

QEHS Sixth Form

Higher Education Advice Evening

2017



Introductory Talk - Followed by coffee and a choice of two talks

Andy Byers, 6pm - 6.25pm

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Introductory Talk

- Why university?
- UCAS issues
- UCAS Tariff Tables changed last year
- Progression timeline – what, how and when
- Transition Year 12 to Year 13
- Important dates

Why University

Opportunities it offers:

- Employment and financial
- Social
- Cultural
- Personal growth

The Cost?

- Typical student debt = £40000 plus
- Regard the financial cost as a graduate tax of 9% of your salary above £21,000

**But, if uncertain, there are increasing numbers of
alternative routes to higher level skills and
qualifications**

Progression Timeline – Key Dates

6 th April	Higher Education (UCAS) Convention – Teesside University
4 th May	Higher Education Advice Evening
17 th May	AS level Exams Begin – Exam leave from half-term
8th June onwards	Next Step Conference and Progression Events – Students return to school from exam leave (Year 13 begins) All Students required
6 th Sept 7 th Sept	Year 13 students meet with teachers and predicted grades finalised Lessons resume
Sept	UCAS paragraphs completed by staff and applications can be completed by students Mid-Sept UCAS application submission opens to all
Sept / Oct	Referees support applications
Deadlines	15 Oct: Oxbridge/Med/Dent/Vet 20 Oct: QEHS Deadline



Next Step Conference

- Thursday 8th June – bespoke to year group
- Students made session choices today in assembly

Next Step Programme

OUTLINE OF THE DAY INTRODUCTORY PRESENTATIONS

Students come into school for
8.55 am

All students will attend both these
sessions

Session title	Description of session
Going to University	Newcastle University will talk about everything from applying to university, to fresher's week, to timetables/workloads, to study abroad and extracurricular activities
Destination Unknown	A panel of ex-QEHS students will talk about their experiences of gap years, employment and having a change of heart

Next Step Programme

CAREER-RELATED WORKSHOPS

1.00-1.45 pm

Students attend **two** of the following workshops:

Workshop Title
Apprenticeships, Management Trainee Programmes
Forces – Officer Training
Gap Year
Inspiration / Enterprise
Introduction to University Finance
Scottish System
Where can my degree take me? (Humanities and Social Science)
Year in Industry

Next Step Programme

CAREER-RELATED WORKSHOPS

Students attend one workshop:

1.00-1.45 pm

Workshop Title	
Access to accountancy from school	Languages
Art Foundation Course	Law
Business	Media and Performance
Chemical engineering	Medicine
Civil engineering and architecture	Nursing & midwifery
Journalism	Sport

Next Step Programme

CAREER-RELATED WORKSHOPS

Students attend one workshop:

1.50-2.35 pm

Workshop Title	
Animation and computer graphics	Physiotherapy
Computer Science	Pharmacy
Economics	Politics
Marine Biology	Psychology
Mechanical engineering	Teaching
Performing Arts/Music/Drama	Youth Work

Applying to University

UCAS

UCAS Headlines

- Consistently 80% of our students who complete Year 13 apply to university (*over 150 supported each year*)
- Increasing numbers taking deferred entries and Gap Years
- Well above average number of offers for QEHS students

UCAS – Why we are successful

- Well informed students – importance of **bulletin** and **student research**
- Appropriate choices
- Early applications
- Enhancement

University offers

Universities make offers in slightly different ways. For example:

- 3 B grades at A level
- 3 B grades at A level (one of which must be in maths)
- 120 UCAS points from A level/BTEC
- 120 UCAS points 100 of which must be from A level/BTEC subjects
- 120 UCAS points from any qualifications

What happens next?

- Assessment week 26th June 2017

What happens next?

- Exam results (August 17th)
 - Results issued to students & analysed by school
 - Re-marks requested by school/student, if appropriate
- Decisions taken re: programme of study for Y13
 - Do students have a programme of study to continue with?
 - Does a student need to re-sit the year (Year 12)?
- Where there are major concerns students will be invited in at the end of August

What happens in September?

- Students meet with subject teachers on 6th Sept to discuss
 - What are the predicted grades for UCAS applications
 - Looking forward, what modules should be re-sat in June 2018 (if applicable)
- 7th September lessons begin

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