

# **WBS Careers – Year 11**

## **Planning for Next Steps**

### **Personal Guidance**

Your Careers Advisor, Mel Lawrence, is in William Brookes on Mondays. You can request an appointment through your tutor or e-mail Mel at [mel.lawrence@wbs.318education.co.uk](mailto:mel.lawrence@wbs.318education.co.uk)

Choosing the right courses can be critical for some career paths and it is important to not unintentionally close off paths that you may wish to pursue later on in your career.

### **What you can do to make the right choice**

- Find out about different careers that interest you – see useful websites attached.
- Get advice from the people who know you, like your parents and teachers and from our Careers Advisor, Mel Lawrence.
- Look at the qualifications on offer to you at 6<sup>th</sup> Form and in other local colleges and also consider whether an apprenticeship might be a good route for you. (see apprenticeship information below).

For either BTEC or A level choices, ensure that they are subjects that:

- you will enjoy
- you think that you will do well in
- that will help you get to where you want to go in the future

### **A - Levels**

If thinking about studying A Levels then there are some really useful articles under the advice section on: [www.which.co.uk/alevelchoices](http://www.which.co.uk/alevelchoices) and [www.which.co.uk/alevelexplorer](http://www.which.co.uk/alevelexplorer) such as which A levels you should take to study particular degrees, how to choose your A Levels, making the jump from GCSEs etc.

## William Brookes School 6<sup>th</sup> Form



"We pride ourselves in offering outstanding A level teaching and as a new, purpose-built school, we have unrivalled facilities to support your academic studies and extracurricular activities. Our aim is to maximise your potential by providing a stimulating, exciting and challenging environment for learning, where every student is valued and listened to.



This is an exciting time in your life. We understand that the choices you make now are some of the most important you will ever make, and we have experienced staff on hand to offer advice and guidance on every aspect of life in the Sixth Form. "

## Vocational Qualifications (BTECS, CTECS, etc.)


If you are thinking about vocational qualifications, then research the pros and cons: [www.which.co.uk/btecs](http://www.which.co.uk/btecs) and start researching courses that might accept BTECs once you are 18 using the [www.which.co.uk/courses](http://www.which.co.uk/courses) tool or check out the entry requirements on the UCAS website.

## Useful Contacts, Open day Dates, Taster Days 2023-24

College /6 <sup>th</sup> Form	Open days
 <p><b>William Brookes 6<sup>th</sup> Form</b> 01952 728900 <a href="http://www.williambrookes.com">www.williambrookes.com</a></p>	<p><b>Always Check Prior to attending. Most now require you to book online prior to event.</b></p> <p><b>15 November 2023 6.00pm -8.00pm</b></p>
<p><b>Post 16 Options Road Show</b></p> 	<p><b>Impartial information event for all year 11s for local 6<sup>th</sup> forms, Colleges and apprenticeships.</b></p> <p><b>Virtual Roadshow</b> 21 September 2023 from 6.30pm</p> <p><b>Post 16 Options Roadshow Shrewsbury Football Ground</b> 2 October 2023 4pm – 7.30pm</p>

	<p><b>Post 16 Options Roadshow: Telford (Holiday Inn)</b> 7 October 2023 9.30am-12.30pm</p> <p>Book your place at <a href="http://www.futurestudy.co.uk">www.futurestudy.co.uk</a></p>															
<p><b>Shrewsbury Colleges Group</b> 01743 342342 <a href="http://www.scg.ac.uk">www.scg.ac.uk</a></p> 	<p><b>Open Evenings</b></p> <p><b>Virtual Open evening, online</b> 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023 from 4.30pm</p> <p><b>A level and Vocational Art Courses</b> 19 October 2023 from 4.30pm Welsh and English Bridge Campus</p> <p><b>Vocational and Technical Courses</b> 26 October 2023 -from 4.30pm London Road Campus</p> <p>Further Open Evenings in Spring</p> <p><b>Year 11 Subject Tasters</b></p> <p><b>A levels and Arts Tasters (English and Welsh Bridge)</b> Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2023 from 9.30am</p> <p><b>Vocational and Technical Tasters (London Road Campus)</b> Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2023 from 9.30am</p>															
<p><b>Telford College</b> 01952 642200 01952 642237 (Student Services team) <a href="http://www.telfordcollege.ac.uk">www.telfordcollege.ac.uk</a></p> 	<p><b>Open Events</b></p> <p><b>Book online</b></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>11 October</td> <td>2023</td> <td>5pm-7.30pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>15 November</td> <td>2023</td> <td>5pm-7.30pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>31 January</td> <td>2024</td> <td>5pm- 7.30pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>20 March</td> <td>2024</td> <td>5pm- 7.30pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>19 June</td> <td>2024</td> <td>5pm- 7.30pm</td> </tr> </table> <p>VIP personalised tours can be booked online at a time to suit you.</p>	11 October	2023	5pm-7.30pm	15 November	2023	5pm-7.30pm	31 January	2024	5pm- 7.30pm	20 March	2024	5pm- 7.30pm	19 June	2024	5pm- 7.30pm
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<p><b>Shrewsbury Town College &amp; University</b></p>  <p><a href="https://www.stfccollegeanduniversity.co.uk">https://www.stfccollegeanduniversity.co.uk</a></p> <p>01743 289177 EXT 8  <a href="mailto:Recruitment@foundationstfc.co.uk">Recruitment@foundationstfc.co.uk</a></p> <p>Shrewsbury Town Football Club (Media Suite), Oteley Road, Shrewsbury, SY2 6ST</p>	<p><b>Practical Taster session and Open Events</b></p> <p>9 October 2023 from 7.15pm</p> <p>6 November 2023 from 7.15pm</p> <p>27 November 2023 from 7.15pm</p> <p>11 December 2023 from 7.15pm</p> <p><b>Further Education</b>  Level 2 &amp; 3 Courses in Sport, Physical Activity and Business</p> <p><b>Higher Education</b>  Degree in Sports Development, Coaching and Business</p>
<p><b>South Staffordshire College (Rodbaston Campus)</b></p> <p>01785 712209  <a href="http://www.southstaffs.ac.uk">www.southstaffs.ac.uk</a></p>  <p>Horticulture, Animal Care, Agriculture, Equine, Veterinary Nursing, Agristem (land based technology) etc</p>	<p><b>Saturday Open Events</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Saturday 25 November 2023</li> <li>• Saturday 20 January 2024</li> <li>• Saturday 9 March 2024</li> <li>• Saturday 18 May 2024</li> <li>• Saturday 22 June 2024</li> </ul> <p>All open events are from 10am to 1pm on all sites – please book your attendance on the website!</p> <p><b>Hands on taster days during February 2024 half term – see details on website nearer the time.</b></p>
<p><b>Herefordshire, Ludlow and North Shropshire College - WALFORD COLLEGE</b></p>  <p><a href="http://www.nsc.ac.uk">www.nsc.ac.uk</a></p>	<p><b>Saturday Open Events</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Saturday 14 October– 10.00am – 12.30pm</li> <li>• Saturday 3 February - 10am -12.30pm</li> <li>• Saturday 15 June – 10am-12.30pm</li> </ul> <p><b>Taster Days</b></p> <p>These have to be booked by your current place of education.</p>

<p><b>Walford Campus</b> (Near Baschurch, Shrewsbury) 01939 262100 – Animal Management, Agriculture, Equine etc</p>	<p>1<sup>st</sup> December 2023</p> <p>For enquiries please contact : <a href="mailto:info@nsc.ac.uk">info@nsc.ac.uk</a></p>
<p><b>Access Sport (Formerly Coaching Connexions) (Telford ADC)</b></p>  <p>01952 640064 Contact: <a href="mailto:sam.simmonds@accesssport.ac.uk">sam.simmonds@accesssport.ac.uk</a> Mobile: 07879770950  <a href="https://accesssport.ac.uk/">https://accesssport.ac.uk/</a></p>	<p>For aspiring young people with a desire to work in the sport and active leisure industry. BTEC L2 and L3 courses in Sport based at AFC Telford United Football Ground.</p> <p>Apply here for place and/or open day invite (same form) <a href="https://accesssport.ac.uk/applying-for-a-course/">https://accesssport.ac.uk/applying-for-a-course/</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 25 October 2023 5-7pm interview evening</li> <li>• 30 October 2023 1-3pm practical event (Half term)</li> <li>• 7 February 2024 5-7pm interview evening</li> <li>• 12 February 2024 1-3pm practical event (Half Term)</li> <li>• 20 March 2024 5-7pm interview evening</li> <li>• 25 March 2024 1-3pm practical event (Half Term)</li> <li>• 22 May 2024 5-7pm interview evening</li> <li>• 27 May 2024 1-3pm practical event (Half Term)</li> </ul> <p>The interview Evenings will be at the Telford ADC football club and the practical events at the 4G pitch in Madeley, by the ski slope.</p>
<p><b>Crossbar College of Sport and Physical Activity</b></p> 	<p>BTEC Sport Level 2/3 (Future Skills Study Programme)</p> <p>or</p> <p>PE &amp; School Sport Apprenticeships Sports Traineeships (BTEC 3 ) (15 Month Programme)</p>

<p>Lilleshall National Sports Centre 01952 677965 <a href="http://www.crossbarcoaching.com">www.crossbarcoaching.com</a> <a href="mailto:admin@crossbarcoaching.com">admin@crossbarcoaching.com</a></p>	<p>including full time work placement across primary schools in Shropshire)</p> <p>e-mail or check website for open day dates</p>
	<p><b>Armed Forces Careers Offices</b></p> <p>01743 232678 (Shrewsbury Army Careers Office, RAF and Navy initial contact point)</p> <p>01902 423892 (Wolverhampton Army Careers Office only)</p> <p>Both open 9am - 5.30pm Monday to Friday and open in school holidays.- make an appointment first.</p>
<p>Wolverhampton College 01902 836000 <a href="http://www.wolvcoll.ac.uk">www.wolvcoll.ac.uk</a></p> 	<p><b>Open days</b></p> <p>11 October 2023 4-7pm 13 January 2024 10-2pm 24 April 2024 4-7pm 15 June 2024 10-2pm</p> <p>For taster sessions please book/organise through Danielle Jones. <a href="mailto:JonesD@wolvcoll.ac.uk">JonesD@wolvcoll.ac.uk</a></p>
<p><b><u>Incomm Engineering Apprenticeships (formerly MCMT)</u></b></p>  <p>Jayne Guest   Recruitment Manager M: +44(0)7391015415 E: <a href="mailto:jayneg@in-comm.co.uk">jayneg@in-comm.co.uk</a> W: <a href="http://in-comm.co.uk">in-comm.co.uk</a></p>	<p><b>Engineering Apprenticeship Training Centre</b></p> <p><b>Open day dates.</b></p> <p>1 November 2023 10-2 14<sup>th</sup> February 2024 10-2</p>
<p><b>Codsall Community High School Football Academy</b></p>	<p>Open Evening</p>

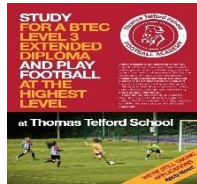
01902 907 560



[customercare@cchs.sslp.uk](mailto:customercare@cchs.sslp.uk)

<https://www.cc-hs.com/about-football-academy/>

**Thomas Telford Football, Performing Arts, Business, Golf, Academies**



01952 200000

<https://www.ttsonline.net/page/admissions-6th-form>

Thursday Evening 28<sup>th</sup> September – contact the school for more details.

No open days – an invitation will be sent for a visit if an application has been successful

**Telford Apprenticeship Show**



**What University? & What Career? Live**

Birmingham NEC

Saturday 2nd March 11-3pm

<https://www.whatcareerlive.co.uk/events/birmingham/directions/>

**The Telford Apprenticeship show should be in March 2024 – awaiting dates.**

**Training Providers (Apprenticeship support and study programmes to improve confidence, self esteem, employability skills, Maths and English retakes)**

**SBC Training**

**01743 454810 (Shrewsbury)**



**Apprenticeship Support**

Contact SBC for further information and support. Workshop dates throughout the year – dates to be announced..

<p><a href="mailto:info@sbc-training.co.uk">info@sbc-training.co.uk</a>  <a href="mailto:Amanda.carpenter@sbc-training.co.uk">Amanda.carpenter@sbc-training.co.uk</a></p> <p>Apprenticeships, in Construction, Engineering, accountancy, digital marketing ICT and Business at Level 2 and 3 and Careers Support.</p> <p><a href="http://www.sbc-training.co.uk/vacancies">www.sbc-training.co.uk/vacancies</a></p>	
<p><b><u>Juniper Training</u></b></p> <p>.</p> <p><b>01952 299016 (Telford)</b></p> <p><a href="mailto:Enquiries@junipertraining.co.uk">Enquiries@junipertraining.co.uk</a></p> <p><a href="mailto:kayley.pinches@junipertraining.co.uk">kayley.pinches@junipertraining.co.uk</a>  <a href="mailto:Adam.Richardson@junipertraining.co.uk">Adam.Richardson@junipertraining.co.uk</a></p> <p>16-18 study Programme and vocational pathways, traineeships and apprenticeship support.</p>	<p><b>Open Day</b></p> <p>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023 3.30pm- 6pm  Wednesday 17 January 2024 3.30pm – 6pm  Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2024 3.30-6pm  Wednesday 27 March 2024  Wednesday 29 May 2024</p> <p>Contact Juniper for further information and support and individual visits can be arranged.</p>
<p><b>Nova Training</b></p> <p><b>01952 243380</b>  <b>07951744289</b></p> <p>.</p> <p><a href="http://www.novatraining.co.uk">www.novatraining.co.uk</a>  <a href="mailto:SharonHumpherries@novatraining.co.uk">SharonHumpherries@novatraining.co.uk</a></p> <p>Study programme, Apprenticeship support, Construction Motor Vehicle workshops</p>	<p>Visits can easily be arranged by phoning Sharon Humpherries 07951744289</p>
<p><b>Landau</b></p> <p> 07860848037 Hayley Foley  (Wellington, Telford)</p> <p><a href="https://www.landau.co.uk/">https://www.landau.co.uk/</a>  <a href="mailto:hayley.foley@landau.co.uk">hayley.foley@landau.co.uk</a></p> <p>Study programmes/work tasters – Hair and Construction tasters</p>	<p>Contact Hayley Foley at Landau for further information, support/arrange a visit.</p>



<p><b>County Training</b></p> <p>•</p> <p>0345 6789023  <a href="mailto:j.hackett@hlnc.ac.uk">j.hackett@hlnc.ac.uk</a>  <a href="mailto:apprenticeships@hlnc.ac.uk">apprenticeships@hlnc.ac.uk</a>  <a href="mailto:enquiries@countytraining.ac.uk">enquiries@countytraining.ac.uk</a></p> <p>Website  <a href="https://hlnc.ac.uk/apprenticeships/county-training/">https://hlnc.ac.uk/apprenticeships/county-training/</a></p>	<p>Contact County Training for further information and support (September starts only)</p> <p>Delivering apprenticeships and work-based training across Shropshire and Telford &amp; Wrekin (September start only)</p>
<p><b>JTL Electrical Apprenticeships</b></p> <p>•</p> <p><b>Joseph Lo 07760554035</b>  <b>0808 5990856</b>  <a href="https://jtltraining.com/about-us/location-centres/telford/">https://jtltraining.com/about-us/location-centres/telford/</a></p>	<p><b>Electrical Apprenticeships</b></p> <p>At JTL Telford most courses run from September until July, on some occasions, there is the opportunity to join a group during the year.</p>

## Apprenticeships/Study Programmes and Apprenticeship Providers

An **Apprenticeship** is a great way to learn on the job, building up knowledge and skills, gaining qualifications and earning money at the same time.

You will spend most of the week at work watching and learning and getting stuck in.

Apprenticeship training can take between one and five years to complete and the length of your Apprenticeship will depend on its level, the industry you're training in and the skills you already have.

You must be 16 or over to start an Apprenticeship and there four levels you can study at: Apprenticeships have equivalent educational levels as follows:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Equivalent educational level</b>
Intermediate	2	5 GCSE passes at grades 1 to 9
Advanced	3	2 A level passes
Higher	4, 5, 6 and 7	Foundation degree and above
Degree	6 and 7	Bachelor's or master's degree

#### **How to find live apprenticeship vacancies:**

- Find an apprenticeship website:  
[www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeshipsearch](http://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeshipsearch)
- NHS Jobs: [www.jobs.nhs.uk](http://www.jobs.nhs.uk)
- Public Sector: [www.wmjobs.co.uk](http://www.wmjobs.co.uk)
- Indeed: [www.indeed.co.uk](http://www.indeed.co.uk)
- Ladder for Shropshire website: [www.ladderforshropshire.org/vacancies](http://www.ladderforshropshire.org/vacancies)
- Get my First Job: [www.getmyfirstjob.co.uk](http://www.getmyfirstjob.co.uk)
- Amazing Apprenticeships - [www.amazingapprenticeships.com/higher-degree-listing/](http://www.amazingapprenticeships.com/higher-degree-listing/)

Job centre plus, WM jobs, Shropshire Council jobs, family contacts, friends, careers events as well.

Register for apprenticeships at the local Colleges and relevant providers below as well, as many have databases of companies seeking apprentices.

A good time to apply is February/March of your leaving year. You can register your interest with the providers below earlier however.

**Finding an apprenticeship is like finding a job. Apply for College as a back up, in case you are unsuccessful at getting an apprenticeship. This is Important.**

**A good CV is especially important if you are looking into apprenticeships.**

**CV help**

What makes a good CV? Watch this video and use the following Build a CV tool:

<https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/tools/cv/Pages/default.aspx>

### More CV Help

<https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/get-a-job>

<http://www.adviza.org.uk/who-am-i/young-person/applying-for-work>

<http://www.help4teens.co.uk/Making-an-Application/Your-CV.html>

## Study Programmes or Traineeships

If you feel you are not ready to go straight into an apprenticeship, need to work on your literacy and numeracy or just boost your employability skills then study programmes can allow you to try out different types of work tasters to work out what you want to do and can support you to progress into education, employment or an apprenticeship.

<b>County Training – Shrewsbury and Telford</b> <a href="http://www.ctapprenticeships.co.uk">www.ctapprenticeships.co.uk</a> , 0345 6789023	<b>Juniper Training - Telford</b> 01952 299016 <a href="http://www.junipertraining.co.uk/centres/telford">www.junipertraining.co.uk/centres/telford</a>
<b>Nova Training - Wellington</b> 01952 243380	

### Careers Inspiration – Labour Market Information (LMI)

<https://careersinspiration.co.uk/West-Midlands/West-Midlands-Job-Market/Shropshire-Herefordshire-Telford-Wrekin>