

Sixth Form Bulletin 04/11/16

Queen Elizabeth High School, Hexham



Sixth Form Notices

YEAR 13 A speaker from the **University of Leeds** will be coming to QEHS on Thursday 17 November 2016 to deliver a session for Year 13 students on **interview skills for university**. Students must **sign up** to attend this talk – either pop in to the Curriculum Office or email curriculum@qehs.net

Careers/Apprenticeships

BOTH YEARS Ernst and Young (EY) is holding a 'EY Choices Evening' on Tuesday 15 November 2016 for Sixth Form students interested in their **Business Apprenticeship Programme**. The event will feature the chance to explore all the **different options available** at EY, find out about **career paths**, and **meet current trainees and senior employees**. EY also has opportunities available for **permanent employment** in their **Newcastle-based Data Analytics department** from September 2017 (two ex-QEHS Sixth Form students are currently working at EY in this role). Any students interested in this position should **also attend the Choices Evening**. For more information and to book a place, see <https://ukcareers.ey.com/schools/events-and-contacts/events/face-to-face-events/>



YEAR 13 Lloyd's are accepting applications to their **apprenticeship programme**, designed for school leavers who are keen to pursue a **career in insurance** and would like to undertake **an alternative to university**. On the **13-month** scheme, apprentices will build up knowledge and experience of the Lloyd's Corporation, a broking house and a managing agent. At the end of the programme apprentices will qualify with a **Level 3 Insurance Practitioner qualification**, a Certificate in Insurance, and will have gained a head-start in their career. Apprentices receive a salary of **£17,175** each year plus benefits. There is no fixed deadline for the programme, however Lloyd's anticipate that it will be closing at the end of November/beginning of December 2016. For more information and to apply, see <https://www.lloyds.com/lloyds/careers/apprentices>

YEAR 13 The Law School of the Chartered Institute of Legal Executives offers **legal apprenticeships** in major firms in **Newcastle**. The roles of legal apprentices are equivalent to paralegals, trainee solicitors and even newly qualified lawyers in some legal departments and law firms. It is another alternative to university where participants **earn while they learn**, and is linked to the **Chartered Legal Executive qualification** which many firms sponsor their employees to complete. In the future some Newcastle firms are planning to offer a **Level 6 Solicitor apprenticeship** which enables apprentices to complete a LLB degree and solicitors' qualification. The entry requirement for the apprenticeships is a minimum of **three A levels at grade C**. There will be a further open event in 2017, however for further information in the meantime contact Nicola Goodman on nicola.goodman@cilexlawschool.ac.uk



University

YEAR 12 Durham University have now launched their **2016-17 Supported Progression programme** for Year 12 students. The Supported Progression scheme is a **two-year programme of events and information**, including the opportunity to experience life as a Durham University student in residential events. Students who complete the **assessed summer school** at the end of Year 12 will receive a qualification **equivalent to 16-32 UCAS tariff points to use towards entry requirements for study at Durham University**. Students may also be eligible to receive **bursaries** towards university costs. The deadline for the Supported Progression scheme is Thursday 1 December 2016. For more information, see <https://www.dur.ac.uk/supported.progression/>



BOTH YEARS It is worth noting that **several other universities now offer similar Supported Progression schemes**, including Northumbria (NU Entry), Newcastle (PARTNERS), Leeds (Access to Leeds), York, and Southampton. Some schemes (like the Durham one above) require students to join in **Year 12**; however some take applications in **Year 13**. If students would like any help or information regarding Supported Progression, please speak to Michelle and Rebecca in the Curriculum Office.

Enrichment

BOTH YEARS There is a '**National Medic Mentor Weekend**' taking place on 19-20 November 2016 for Sixth Form students interested in becoming doctors. Medical conferences will be happening at **six locations across the UK**: London, Hertfordshire, Oxford, Nottingham, Cardiff and Exeter. The event includes 14 presentations from Royal Colleges, medical schools, and a variety of doctors and medical students to help aspiring medics explore careers in medicine; as well as information on applying to medical schools, and a wider reading lecture which covers topical events. Parents/carers are encouraged to attend as there will be a programme of talks for them as well. Over the weekend students will have the chance to **network with doctors and medical students**, and learn **about work experience opportunities**. The cost of the weekend is **£25**, although fully-funded places are available with fulfilment of certain eligibility criteria. For more information and to book a place, see <http://medicmentor.co.uk/national-medic-mentor-weekend/>