

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 mlawrence@williambrookes.com

Choosing the right courses can be critical for some career paths and it's 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 6th 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 and www.which.co.uk/alevelexplorer such as which A levels you should take to study particular degrees, how to choose you're a levels, making the jump from GCSEs etc.

William Brookes School 6th Form
01952 728900

"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 and start researching courses that might accept BTECs once you are 18 using the www.which.co.uk/courses tool or check out the entry requirements on the UCAS website.

Useful Contacts, Open day Dates, Taster Days 2022-23

College /6 th form	Open days – Always Check Prior to attending. Most now require you to book online prior to event.
<p>William Brookes School 6th Form</p> <p>01952 728900</p> <p>http://www.williambrookes.com/sixth-form/</p>	<p>9th November 6:30-8:30pm</p>
<p>Shrewsbury Colleges Group</p> <p>London Road Campus 01743 342 342</p> <p>English and Welsh Bridge Campus 01743 235 491</p> <p>https://www.scg.ac.uk/</p>	<p>THESE MUST BE BOOKED ONLINE PRIOR TO GOING.</p> <p>7th February 4:30-6:30pm – A Levels and Arts Courses at English Bridge Campus</p> <p>7th February 4:30-6:30pm – A Levels Courses at Welsh Bridge Campus</p> <p>16th February 4:30-6:30pm – Technical and Professional Courses at London Road Campus</p> <p>Virtual Open Evenings available throughout the year</p>
<p>Telford College</p> <p>01952 642200</p> <p>https://www.telfordcollege.ac.uk/</p>	<p>15th February 5-7:30pm</p> <p>22nd March 5-7:30pm</p> <p>24th May 5-7:30pm</p> <p>21st June 5-7:30pm</p>
<p>Kidderminster College</p> <p>01562 820811</p> <p>www.kidderminster.ac.uk</p>	<p>6th February 5:30-7:30pm</p>

Wolverhampton College 01902 836000 www.wolvcoll.ac.uk	14th January 10am-2pm 26th April 4-7pm 17th June 10am-2pm
South Staffordshire College (Rodbaston Campus) 01785 712209 www.southstaffs.ac.uk Horticulture, Animal Care, Agriculture, Country side and Game Mngt, Horse Mngt, Veterinary Care, Floristry, Agristem (land based technology)	14th January 11th March 20th May 24th June
North Shropshire College www.nsc.ac.uk Oswestry Campus 0800 440 2241 Walford Campus (Near Baschurch, Shrewsbury) 0800 440 2841	Oswestry Campus 8th February 5-7pm 13th June 5-7pm Walford Campus 4th February 10am-12pm 17th June 10am-12pm
Idsall School Post 16 training Centre (Construction 01952 468400 gnorthall@idsall.shropshire.sch.uk www.idsallschool.org	Contact Graham Northall to discuss a visit.

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:

Name	Level	Equivalent educational level
Intermediate	2	5 GCSE passes at grades A* to C
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

- NHS Jobs: www.jobs.nhs.uk

- Public Sector: www.wmjobs.co.uk

- Indeed: www.indeed.co.uk

- Ladder for Shropshire website: www.ladderforshropshire.org/vacancies

- Get my First Job: www.getmyfirstjob.co.uk

- Amazing Apprenticeships - 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>

Training Provider	General Areas Apprenticeships available in
County Training – Telford and Shrewsbury 0345 6789023 www.ctapprenticeships.co.uk ,	Pre-Apprenticeship Study programme for tailored support, Agricultural, Business, Childcare, Countryside, Horticulture, Hair, Hospitality and Catering, IT, Motor Vehicle, Plumbing and more..
Joint Training LTD 01978 664104 www.jtltraining.com	Electrical Maintenance, Heating and Ventilation, Engineering, Plumbing.
HIT Training - National 0800 0935892 www.hittraining.co.uk	Catering and Hospitality Management
Juniper Training - Telford 01952 299016 www.junipertraining.co.uk/centres/telford	Pre-Apprenticeship Study programme for tailored support, Business, Childcare, customer support and retail, construction and transport
Nova Training - Wellington 01952 243380 https://novatraining.co.uk/training-centres/11/telford	Business Admin, Customer Services, Retail, Sales, Motor Vehicle.
Cadcoe – Telford 01952 605549 https://www.cadcoe.com/apprenticeship/	Digital design for Engineering and Construction
MCMT (Marches Centre of Manufacturing & Technology) Telford www.mcmt.co.uk 01952 482 290 01743 462217 (Shrewsbury Site)	Engineering
SBC Training www.sbc-training.co.uk 01743 454810	Accountancy, Business Admin, Construction, Customer Service, Digital, Education and Training, Engineering, Hair, Health and Social, Warehousing
TDM Wyre www.wyreacademy.tdm.co.uk 0333 10 100 40	Technical and Digital Apprenticeships
Shrewsbury College Apprenticeships https://www.scg.ac.uk/apprenticeships 01743 342550	Accounting, Construction, Business, Childcare, Electrical installation, Engineering, Hair and Beauty, Motor Vehicle and Plumbing.
Telford College Apprenticeships www.telfordcollege.ac.uk/join-us/our-courses/apprenticeships/ 01952 642452	Accounting, Motor Vehicle, Business, Computing, Construction, Childcare, Engineering, Health and Social Care, Management, Warehousing.
North Shropshire College Apprenticeships www.ctapprenticeships.co.uk 0345 6789023	Agriculture, Horticulture
CITB www.citb.co.uk/bconstructive/ 0344 9944400	Construction Apprenticeships
ProVQ Apprentice - Shrewsbury www.apprenticeshipfinder@provq.com 01743 762800	Motor Vehicle Industry.
Crossbar coaching https://www.crossbarcoaching.com/education-training/	Sport/Football Apprenticeships.

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.

County Training – Shrewsbury and Telford www.ctapprenticeships.co.uk , 0345 6789023	Juniper Training - Telford 01952 299016 www.junipertraining.co.uk/centres/telford
Nova Training - Wellington 01952 243380	