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## Year 11 Careers Newsletter

Happy end of the month, Year 11

Did you? Did you send off your application form?

I must say that after the careers appointments I did last Tuesday and Thursday, the responses to the question above was somewhat mixed. Of those who had not applied, most had a clear idea of what they wanted to do and where, it was just a matter of completing the application. I do understand that application forms can sometimes be rather challenging to understand and complete, so do not hesitate to ask for help from your tutor or drop in and see me at break or lunchtime. Year 11, be resilient, be proactive.

Those of you who have applied seem to be favouring A-Levels at Hereford Sixth Form College. History and Sociology, along with the Sciences and Psychology are popular choices. A significant number of you have also applied for vocational courses, such as beauty and trades, such as electrical installation and plumbing at Herefordshire College. Earlier this week, I sent an email to your parents/carers with details regarding financial support with transport costs. The Council may help those who are eligible; so, it is worth looking into whether you could get support. In some cases, however, guardians are better off contacting their local travel company than applying for a pass through these Council schemes. If you are planning to go to college, other than Ludlow, I would strongly advise you to see whether you are eligible, because it may determine where you can study. If you do decide to apply through your Local Authority (the one Council Tax is paid to), for a post-16 transport pass, do not wait until August. Pass costs are fixed, and you will not be refunded for any fares you pay while waiting for your pass to arrive. Passes are usually sent to the College, not to your home address, and this may take several weeks. Travel costs are significant and will need careful consideration.

If you have applied to Ludlow College, you will have an interview in the Bungalow on Monday morning. The schedule will go out on TFTD on Friday and as a reminder on Monday. Make a positive first impression and turn up in good time; not at the time of the interview. You should go to Reception first and then make your way over. Take this weekend to prepare yourself and remember to look through the questions I included in last week's careers newsletter. Good luck!

Enjoy the weekend,

Mrs Griffiths-Jones