



Our Ref: TAC/Y11/careersguidance

September 2026

Dear Parents/Carers of Year 11 students

As your child begins Year 11, we want to ensure they are well-supported in planning their next steps after GCSEs. Making informed choices now is crucial for keeping future career paths open.

Careers Guidance

Our Careers Advisor, Mel Lawrence, is available every Wednesday at school.

Exploring Options

Students are encouraged to:

- Research careers using websites like [Prospects.ac.uk](https://www.prospects.ac.uk) and [iCould.com](https://www.icould.com)
- Seek advice from parents, teachers, and Ms Lawrence
- Attend local Post-16 events and college open days this Autumn.

Upcoming Open Events

- **The Post-16 Roadshow (Local Colleges and Providers Event)**
 - Cineworld Shrewsbury: Monday, 21 September, 4–8pm
 - Holiday Inn Telford: Saturday, 26 September, 9.30am–12pm

- **Shrewsbury Colleges Group**

English Bridge & Welsh Bridge Campuses (A Levels & Art)

- 15 October 5–8pm
- 20 October 5–8pm
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London Road Campus (Vocational & Technical)

- 22 October, 5–8pm

Taster Sessions:

- English/Welsh Bridge: 21 November, 9am–1pm
- London Road: 28 October, 9am–1pm

- **King Edwards 6th form College**

- Thursday, 15 October, 5pm–9pm
- Saturday, 17 October, 10am–3pm

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- **Telford College**

Open Events - 5–7.30pm

- 07 October 2026 – Telford 6th
- 21 October 2026 – Wellington Campus
- 21 November 2026 – Telford 6th
- 02 December 2026 – Wellington Campus
- 23 January 2027 – Wellington Campus
- 27 January 2027 – Telford 6th
- 15 March 2027 – Telford 6th
- 19 April 2027 – Wellington Campus

- **Kidderminster College**

- Monday, 05 October 2026, 5.30pm–7.30pm
- Saturday, 10 October 2026, 10.00am–1.00pm
- Monday, 09 November 2026, 5.30pm–7.30pm
- Tuesday, 09 February 2027, 5.30pm–7.30pm
- Wednesday, 12 May 2027, 5.30pm–7.30pm

Other Providers

- **Haberdashers' Abraham Darby**

- Thursday, 12 November 2026, 6-8pm

- **Thomas Telford:** Applications open online from 1st October (invite to open evening, if successful)

- **Madeley Academy**

- Wednesday, 18 November 2026

- **Shrewsbury Town Football College**

- 15 October 2026, 6-7pm
- 12th November 2026, 6-7pm
- 14th January 2026, 6-7pm
- 18th January 2027, 1-4pm

- **Access Sport (Telford ADC)**

- Wednesday, 21 October 2026, 5.30-7.30pm
- Wednesday, 24 March 2027, 5.30-7.30pm

- **South Staffordshire College (Rodbaston):**

- Saturday, 7 November 2026
- Saturday, 30 January 2027
- Saturday, 17 April 2027
- Saturday, 19 June 2027

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- **Walford College**
 - Saturday, 17 October 2026, 10am-12.30pm
 - Saturday, 6 February 2027, 10am-12.30pm
 - Saturday, 12 June 2027, 10am-12.30pm
- **Incomm Training (Engineering Apprenticeships Telford)**
 - Wednesday, 21 October 2026, 5.30-7.30pm
 - Wednesday, 24 March 2026, 5.30-7.30pm
- **Wolverhampton College**
 - Saturday, 14 November 2026, 10-2pm
 - Wednesday, 20 January 2027, 4-7pm
 - Wednesday, 21 April 2027, 4-7pm
 - Saturday, 12 June 2027, 10-2pm
- **Highfields School 6th Form Wolverhampton**
Awaiting Confirmation
- **Bewdley 6th Form**
 - Wednesday, 4 November 2026, 5.30-8pm (book via website)
- **Three Spires Trust Wolverhampton – St Peters 6th form and St Regis Collegiate**
 - Awaiting Confirmation
- **BOA Academy (Creative, Digital and Performing Arts Academy) – Birmingham**
 - Thursday, 15 October 2026, 5.30pm-8.30pm
 - Thursday, 14 January 2027, 5.30pm-8.30pm

Details of how to book will be released w/c 16th September 2026
- **Armed Forces Careers Offices**
 - 01743 232678 (Shrewsbury Army Careers Office, RAF and Navy initial contact point)
 - 01902 423892 (Wolverhampton Army Careers Office only)

Events

- **What University? & What Career? Live (NEC)**
 - 20-27 February 2027
- **Telford Apprenticeship Show**
 - The Telford Apprenticeship/Skills show should be March 2027 – awaiting dates.

A full list of events and providers is available via the school website shortly or on request.

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Post-16 Pathways

Students can choose from:

- A Levels – Academic subjects, ideal for university routes
- Vocational Qualifications (BTECs & T Levels) – Practical and career-focused
- Apprenticeships – Paid, work-based training for those with a clear career goal
- Study Programmes/Traineeships – For students needing more preparation before entering work or further study.

We recommend students begin exploring options early and **aim to start applications before Christmas**. Please support your child in attending open days and discussing their future plans.

If you have any queries as always, the Year 11 team are here to help and support so please do not hesitate to ask.

Yours faithfully



Terry Cowburn
Head of Year 11