



Year 11 Careers Newsletter: Friday 25th September 2026

Hello Year 11

Careers appointments have begun – 5 already! 4 of the students are very interested in agriculture- based courses, 2 of whom have already booked to attend an Open event this weekend. Now that is what I call planning. Well done! Take a leaf out of their book and take a look at the Open events in this issue of your careers newsletter. 2 Open events have already taken place: Hartpury College and Shropshire School Leavers Roadshow.

I have provided a '1-stop' guide to what your GCSE targets / grades will allow you to apply for. However, if you have any further questions, I strongly recommend that you ask staff at the Open events. This is because colleges / courses often set their own criteria.

Qualifications explained

Unsure of what your GCSE targets / grades will enable you to apply for?

5 x GCSE grade 4/5 (including Maths and English)

A-Levels / Level 3 vocational / T-Levels / Apprenticeship. Some A-Level subjects require certain grades at GCSE e.g. To study Maths A-Level you will be expected to achieve at least a grade 7 at GCSE. A vocational Art / Design course will require you to have studied Art at GCSE or be able to provide a portfolio of your work. Colleges very often state that students may not choose more than 1 A-Level that involves coursework / NEA. This is because of the amount of work this type of assessment involves.

Fewer than 5 X GCSE at Grade 4/5?

Level 2 vocational / Apprenticeship

If you do not achieve at least a Grade 3 in both English and Maths, you will need to retake it. You may be able to sit Functional Skills in these subjects instead of at GCSE level. However, you should discuss this with staff when you attend College Open events.

Targets of 1-2?

Level 1 vocational / Entry Level courses / Apprenticeship + compulsory retake of Maths and English

College	Location	Date	Time
Hartpury College	Hartpury, Gloucester GL19 3BE	Saturday Sept 19th 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 21st	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 17th	9am – 12pm
Hereford Sixth Form College	Folly Lane, HR1 1LU.	Saturday October 17th	9am – 12pm
Ludlow and Herefordshire College	Holme Lacy campus, HR2 6LL. (Land-based, agriculture, equine, small animals)	Saturday November 7th	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. You need to book.

Enjoy your weekend Year 11

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