



Year 11 Careers Newsletter: Friday 19th December 2025

Happy festivities, Year 11

Your final term done and dusted! Mocks, NEA, Settling in evening, PTCE, school reports, Field trips, Rewards trip, Careers appointments, Careers Fair, Post-16 pathway assemblies, Armed Forces Q&A sessions. Phew! Well done, Year 11, what a packed Autumn term you have had.

The Careers Fair last Wednesday was very well received by all those involved. Representatives from local colleges, our link university, local employers and emergency services attended with a small number of representatives from key fields unable to make the date. I hope to secure their attendance next term in the shape of small group information and guidance sessions and potentially assemblies.

In March, it is National Careers Week and there are events taking place face-to-face across the country and virtually. The biggest local events are in Coventry. The UK Careers Fair takes place on March 6 and The National Apprenticeship Show, on March 10th and 11th. I am looking into whether Ludlow School can possibly attend one of these events. I will update you all when I have more information.

I have had confirmation of the following in-school interview dates for those who have applied to Ludlow College:

Monday 26th January

Monday 2nd March

Monday 23rd March

One, maybe two members of staff from the college will come into school to interview applicants. If you have applied already, you will have been informed that you will be called for interview. Names and the schedule of times and dates will be forwarded to me. I shall then let you know via 'Thought for the day' and in person.

Hereford Sixth Form also conduct interviews in school. The date for these is Tuesday 5th May. A number of college staff lead the interviews and again, I will let those who have applied what time you will be seen. In the run-up to the interviews, I will provide you with common college interview questions, along with suggested responses. Every year, I ask college staff for feedback on how they feel students presented in their interviews. I then inform you of this constructive feedback, as I feel it is important for those who are yet to be interviewed to take on board the advice. The main piece of supportive guidance that was made last year, was for students to remember to ask at least 1 question of their own. Why? It not only demonstrates genuine interest, but also leaves a positive impression; not to mention that taking on the role of interviewer yourself, will help you assess if the college and the course(s) are right for you.

Year 11, you really have worked hard this term. Enjoy your time over the festive season. I look forward to seeing you all in the new year.

Mrs Griffiths-Jones