



## Year 11 Careers Newsletter

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Happy Friday, Year 11

With Ludlow College interviews scheduled for 3 February, I thought it would be a good opportunity to focus on your interview skills. I know many of you have part-time jobs and may have been interviewed by your employers, however, the types of questions you may be asked to gain a place at college are different. Making a positive impression from the outset is crucial. Punctuality is key; both college tutors and employers expect you to be on time. If you have applied for Ludlow College, you will receive your interview time at least a couple of days in advance. The interviews will take place in the Bungalow, and you should go to Reception at least 5 minutes before your appointment. Ensure that you wear your uniform in the way that is expected.

### Have you considered the following questions that may be asked of you?

Think about your answers to these questions. There is no need to memorise them, but it is important that you have at least thought about each question in depth. There is nothing to stop you taking written responses into your interview.

- What do you know about the course you're applying to study?
- What aspects of the course interest you and why?
- Why do you want to attend this college in particular?
- What are your long-term goals? Is there a certain career you wish to pursue?
- What do you think will be your biggest challenge whilst at college?
- Do you hold any extra responsibilities in school? (Ambassador?)
- Are you a member of a school team / club?
- Describe something of which you are particularly proud of achieving?
- Do you have any weaknesses? How are you overcoming them?
- What do you like to do in your spare time? Do you have a part-time job?

It is extremely important that you can demonstrate that you have done some research into the course(s) that you are applying for and that you have visited the college. If you do not read up about the course and what you will study, this will give a very poor impression.

Remember, you should also ask some questions of your own. I always think that if you can, it shows that you are keen and motivated. Look at these questions:

- How many hours will I be studying in college? (Particularly important if you are doing an apprenticeship)
- How many hours am I expected to study at home?
- How will I be assessed?
- I have extra time in exams. Will this continue at college?
- Will I have a Tutor?
- Is there any support for travel costs?
- Will I have to retake Maths / English if I don't achieve the grade(s) required by the course?
- What clubs can I join?

For those who haven't applied, I think this newsletter will serve as a 'wake up call.' If some of your friends have already secured an interview, you have some catching up to do if you have yet to 'press send!'

Enjoy the weekend, Mrs Griffiths-Jones