



Year 11 Careers Newsletter: Friday 23rd October 2026

Happy Half Term holiday Year 11

How have the past 7 weeks been for you? Take time over the holiday to reflect on what you have achieved: Reached your target in at least 1 of the core subjects? Attended one of the Open events? What do you feel requires more focus? Revision for the mock GCSE exams in Half Term 2? Going along to an Open event? Every one of us has something of which to be proud. Reminding ourselves of what we have achieved, boosts our confidence and can enable us to be more resilient when the going gets tough. Write it down and display it somewhere obvious, e.g. fridge door, bedroom mirror. Exposure to positivity will have a very rewarding outcome. Give it a go!

Below is the list of Open events. I thought I would give you an early 'heads up', particularly as Herefordshire and Ludlow College, (Hereford campus and Holme Lacy), are 2 of the most popular colleges for not only Ludlow School students, but also for Hereford Y11s and even over the border and into Wales. Therefore, I really do strongly advise you to book your place asap. By the end of the weekend beginning November 7th, all colleges will have held at least 1 event. They will then have a second event before Christmas, unless they have already done so. The colleges relaunch the 'Open event calendar' in the new year. However, I would very much hope that the 2nd round of dates is an opportunity for you to confirm in your mind, whether the course you wish to apply for, really is the best choice. This can only be done effectively by, asking questions of course leaders and tutors, maybe even going to the event on the train. After all, the journey, which will be at least 4 days a week, could be the deciding factor as to whether you decide to apply for a course. Some of the colleges have virtual events that you can see, either on their websites, or on YouTube. But, please don't 'visit' the college virtually instead of in person.

College	Location	Date	Time
Hartpury College	Hartpury, Gloucester GL19 3BE	~~Saturday Sept 19th~~ ~~Saturday October 10th~~ 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) ~~London Road Campus, SY2 6PR. (Vocational, T-Levels, Apprenticeships)~~	Thursday October 15 th Tuesday October 20 th ~~Thursday October 22nd~~	5pm-8pm (You may be turned away if you do not book online) ~~5pm-8pm (You may be turned away if you do not book online)~~
Walford College, Baschurch, SY4 2HL.	Agriculture, equine, small animals	Saturday October 17 th	9am—12pm
Hereford Sixth Form College	Folly Lane, HR1 1LU.	Saturday October 17 th	9am—12pm
Ludlow and Herefordshire College	Holme Lacy campus, HR2 6LL. (Land-based, agriculture, equine, small animals)	Saturday November 7 th	10am - 12pm
Ludlow and Herefordshire College	Hereford campus, Folly Lane, HR1 1LS.	Saturday November 7 th	10am - 12pm
Kidderminster College	Market St, DY10 1AB (Vocational)	Monday October 5 th Saturday November 7 th	5.30pm—7.30pm 10am – 1pm
Hereford and Worcester Group Training Association Rease Heath College	Holmer Rd, Hereford, HR4 9SX. (Apprenticeships) Nantwich, Cheshire, CWF 6DH (Agriculture)	~~Thursday 22nd October~~ ~~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	4pm—7pm (Last entry 6.30pm) Check times on College website. You need to book.

With regard to your college application forms, it is important that you ask those who you wish to use for a reference, e.g. your Saturday job boss, whether they agree to using them as a referee, **before submitting your form**. A reference is not a 'one-line responsibility'; it takes much thought and time to accurately reflect the person you are.
Enjoy the holiday and take time to relax too, Year 11

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