



## Year 11 Idsall School Planning for Next Year!

**Your Careers Adviser at Idsall School is Mel Lawrence**

She is in Idsall on Thursdays.

You can request an appointment with her through your tutor, Head of Year or contact her directly at [mlawrence@williambrookes.com](mailto: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 the 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. (Apprenticeship information see below).

For either BTEC or A' level ensure that your choice of subjects are ones that:

- you will enjoy;
- you think that you will do well in;
- 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

### **BTECS**

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 using the [www.which.co.uk/courses](http://www.which.co.uk/courses) tool or check out the entry requirements on the UCAS website.

On the next page is a list of the most local colleges and the contact details for Idsall 6<sup>th</sup> form.

Useful Contacts, Open Day Dates, Taster Days.

<p><b>College /6<sup>th</sup> form</b></p>	<p><b>Open days - Always Check Prior to attending. Most now require you to book online prior to event.</b></p>
<p><b>Idsall School 6<sup>th</sup> Form</b></p> <p>A-levels BTECs; ICT, Sport Performing Arts, Applied Science, Music, Construction Maintenance Operations, Moto Vehicle.</p>	<p><b>NO BOOKING REQUIRED</b></p> <p>7<sup>th</sup> December Open Evening</p> <p>8<sup>th</sup> December Open Morning</p>
<p><b>Shrewsbury College of Arts &amp; Technology</b> 01743 342342 <a href="http://www.shrewsbury.ac.uk">www.shrewsbury.ac.uk</a></p> 	<p><b>THESE MUST BE BOOKED ONLINE PRIOR TO GOING.</b></p> <p>Year 11 Progression Event Shrewsbury Town Football Club (Many exhibitors present). 2<sup>nd</sup> October 4-7.30pm.</p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> November Open Evening 5-8pm 20<sup>th</sup> November Year 11 TASTERS 4-6.30pm 21<sup>st</sup> November Year 11 TASTERS 4-6.30pm 22<sup>nd</sup> November Year 11 TASTERS 4-6.30pm</p>
<p><b>Telford College of Arts and Technology</b> (Combining with New College) 01952 642200 <a href="http://www.tcat.ac.uk">www.tcat.ac.uk</a></p> 	<p>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2017 5pm - 7.30pm Open Evening</p> <p>TASTERS - Monday 27<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017 (see website nearer time)</p> <p>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2018 5pm - 7.30pm Open Evening</p> <p>TASTERS Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> - Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2018 (see website nearer time)</p> <p>TASTERS Monday 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2018. (see website)</p> <p>Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2018 - 10.30am - 12.30pm Open Morning</p> <p>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2018 5pm 7.30pm Open Evening</p>
<p><b>New College, Telford (Combining with TCAT)</b> 01952 641 892 <a href="http://www.nct.ac.uk">www.nct.ac.uk</a></p>	<p><b>No confirmed dates as yet. Please see website</b></p>

<p><b>Kidderminster College</b> 01562 820811 <a href="http://www.kidderminster.ac.uk">www.kidderminster.ac.uk</a></p>	<p>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October 6-8pm Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2018 6pm -8pm</p>
<p><b>Wolverhampton College</b> 01902 836000 <a href="http://www.wolvcoll.ac.uk">www.wolvcoll.ac.uk</a> <b>Wolverhampton College (Telford Campus)</b> 01952 610101 (Polymer Training and Hairdressing only)</p>	<p>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 4-7pm (at all 3 campuses) Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January 10am-2pm Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 4-7pm Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June 10am -2pm</p>
<p><b>South Staffordshire College (Rodbaston Campus)</b> 01785 712209 <a href="http://www.southstaffs.ac.uk">www.southstaffs.ac.uk</a> Horticulture, Animal Care, Agriculture, Country side and Game Mngt, Horse Mngt, Veterinary Care, Floristry, Agristem (land based technology)</p>	<p>Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September 10am -1pm Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November 10am -1pm</p> 
<p><b>North Shropshire College</b> <a href="http://www.nsc.ac.uk">www.nsc.ac.uk</a> 01691 688000 <b>Shipleigh Campus</b> (Near Wolverhampton) 01902 709840 Animal Care/Mngt, Floristry <b>Walford Campus</b> (Near Baschurch, Shrewsbury) 01939 262100 - Animal care, Agriculture, Engineering, Equine, Countryside Mngt, Motor Vehicle, Sport.</p>	<p>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 5.30pm-8pm (Oswestry campus) Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October 10am - 2pm (Walford campus) TASTER DAY Oswestry and Walford campus 10<sup>th</sup> November (all day book online) Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October 10am - 2pm (Shipleigh campus) TASTER DAY Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November (Shipleigh campus)</p>
<p><b>Idsall School Post 16 training Centre</b> (Motor Vehicle and Construction) 01952 468400 gnorthall@idsall.shropshire.sch.uk <a href="http://www.idsallschool.org">www.idsallschool.org</a></p>	<p>12<sup>th</sup> February 4.30-7pm 15<sup>th</sup> March 4.30pm - 7pm</p> 
<p><b>Welbeck DSFC - Leics (Engineering or Technical Officer training for the Armed Forces or Civil Service)</b> <a href="http://www.dsfc.ac.uk">www.dsfc.ac.uk</a> 01509 891700</p>	<p>Check Entry Requirements first. Generally As/7s needed. Saturday mornings (Some Wednesday afternoons also available) 7<sup>th</sup> October, 4<sup>th</sup> November, 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 13<sup>th</sup> January, 24<sup>th</sup> February ....</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, 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

Firstly set up an account on the National Apprenticeship website. <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>. Make a note of your login details and password. Then set up email and text alerts. Not all employers will use the National Apprenticeship website so you also need to put together your CV and contact employers directly.

Visit YouTube and search apprenticeships/NAS. YouTube it has useful hints and tips on applying plus other videos on apprenticeships.

Check Shropshire Star (Thursdays), Employment agencies such as:

- Job Search
- Universal Jobmatch
- Monster
- Jobsite
- Indeed
- Total Jobs
- fish4jobs



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

Register for apprenticeships at the local Colleges and relevant providers below 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 backup, in case you are unsuccessful at getting an apprenticeship.**

**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>



## Traineeships

Not quite ready for an apprenticeship or job? You could try a traineeship with a local employer to gain valuable work experience and the opportunity to improve your English and maths, if needed. Visit **GOV.UK** and search 'traineeships' for more information or to apply for traineeship opportunities. Local Traineeship Providers are also below.

Training Provider	General Areas Apprenticeships are available in
<b>City of Wolverhampton College - Telford Campus</b> 01952 610101 <a href="http://www.wolvcoll.ac.uk">www.wolvcoll.ac.uk</a>	Hairdressing & Barbering, Polymer Processing.
<b>County Training - Telford and Shrewsbury</b> 0345 6789023 <a href="http://www.ctapprenticeships.co.uk">www.ctapprenticeships.co.uk</a> ,	Business Admin, Childcare, Customer Service, Equine, Hairdressing/Barbering, Health and Social Care, Hospitality and Catering, IT, Management and Team Leading, Motor Vehicle, Warehousing and Storage.
<b>Joint Training LTD</b> 01978 664104 <a href="http://www.jtltraining.com">www.jtltraining.com</a>	Electrical Maintenance, Heating and Ventilation, Engineering, Plumbing.
<b>HIT Training - National</b> 0800 0935892 <a href="http://www.hittraining.co.uk">www.hittraining.co.uk</a>	Chef, Customer Service, Food and Beverage Service, Hospitality, Hospitality Management
<b>Ladder for Shropshire - Telford</b> 0800 9998441 <a href="http://www.telfordjobbox.co.uk">www.telfordjobbox.co.uk</a>	Training to suit your chosen career path.
<b>Matrix Training - Telford</b> 01952 608866 <a href="http://www.matrixtraining.org.uk">www.matrixtraining.org.uk</a>	Business and Administration, Customer Service, Management, Performing Management Operations, Retail, Team Leading, Warehousing and Storage.
<b>Cadcoe - Telford</b> <a href="http://www.cadcoe.com/">www.cadcoe.com/</a> 01952 605549	Digital design for Engineering and Construction. As part of the programme, you will complete a fast-track course in 2D and 3D computer aided design, before you have access to full-time employment.

<p><b>Total People - Telford</b> 01952 642 452 <a href="http://www.totalpeople.co.uk">www.totalpeople.co.uk</a></p>	<p>Health and Social Care (level 1) Motor Vehicle (level 1, 2) Engineering (level 1, 2) Carpentry &amp; Joinery (level 1,2) Brick (level 1, 2) Warehousing (level 1)</p>
<p><b>Juniper Training - Telford</b> 01952 299016 <a href="http://www.junipertraining.co.uk/centres/telford">www.junipertraining.co.uk/centres/telford</a></p>	<p>To be confirmed - new from September 2017.</p>
<p><b>Nova Training - Bridgnorth</b> <a href="http://www.novatraining.co.uk">www.novatraining.co.uk</a> 01746 760388 07951744292 <b>Nova Training - Wellington</b> 01952 243380 <b>Nova Training - Wolverhampton</b> 01902 716100 <b>Nova Training Kidderminster</b> 01527 591048</p>	<p>Business Admin, Customer Services, Retail, Sales, Motor Vehicle.</p>
<p><b>MCMT (Marches Centre of Manufacturing &amp; Technology) Bridgnorth</b> <a href="http://www.mcmt.co.uk">www.mcmt.co.uk</a> 07540491220 019522453211</p>	<p><b>New this year.</b> Maintenance engineering, mechanical engineering - machinist, Engineering Design, Electrical &amp; Electronic Engineering, Welding, Business Improvement, Business Administration, Automotive, Transport &amp; Logistics.</p>
<p><b>Incomm Training Academy Shropshire - Shrewsbury</b> <a href="http://www.in-comm.co.uk">www.in-comm.co.uk</a> 01743 462217</p>	<p>Maintenance engineering, mechanical engineering - machinist, Engineering Design, Electrical &amp; Electronic Engineering, Welding, Business Improvement, Business Administration, Automotive, Transport &amp; Logistics.</p>
<p><b>SBC Training</b> <a href="http://www.sbc-training.co.uk">www.sbc-training.co.uk</a> 01743 454810</p>	<p>Engineering &amp; Manufacturing, Electro- technical, Business Admin, Management &amp; Team Leading, Health &amp; Social Care (including Advice &amp; Guidance), Retail &amp; logistics, Customer Services, ICT</p>
<p><b>Equitrain - Cleobury Mortimer, Shropshire</b> <a href="http://www.equitrainlimited.co.uk">www.equitrainlimited.co.uk</a> 01299 489286</p>	<p>Horse care (Levels 1, 2, 3)</p>
<p><b>TDM Wyre</b> <a href="http://www.wyreacademy.tdm.co.uk">www.wyreacademy.tdm.co.uk</a> 0121 2859101</p>	<p><b>Technical and Digital Apprenticeships</b> Digital &amp; Technology Solutions Professional, Network Engineer, Software Developer, ICT Professional, Digital Business Administration ICT Professional, Digital Business Administration ICT Professional, Digital Marketing, Infrastructure Technician, Digital Marketer, Cyber Security Technologist, Web designer, Digital Learning Admin.</p>



<p><b>Shrewsbury College</b>  <b>Apprenticeships</b>  <a href="http://www.shrewsbury.ac.uk">www.shrewsbury.ac.uk</a>  01743 342550</p>	<p>Accounts, Beauty, Bricklaying, Business Admin, Carpentry, Childcare, Civil Engineering, Construction, Surveying, Customer Service, Electrical Installation, Electronics, Engineering, Food Processing, Front of House, Hairdressing, Health &amp; Social Care, Hospitality, IT, Logistics, Maintenance Operations, Management, Motor Vehicle, Painting &amp; Decorating, Plastering, Plumbing, Professional Cookery, Teaching Assistants, Team Leading, Traffic Office, Warehousing &amp; Storage, Welding &amp; Fabrication.</p>
<p><b>TCAT Apprenticeship Team</b>  <a href="http://www.tcat.ac.uk">www.tcat.ac.uk</a>  01952 642452</p>	<p>Business Admin, Construction, Childcare, Customer Service, Hairdressing, Health &amp; Social Care, Hospitality &amp; Catering, Horticulture, IT, Management, Painting &amp; Decorating, Plumbing, Team Leading, Trees &amp; Timber, Vet Nursing.</p>
<p><b>North Shropshire College</b>  <b>Apprenticeships</b>  <a href="http://www.nsc.ac.uk">www.nsc.ac.uk</a>  01691 688000</p>	<p>Engineering/Manufacturing Technology, Bricklaying, Agricultural Land based service Engineering, Animal Care, Beauty, Hairdressing, Health &amp; Social care, Agriculture, Business Admin, Customer Service, Game keeping and Wildlife Management, Hospitality &amp; Catering, Trees &amp; Timber, Vehicle Maintenance, Horticulture, Advanced Diagnostics.</p>
<p><b>Kidderminster College</b>  01562 826515  <a href="http://www.kidderminster.ac.uk">www.kidderminster.ac.uk</a></p>	<p>Accountancy, Administration, Childcare, Childcare &amp; Social Care, Creative Industries, Digital marketing, Hairdressing, Hospitality &amp; Housekeeping, IT, Marketing, Public Svcs, Retail, Social Media, Sports Development &amp; Coaching, Teaching Assistant.</p>
<p><b>Wolverhampton College</b>  01902 836000  <a href="http://www.wolvcoll.ac.uk">www.wolvcoll.ac.uk</a></p>	<p>Business, Construction, Creative Industries, Engineering, Hair &amp; Beauty, Health &amp; Social Care, Hospitality, Motor Vehicle, Science, Teaching &amp; Education.</p>
<p><b>CITB</b>  <a href="http://www.citb.co.uk/bconstructive/">www.citb.co.uk/bconstructive/</a>  0344 9944400</p>	<p>Site/Bench Joinery, Plant Maintenance, Bricklaying, Roofing, Scaffolding, General Construction Operative, Technical and Professional, Highways Maintenance (surveyor, civil engineering), Painting and Decorating, Tiling, Plastering</p>
<p><b>ProVQ Apprentice - Shrewsbury</b>  <a href="mailto:www.apprenticeshipfinder@provq.com">www.apprenticeshipfinder@provq.com</a>  01743 762800</p>	<p>Motor Vehicle Industry.</p>
<p><b>Coaching Connexions (Telford ADC)</b>  01952 640064</p>	<p>For aspiring young footballers.</p>

## 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.

<p><b>County Training - Shrewsbury and Telford</b>  <a href="http://www.ctapprenticeships.co.uk">www.ctapprenticeships.co.uk</a>,  <b>0345 6789023</b></p>	<p><b>Juniper Training - Telford</b>            01952 299016  <a href="http://www.junipertraining.co.uk/centres/telford">www.junipertraining.co.uk/centres/telford</a></p>
<p><b>Nova Training - Bridgnorth</b>  <a href="http://www.novatraining.co.uk">www.novatraining.co.uk</a>            01746 760388            07951744292  <b>Nova Training - Wellington</b>            01952 243380</p>	<p><b>Total People - Telford</b>            01952 642 452  <a href="http://www.totalpeople.co.uk">www.totalpeople.co.uk</a></p>

## Useful Careers Websites

Twitter is a really good way to keep up to date with Careers information

<a href="http://www.nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk">www.nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk</a>	@NationalCareers	Job profiles and Careers advice
<a href="http://www.icould.com">www.icould.com</a>	@icould.com	1000s of career videos to help you on your career journey
<a href="http://www.prospects.ac.uk">www.prospects.ac.uk</a>	@Prospects	Careers advice, jobs, internships for School leavers and graduates
<a href="http://www.startprofile.com">www.startprofile.com</a>		Excellent Careers new website. Connected to live labour market info, post 16 and 18 courses and an advanced profiling tool.
<a href="http://www.gothinkbig.co.uk">www.gothinkbig.co.uk</a>	@GoThinkBig	Register for work experience in big brand companies to boost your CV
<a href="http://www.parentaguidance.org.uk">www.parentaguidance.org.uk</a>	@Parent_Guidance	Information you need to support your child's career decisions
<a href="http://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk">www.notgoingtouni.co.uk</a>	@notgoingtouni	Site dedicated to apprenticeships, distance learning, foundation degrees, gap years, voluntary work and sponsored degrees.
<a href="http://www.amazingapprenticeships.com">www.amazingapprenticeships.com</a> <a href="http://www.getingofar.gov.uk">www.getingofar.gov.uk</a>	@AmazingAppsUK  @getingofar.gov.uk	Apprenticeship Information
<a href="http://www.careersadviceforparents.org">www.careersadviceforparents.org</a>	@CareersParents	CareersAdvice for Parents and Young People
<a href="http://www.targetcareers.co.uk">www.targetcareers.co.uk</a>	@targetcareersuk	Careers Inspiration



<a href="http://www.barclayslifeskills.com">www.barclayslifeskills.com</a>	@LifeSkills_Ed	Support with employability skills
<a href="http://www.getintoteaching.education.gov.uk">www.getintoteaching.education.gov.uk</a>	@getintoteaching	Help and advice on how and why to get into teaching
<a href="http://www.gov.uk/student-finance">www.gov.uk/student-finance</a>	@SF_England	Student Finance information
<a href="http://www.ucas.com">www.ucas.com</a>	@ucas_online	
<a href="http://www.which.co.uk/university">www.which.co.uk/university</a>	@WhichuniUK	Impartial information on the best Unis, Colleges and Degree Courses.  Great articles on for year 10s and year 11s too.
<a href="http://www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk">www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk</a>	@compuniguide	University Guide
<a href="http://www.stepintothenhs.nhs.uk">www.stepintothenhs.nhs.uk</a>		Careers in the NHS aimed at School leavers
<a href="http://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk">www.healthcareers.nhs.uk</a>	@healthcareersuk	Careers in health
<a href="http://www.severntrentapprentices.com">www.severntrentapprentices.com</a>	@STWApprentices	Careers in Severn Trent
<a href="http://www.aldirecruitment.co.uk">www.aldirecruitment.co.uk</a>	@AldiCareersUK	Careers in retail
<a href="http://www.Nchsr.ac.uk">www.Nchsr.ac.uk</a>	@NCHSR	National College Birmingham for High Speed Rail
<a href="http://www.itvjobs.com">www.itvjobs.com</a>	@itvjobs.com	Apprenticeships and careers at ITV
<a href="http://www.bt.com/careers">www.bt.com/careers</a>	@BTEarlyCareers	BT Graduate, Apprenticeship and Work Ready Programmes
	@TCEarlyCareers	Apprenticeship vacancies at Thomas Cook
<a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/getin">www.bbc.co.uk/getin</a>	@BBCGetIn	BBC entry Schemes in engineering, journalism and production.
<a href="http://www.uk.capgemini.com/you">www.uk.capgemini.com/you</a>	@capgeminiUKPR	Career opportunities and apprenticeships at Cap Gemini
<a href="http://www.unilever.co.uk/careers/apprenticeships/">www.unilever.co.uk/careers/apprenticeships/</a>	@UnileverUKApps	Apprenticeships at Unilever
<a href="http://www.4talent.channel4.com">www.4talent.channel4.com</a>	@4Talent	Opportunities to begin and develop your career in the media industry
<a href="http://www.studentladder.co.uk/Study-Work-Options/study-work-options.html">www.studentladder.co.uk/Study-Work-Options/study-work-options.html</a>	@studentladder	School leaver Programmes and Sponsored Degrees
<a href="http://www.shropshire-rcc.org.uk">www.shropshire-rcc.org.uk</a>	01743 237883	Help to solve young people's transport problems for getting to work/College
<a href="http://www.systbusiness.co.uk">www.systbusiness.co.uk</a>	@SYSTbusiness	ShropshireYouth Support Trust provides young people with the space and support they need to start a business.