)	12 th Feb, 2026	5.00pm - 7.00pm

I hope you settle into the new term quickly.

Mrs Griffiths-Jones