



Year 10 Careers Newsletter: Friday 17th April 2026

Welcome to the Summer Term and the launch of your regular careers newsletters, Year 10

Now that Y11 have all made their post-16 pathway choices as to where they want to study / train after leaving us in July, I shall be switching my attention to providing career guidance, advice and support to Y10. In a nutshell, I shall email you all, your tutors and your parents/carers with a post-16 advice newsletter. It will also be available on the school website, your tutor notice board and the Careers board in C-Block corridor. Your Y10 careers newsletter will provide you with information regarding:

- Dates of College Open events
- How and when to apply for college
- What to include in a CV
- How to prepare for an interview
- What employers are looking for
- 'Hot' and 'Cold' jobs (affects of technology and AI)
- Apprenticeship opportunities
- Interview dates for college
- College launch assemblies
- Armed Forces workshops
- Websites (Career Pilot, GCSE Bitesize careers...). These are 2 of the best websites that you should all begin to explore. They provide guidance, ideas and support regarding career ideas, what qualifications you need, where to study and how much you could earn, along with quizzes, video clips and online chat to help you on your career pathway. They are particularly good for those who have little, or no idea, as to what to do when they leave school.

The above is just some of what you can expect to read in your newsletter. Every issue will include key information and dates regarding college course application deadlines, college interviews, Open events and local job opportunities. You also need to start looking at local colleges and what they have to offer. There will be Open events running over the summer and it would be worthwhile making an early start and attending some. These events run in the evenings during the week and Saturday mornings. Most also offer virtual tours. So, there are plenty of opportunities for everyone to attend. Every year, it never fails to amaze me that there are students who apply for courses without ever actually visiting the college to which they have applied. That is a bit like buying a house without having viewing it. What will you do if after a few weeks, you really do not like the course or travelling there is an issue? Switching to another course, or college, may not be possible. This is particularly the case with popular courses, such as Plumbing and Electrical installation.

Your first steps along your post-16 pathway will start with a Taster day to Ludlow College. We will all spend a 'day in the life of a college student.' In advance of the visit, the college will ask you to choose from a list of subjects and a personalised timetable will be put together for you to experience. This is an annual event and is always very well received by those who make the most of the opportunity. I will ask you to make your subject choices in the next few weeks. It is very important that you make your own choices and not go along with what your friends opt for. Remember, it is a legal requirement that all young people must continue in education, employment, or training until they turn 18 and that you will need to retake GCSE Maths and English if you do not achieve at least a Grade 3.

The last thing I would like to draw your attention to is making career appointments. You will all have at least 1 careers appointment with me during KS4. However, if you would prefer to make an appointment, rather than wait for me to arrange one for you, please see your Tutor, ask Reception, or see me.

I hope you have enjoyed the first issue of your careers newsletter, Year 10.
Mrs Griffiths-Jones