

Planning for leaving year 11 at Idsall School



September - December

- Look on College / 6th form websites – the most popular are:
www.idsall.shropshire.sch.uk – Idsall Sixth Form
www.nct.ac.uk -New College, Telford
www.tcat.ac.uk -Telford College of Arts and Technology
www.southstaffs.ac.uk -Rodbaston College, Penkridge, Staffordshire
www.ssfc.ac.uk – Shrewsbury Sixth Form College
www.shrewsbury.ac.uk - Shrewsbury College of Arts & Technology
www.wolvcoll.ac.uk – City of Wolverhampton College
- **Look at prospectuses** – these are available in the library from about the end of September. Year 11s are welcome to help themselves, they don't need to be returned.
- **Attend open evenings & taster sessions** -You will get a list of college open evenings towards the end of September. These are normally held in Oct/Nov/Dec, but there are a few additional dates after Christmas as well. Tasters will be advertised in the bulletin.

January – March

- **Apply to colleges / sixth forms no later than February half term** (although most will accept applications after this date) – most prefer you to apply on-line, although there are usually paper applications in the prospectus. If you are applying to Idsall Sixth Form there will be an assembly about applying and an open evening in the Autumn term.
Important points to remember:
 1. Your choice of course is not finalised at this time, so don't worry if you haven't made up your mind, the most important thing is that you apply.
 2. You can apply to more than one college and accept more than one place if you haven't made up your mind.
- **Apprenticeships – if you think you might like to do an apprenticeship, make an appointment with Shelley, so she can help you find one.**
 1. If an apprenticeship is your first choice, make sure you also apply to college as a back-up, as you may not get an apprenticeship (it's like applying for a job)

April – August

GCSEs and BTECs – work hard on your subjects and revision – it is vitally important you get the best grades you can, to make sure you get your preferred course/ apprenticeship.

Apprenticeships – ongoing applications and support from Shelley if you need it.

Official School Leaving Date: Friday 24 June 2016

GCSE results day: Thursday 25 August 2016

USEFUL WEBSITES:

www.cascaid.co.uk – New Kudos – licence code: listcook07

www.shropshireyouth.info – Website with a Variety of topics relevant to teenagers in Shropshire

www.ucas.com – For those interested in Higher Education / University.

www.university.which.co.uk – finding a university course

www.apprenticeships.gov.uk – Apprenticeship vacancies

nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk -National Careers Service

Shelley is available for appointments on a Monday -let Mr Black know if you want an appointment.

You can also contact Shelley by text : 07990 086210 or email : shelley.robinson@shropshire.gov.uk

