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Dear Parent/Carer,

Whilst the end of Year 11 may seem some time away, all students need to continue in some form of learning once they have left Mary Webb School. Planning for next steps takes time, so starting early is strongly advised.

Some students may be clear on the path they wish to take, others will be more anxious and unsure about making these important decisions. Our Careers Advisor, Sharon Ruff, can be contacted on sharonruff_careers@outlook.com to answer questions parents / carers / students may have and will support them through their choices. All students will be invited to a 1:1 careers interview over the next few months, and will receive an action plan directly to their school email following that meeting. You should also refer to the post-16 options booklet sent out to all year 10 students and parents during the summer term.

Students should also make use of the Kudos careers package which we subscribe to. This can be accessed by visiting <https://kudos.cascaid.co.uk>. All students were issued with a username and password in Year 9, if this has been misplaced they can be reissued by our Careers Advisor. We will be revisiting Kudos during PSHE over the next few weeks.

Exploring your options

There are a number of events students can attend at different educational providers detailed below. Please check with individual colleges / providers about their arrangements for open events as these may be different from previous years. Some colleges will be running virtual events. Most events are likely to require pre-booking.

Please note all details are correct at time of printing but with a very changeable situation double check websites for the latest information.

Post 16 Options Roadshows organised by Shrewsbury Colleges Group

This event allows Year 11 students and their parents to find out more about what options are available after they leave school in June 2021. Students will have the opportunity to get more information about Further Education courses including A Levels, Vocational courses like BTECs and CTECHs as well as Apprenticeships and other career options such as the Armed Forces. Due to current social precautions around Covid 19 the event will take place online. The event will start with a live stream presentation, from James Staniforth Principal of SCG, covering all the important aspects of transitioning from school to further education or an apprenticeship and exploring the differences between the various qualifications that are available to you.

This will be followed by a live Q&A session and access to the interactive event map where you can 'visit' local providers such as colleges, school sixth forms and The Armed Forces and get more in-depth information on what they can offer you. The main presentation will also be available to watch again on demand after the event.

24 September, 6.30 – 8pm. To book your place, visit www.futurestudy.co.uk and follow the links.

Shrewsbury Colleges Group Open Evenings at London Road, English Bridge & Welsh Bridge

The Autumn open events are all now going to be 'Virtual Open Events'.

Please visit www.scg.as.uk/events and follow the link for the event you wish to book.

Thomas Adams Open Evenings

The Thomas Adams Sixth Form, although on the same campus as Thomas Adams School, is separated by acres of playing fields and is an entirely separate entity, with its own grounds, dining and study areas.

Open event - 15 October. Please check website as this event may be virtual or require pre-booking.

North Shropshire College Open Events

Open Events are a great opportunity for prospective students and parents to come along to the College and see for themselves the fantastic facilities and learning resources on offer.

Tutors and course leaders are available to discuss course options and to give course advice and information. Currently you don't have to register for Open Events, please check before travelling.

Oswestry Campus

Wednesday 21st October 2020, 5.00pm - 7.00pm

Wednesday 10th February 2021, 5.00pm - 7.00pm

Wednesday 16th June 2021, 5.00pm - 7.00pm

Walford Campus (Land-based)

Saturday 17th October 2020, 10.00am - 12.00 noon

Saturday 6th February 2021, 10.00am - 12.00 noon

Saturday 19th June 2021, 10.00am - 12.00 noon

Other local post 16 providers students may wish to consider. (contact the school directly for details on their open events and application process)

William Brookes School <http://www.williambrookes.com/sixth-form>

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

Haberdashers' Adams <https://www.adamsgs.uk>

Shrewsbury School <https://www.shrewsbury.org.uk/>

Shrewsbury Girls High School <https://shrewsburyhigh.gdst.net/>

Concord College <https://concordcollegeuk.com/>

Ellesmere College <https://www.ellesmere.com/>

Oswestry School <https://www.oswestryschool.org.uk/>

Moreton Hall <https://moretonhall.org/>

Reaseheath College www.reaseheath.ac.uk

Making applications

We will be providing support in school to complete applications during PSHE **during January**. This is a very appropriate time to apply to our nearest large colleges (Shrewsbury College or North Shropshire College), but if your son or daughter is very confident about their plans and wishes to apply independently from home to these or any other colleges/6th forms, they can apply whenever they feel ready to do so, they do not have to wait until January. Applications can be completed online via the relevant provider website.

You should be aware that some of the colleges in our area **close applications** earlier than this. The timetable for applications varies, so we would urge students to check dates carefully on school or college websites, especially if they wish to apply to a popular or competitive course. Whilst a large proportion of our students choose to study at Shrewsbury Colleges Group, we encourage you to explore a range of providers to enable students to make informed decisions about the route and educational setting that best suits their needs.

We hope you find this information useful. Please take these opportunities to explore a range of options.

Kind regards,

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