



Year 11 Careers Newsletter

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Hello, Year 11

Almost at the end of the end of this half term. January tends to be a rather 'slow' month, but I feel that the days have flown by. March mocks are almost upon us. Learn from your performance in your December mock exams and fingers crossed, you will see the rewards.

Monday of this week saw the start of college interviews. Two members of staff from Ludlow College came into school and interviewed 24 students. I always ask for feedback from interviewing staff and pass it on to students. It is important to take on board their advice to create that positive first impression. Below is what they had to say:

"We both felt that the students were impressive. Students presented themselves professionally and politely, so well done to them. They were well prepared and talked confidently about their choices and plans. For any students marginal on entry requirements, in terms of their predicted grades, it's probably worth underlining the importance of a Plan B. In general, that means where students are marginal on achieving the minimum five grades 4 including English and Maths.

Students do need to be aware (and we tell them) that their "conditional course offer" will name subjects they've pencilled in but there is plenty of time to reflect before committing in September, including the opportunity to trial an extra subject if they wish.

These are the questions we ask:

- Why did you choose to apply to Ludlow Sixth Form College?
- Can you confirm your current predicted GCSE grades?
- Why did you choose the courses on your application form? (And do you want to make any changes to those choices?)
- What do you plan to move on to after your time here? (University? Any ideas of your future career direction?)
- Is there anything we need to know about to help support you during your time at College (eg any mental or physical health issues, any support needs?)
- Do you have extra time or any other non-standard arrangements for sitting examinations?
- Do you have any questions for us not answered by the interview?

So, there you have it. Read carefully through all the feedback and act on it, even if you have already been interviewed. You will all have many more of them as you take further steps along your career path.

Enjoy your weekend, Mrs Griffiths-Jones