

The Next Step Conference

Wednesday 6 June 2018

The Next Step Conference is intended to raise awareness of all the opportunities open to students after Year 13. University, employment, apprenticeship or training – whatever you choose to go onto next, it is vital that your decision is considered and informed, and a decision that will hopefully mean you will look back in future years and think, “I am glad I did that!”

OUTLINE OF THE DAY

Start of day	
8.55 – 9.05	Timetables for the day given out in lower school foyer
Introductory presentations	
9.15 – 9.55	} Students attend both of the presentations in Block A
10.00 – 10.40	
10:40 – 10:55	Break
University, employment and gap year workshops	
10:55 – 11.35	} Students attend two of the workshops in Block B
11:40 - 12:20	
12.20 – 1.00	Lunch
Career-related workshops	
1.00 – 1.45	Students attend one workshop from Block C
1.50 – 2.35	Students attend one workshop from Block D
Evaluation and Year 13 Timetables	
2.40 – 3.10	Review of the day and year 13 timetables

INTRODUCTORY PRESENTATIONS – Block A

First session 9.15 - 9.55 }
Second session 10.00 – 10.40 } 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	This presentation is aimed at students who are unsure what to do after Sixth Form. A panel of ex-QEHS students will talk about their experiences of gap years, university, employment and having a change of heart

UNIVERSITY, EMPLOYMENT AND GAP YEAR WORKSHOPS - Block B

First session 10.55-11.35

Second session 11.40-12.20

Students attend two of the following

Workshop Title	Description of workshop	TICK TWO
Apprenticeships, Management trainee programmes & Sponsored degrees.	This workshop will provide actual examples of opportunities in all of these areas. These routes could either be a means of gaining work experience before going to university or a means of starting your career and gaining further qualifications without going to university.	
Forces (only 1 session 11.40am)	A representative from the RAF will explore the different routes into the forces and the benefits they can offer.	
Gap Year	Aventure, a popular gap year organisation with our students, will explore the benefits of a gap year and how to go about choosing a good gap year organisation	
Inspiration/Enterprise (Only 1 session 10.55am)	Teesside University will provide an insight into what makes for a successful business start-up, the qualities you require to be successful in business, and where you can go to get support and advice.	
Introduction to university finance	Lancaster University will provide an overview of all aspects of university finance, from tuition fees to loans, bursaries and grants	
Scottish System	A University will explain how the Scottish higher education system differs from that in England, both in terms of courses and financial arrangements	
Where can my degree take me? (Humanities and Social Science)	A representative from Newcastle University will explore what careers and transferrable skills are opened up by studying humanities and social science subject at university	
Year in Industry (TBC Please select a 3rd choice as back up)	A Year in Industry offers the chance of earning up to £16,000 with a business prior to going to university. Employment can be in a wide variety of business areas from engineering, science, IT, e-commerce, business, marketing, finance and logistics. Companies involved in this scheme include Proctor and Gamble Shell, Astra Zeneca, L'Oreal and Rolls Royce	

CAREER-RELATED WORKSHOPS - Block C

1.00–1.45 pm

Students attend one workshop

Workshop Title	Description of workshop	TICK ONE
Access into Accountancy from School	Rowan Pughe and Ernst & Young will outline the programmes that they offer for school leavers. These programmes allow students to achieve chartered accountancy level qualifications over 5 years without going to university	
Art Foundation Course	Newcastle College will talk about art foundation courses and where they can lead	
Business	Pam Croney from Northumbria University will discuss the range of business courses that you will typically find at university and how to make your choice	
Chemical engineering	David Hodgson, a chemical engineer, will talk about careers in process industries and the different applications of chemical engineering	
Geography	A University representative will discuss the different courses available such as environment, physical geography and progression routes available	
Journalism	A representative from the University of Sunderland will discuss the wide range of journalism courses they offer and will look at progression opportunities. This is a rapidly changing area both in term of courses and career opportunities.	
Languages	Representatives from Durham University will look at language degrees and combined language degrees at university and employment opportunities afterwards	
Law	Helpful advice for any Law student from a representative of Newcastle University. They will talk about putting together your application, personal statement advice etc	
Media and Performance	A Northumbria University graduate will discuss courses they have to offer, the facilities, personal statement advice, future career plans and an opportunity to ask questions	
Medicine	University of Leeds will talk about entry requirements and the personal qualities required for medicine and what the opportunities are once you are qualified	
Nursing & midwifery	A representative from Northumbria Healthcare Trust will look at entry into nursing and midwifery and give advice on a strong application.	
Sport	A Northumbria University graduate will cover the different types of sports courses available and what qualities applicants need to demonstrate to apply for these types of courses.	
Veterinary	A local vet will discuss how to get into veterinary, qualifications required, work experience and personal qualities	

CAREER-RELATED WORKSHOPS - Block D

1.50–2.35 pm

Students attend one workshop

Workshop Title	Description of workshop	TICK ONE
Animation and computer graphics	Teesside University's animation and visual effects department will offer an insight into the different courses available to students, desirable skills and attributes and possible career paths.	
Biology	A Zoology graduate from Newcastle University will talk about the types of biology courses available and where they can take you.	
Computer Science	Newcastle University will discuss the variety of computer science courses available, how to choose which specific course to apply for and how to make a competitive application.	
Economics	Lancaster University offer a range of well-established and well-respected economics courses. They will discuss the range of economics courses studied at Lancaster, how they may combine with other courses, the value of studying economics at university generally, and typical progression routes taken by economics students.	
Mechanical engineering	Nick Thornton, an ex-QEHS student, will talk about his training and career with IHC Engineering, an engineering design firm, with some practical demonstrations	
Performing Arts/Music/Drama	A panel of ex-QEHS students will talk about their experiences at university/college and the application and audition processes	
Pharmacy	A representative from the RVI will discuss the routes into and opportunities available in pharmacy.	
Physiotherapy	A representative from Teesside University will talk about studying physiotherapy and available opportunities after graduation.	
Plan BEE	A consortium of employers working in the Built Environment industry. A representative will discuss entry requirements on to their higher level apprenticeship scheme, the application process, qualification and opportunities available	
Politics	Webinar via University of Bristol who will give an Introduction to Politics followed by some more general information on studying Politics at UoB, as well as time for questions.	
Psychology	Dr Amy Fielden from Newcastle University, will talk about studying psychology and the opportunities afterwards.	
Teaching	Tom Noble from Northumbria University will look at the different entry routes into teaching at primary level.	
Youth Work	A community project leader (youth worker), will talk about her work and how to become involved, even before leaving school.	

EVALUATION AND YEAR 13 TIMETABLES

2.40 – 3.10 pm

Evaluation of the day, Year 13 timetables issued with updates, key information for Year 13 regarding progression opportunities and events this half term.