



## Year 11 Careers Newsletter: Friday 24th September 2021

Hello Year 11,

I started last week's newsletter by mentioning the value of accessing the online careers website, [www.startprofile.com](http://www.startprofile.com). I am doing so again. I have asked a number of students whether they have used this comprehensive website and it is fantastic to find that a significant number of you have. If you have not done so already, prioritise it in the next week. Start building your profile and focussing on what qualifications you need and where you can study.

I have heard that **'The Ladder for Shropshire'** [www.ladderforshropshire.co.uk](http://www.ladderforshropshire.co.uk) now has more apprenticeship opportunities than it has ever had. Take a look and see if there is anything you would like to apply for. Do not think that the apprenticeships start immediately and so there is little point in accessing the website; the apprenticeships have varied start dates.

This week, I hope that in tutor time, you have seen the virtual assembly recorded for us by Shrewsbury Colleges Group. It gave a very detailed introduction to studying at the three campuses, with the extensive list of courses you can study and where they can take you in terms of a career. I was particularly pleased to see how the post-16 choices of 4 of our former students have progressed since leaving Ludlow school. Spending time in Athens, going on to study Physiotherapy at University; what fantastic paths they have taken. I will print off the slides of the former students and put on the careers notice boards by the CLT Office. We will have virtual assemblies from the Hereford Colleges and Ludlow College as the term progresses.

Open events start at the local colleges in the next few weeks. Ludlow College is one of the first and is hosting a session on Oct 7<sup>th</sup>, 4.30-7pm. This is scheduled to be face-to-face. However, I would urge you to contact the college much closer to the date, to double check whether any changes have been made due to the ongoing challenges of Covid.

Shrewsbury Colleges Group are organising an opportunity to explore post-16 options. This virtual event takes place on Wednesday 29 September 6.00-7.00pm. Bookings are to be made via [www.futurestudy.co.uk](http://www.futurestudy.co.uk)

I am delighted that two of our Y11 students applied for the apprenticeship at Red Hair, Ludlow. Interviews have already taken place and 'on the job experience days' have been organised for them over the next few weekends. The salon owner will then choose which student is best suited to the role. The successful candidate will start a Saturday job immediately, with their apprenticeship beginning next summer. I was particularly impressed by the resourcefulness and confidence of both of the two Y11s; contacting the owner and preparing for interview with Mr Dickerson. What a great feeling, knowing that your post-16 pathway is underway already.

Finally, I see that No 10 Hair, Old Street, Ludlow are also advertising for an apprentice. Contact the salon or go in and speak to the manager this weekend. Will it be you who also secures a post-16 pathway before Christmas?

Have a lovely weekend, all. Mrs Griffiths-Jones