



The half term break is nearly upon us – enjoy it when it arrives. A range of notices below for you to consider.

Upper Sixth:

- Just a quick reminder from me that you'll be out of lessons P1 – 4 next Tuesday, rotating around four workshops related to preparation for life after Shrewsbury School. You will be emailed an individual timetable on Monday 14th February confirming further details and venues. You will be back in lessons from period 5 onwards.
- National Apprenticeship week is running from Monday 7th – Sunday 13th February 2022. As detailed in previous bulletins, there are a significant range of degree apprenticeships available for your consideration, the majority of which are advertised on this [site](#). This [one](#) caught my eye this week, and may be of interest to anyone studying Economics at university.

Lower Sixth:

- Many thanks to those who attended the CV workshop on Monday 7th February, with the remaining six houses booked in for Monday 14th. A reminder that you will need to print off and hand in your CV to your HSM by Friday 4th March 2022 at the latest. A link to some internal resources [here](#).
- Next week I am tremendously excited about the HE & Gap Year Fair which Mrs Scimia and Mr Percival have brilliantly organized. This event is very much aimed at your year group, as well as your parents / guardians. Please ensure you attend and maximize this fantastic opportunity. Full details have been emailed to you.
- It was great to see so many of you book meetings with David Hawkins yesterday to talk about studying abroad options. David will be back with us next week for the Fair. If you are thinking of pursuing this option, can I request that you arrange a meeting with the Futures Department so you can access the support you need.

Fifth Form:

- All of you now have access to Unifrog, a brilliant platform to help with A Level choices, university and apprenticeship knowledge and careers information. Some of you have yet to activate your account, which I find a little baffling, given you are in the process of choosing your options for next year. If you fall into that category, can I ask you get this resolved this week please. Trust me, you will find it useful!

All Year Groups:

- Many thanks to all of those who have attended the careers insight talks that are taking place this half term. We are finishing with a talk from OS John Rankin on Tuesday and the options for next half term can be viewed on this [link](#). For those who had signed up for the Architecture talk, this has been rescheduled for Monday 7th March at 7.30pm.
- I often talk to pupils about the importance of job satisfaction, and believe if you are doing something you love, financial remuneration can often follow. On that theme, readers of this newsletter might find this [article](#) of interest.
- Chances are all of you will, at some point, attend an interview where you will be asked what is called a competency-based question. The entire Lower Sixth will experience this next month. You can spot these questions because they often begin with 'tell me about a time when' or 'describe a situation when'. I would encourage use of the STAR technique to respond to these, to provide some structure to your answer. You might find this [video](#) helpful to find out more.

Best wishes,

Mr Wain