



## Year 11 Careers Newsletter

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Hello, Year 11

Earlier this week our Careers Fair took place in the school hall, and I can confidently say that you really did make the very most of your time with the local and national employers who attended. Here are just a few of the comments made by the employers:

“Students were polite and respectful. They were confident and chatty.” **(Royal Navy / Royal Marines)**

“They interacted very well.” **(RAF)**

“Engaged students ready to ask questions.” **(Hereford Sixth Form College)**

Well done, everyone. The aim of a Careers Fair is to gain a much better awareness of the post-16 pathways available and how to access them. I believe that this was achieved.

As you are aware, I always ask for feedback following your college interviews. Neil Church from Ludlow College said that those he saw “were very clued up this year and had done good groundwork to support their choices.” Mr Church did add that a Plan B needed to be given consideration when predicted grades were not in line with the College entry requirements. I would advise all of you to have a Plan B anyway, regardless of whether you meet entry requirements for your course or not. Over the coming months, you may well change your mind with regard to what you have chosen to study at college. You may even change your mind completely and find an apprenticeship. If you haven’t done so already, please give some serious thought to a Plan B.

Mr Church also mentioned that application forms were not always completed properly. Please remember to fill in all your details accurately and double check before sending the form off. I do recall one year, a student incorrectly clicked on the wrong school in a drop-down box on an online application. The student questioned why she had not heard back from the college. Further investigation found that an invite had been sent to the school to which she had incorrectly clicked on at the application stage. Application forms can be tricky to complete, particularly online. Ask someone else to read it through before you send it. Two sets of eyes are better than one, particularly those of someone who has previously been through the process, such as an older sibling.

Enjoy your weekend, even if it is colder than last week.

Mrs Griffiths-Jones