

## A summary of the Term's Careers Activities

We kicked off the new academic year with an assembly for Year 11 students presented by Hereford & Ludlow College. A presentation was shown and students were given an insight into all the different courses the college has to offer and had an opportunity of asking any questions they had.

Year 11 students were given their career advice and guidance appointment dates and times with me.

Year 11 Career Advice and Guidance meetings started in October. It was a real pleasure to start meeting the Year 11 students and help them with their next steps into their future career planning. It was great to see how many of them knew what they wanted to do and achieve in life. This month alone we already have aspiring ; firefighters, hairdressers, beauticians, engineers, doctors, chefs, Army and RAF candidates, to name but a few.

On October 13<sup>th</sup> we had Hereford Sixth Form College come to the School to present to the Year 11 students on what the college has to offer and the variety of courses there are to choose from.....



November saw the Year 11 students prepare for the Mock Interview Day that was taking place in December.

Students prepared their CV's and personal statements ready for when they met their interviewers. Each student was given a time for their interview and who would be interviewing them.

I continued to see the Year 11 students for their Career Advice and Guidance meetings and ensured they all had completed at least one application for their chosen college/training provider.

I have been really impressed with the high aspirations of the students and the choices they have made for themselves.

Assemblies for the month were :-

3<sup>rd</sup> November : Vicky Orsmond : Hereford Sixth Form College Progression Lead

10<sup>th</sup> November : The British Army

17<sup>th</sup> November : Hereford & Worcester Group Training

24<sup>th</sup> November : Hereford College of Arts

By the end of December all Year 11 students will have been seen for their advice and guidance meetings.

Follow up appointments will be done in January for those students needing an extra appointment.

On 7<sup>th</sup> December the Year 11's had their Mock Interviews. We had over 10 employers who offered to give up their time to interview our students ; National Citizen Service, Hereford Sixth Form College, Hereford & Ludlow

College, Hereford & Worcester Group Training, Riverside Training, NMITE, Woodstock & Co to name but a few. "

All students did well and feedback from the employers were positive, just a few examples are below :

- *"I was impressed that the student was so confident about where she would like to be in 3 years and is working towards achieving her goals".*
- *"Confident, good interpersonal skills, responded well to challenging questions".*
- *"A very impressive student and very personable. A high achiever with a good grounding in most key skills".*
- *"A delight to interview, a quiet confidence and is extremely mature and has a warm friendly personality".*
- *"Extremely enthusiastic, came across as confident and capable. Impressed with her plans for the future".*

Assemblies booked :

1<sup>st</sup> December : Riverside Training

8<sup>th</sup> December : Graduate Ambassador Talk in Uni Finance

15<sup>th</sup> December : Hartpury College

Unfortunately due to COVID these assemblies have had to be postponed to the New Year.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and looking forward to planning more career events for Aylestone students in the New Year 🍷