



## Year 11 Careers Newsletter

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Happy Valentine's Day, Year 11

We have reached the end of the first half term of 2025 already! The time is really flying by with NEA days this week in a number of subject areas and mocks almost upon us. Remember, when you receive these grades, they can be used in any college interviews you may have. Therefore, make the most of your time over half term and revise effectively. Reflect on your December results and build on what you achieved.

This week has been National Apprenticeship week. During Tutor time, you have been learning about what apprenticeships are, the benefits of them and what apprenticeship roles you can apply for. I used a fantastic website:

<https://www.amazingapprenticeships.com/naw/>. Everything that you could possibly want to know about apprenticeships can be accessed via this link. Remember, apprenticeships are offered at 4 levels, so you can go to college or university and do an apprenticeship when you leave. Employers welcome job-ready, skilled employees.

This week we have welcomed a former Ludlow school student back on a work placement. Keeley was our Deputy Head Girl last year and took a very active role in school life. In her free time, she continues to enjoy playing rugby at a high standard. I asked Keeley to put together an account of her post-16 pathway:

**I left Ludlow CE school in June 2024 and began Hartpury College in Gloucester in September. The course I am studying is a 2-year Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sport, (Rugby). It covers many aspects of the sporting industry, such as anatomy and physiology, coaching and leadership, psychology, and the business side of sport.**

**GCSE PE helped me with this course as it gave me a really good understanding of the aspects I am now studying. I have lessons 4 days a week, excluding Wednesdays for fixtures. Mondays and Fridays are half days, with training in the afternoon.**

**Because the College I attend is in Gloucester, I live on campus during the week. However, there is the option to catch the bus which I could get from Leominster. But, if I had decided to travel to college by bus every day, this would mean that I would have to miss training sessions, as they finish after the bus leaves for Leominster.**

**Living at college is a great experience, as I get to live with my friends, have great facilities for training and enjoy a very busy social life. I have made so many great new friends, play the sport I love and study a subject for which I have a passion. What is there not to like?!**

**Being at Hartpury has given me many opportunities involving my rugby career. I have premierships and international players coaching me on a weekly basis and the facilities they provide are world class. They include 4 grass rugby pitches and 1 4G pitch, 3 gyms, fitness suites, ice/hot baths, recovery suites, advanced technology and analysis rooms and so much more, all within about 50 metres from my bedroom.**

**After I finish my 2-year course, I can attend university at Hartpury, which many people do. I know I made the right choice to study at Hartpury. I have the best of both worlds: being away from home all week and then coming back to be with my old friends and my family at weekends. I absolutely love it!**

Wow! There is nothing more to say, but remain focussed, work hard, and look forward to a very exciting future.

Enjoy your half term, Mrs Griffiths-Jones