

Sixth Form Bulletin 06/01/17

Queen Elizabeth High School, Hexham



Sixth Form Notices

YEAR 12 In **assembly** on Thursday 12 January 2017 Mr Hill will be talking about **General Studies**. You are the last year group who will be able to take advantage of this extra qualification and you have the least number of AS examinations this summer, so you need to listen carefully to the advice given as there are benefits to having this qualification but the exam will not suit everyone. At the end of the assembly you will have an opportunity to request a place on a one-day workshop in the Hexham Abbey conference rooms.



YEAR 12 On Monday 30 January 2017 (period 4) **Northumbria University** is going to **run a session on how to revise**. It is open to all Year 12 students but **essential for anyone who might apply to Northumbria next year and might be eligible for their NU Entry scheme**, as it forms part of their entry criteria.

YEAR 12 EGGER has **one position available** for the **Year 12 work experience week (6-10 March 2017)** in their Wood Buying department. This would be useful for any students interested in working in buying, negotiating, or any other area of business. Any interested students should contact the Human Resources department on 01434 613361.

University/College

YEAR 12 Medisense, a project established in the North East by **junior doctors** and **senior medical students**, is holding a **one-day event at Newcastle University Medical School** called 'Medisense Does Medicine'. The day aims to provide **relevant and reliable advice for applying to undergraduate medical courses**, delivered by local doctors and medical students who have experience of the process. There will be **workshops** on personal statements, interviews, the UKCAT, and ethical scenarios, with the opportunity for **each individual student to gain personal feedback**. There will also be **Q&A sessions** with medical students and junior doctors, and students will be provided with an **information pack** to take home. Interested students need to email a **500 word personal statement**, in the style of a medical school application, to medisenselearning@gmail.com before Friday 20 January 2017. Students also need to include their full name, year group and school in their email correspondence. For more information on Medisense, see www.medisense.org.uk



Enrichment

BOTH YEARS **Northumberland National Park**, which had a stall at Freshers' Fair in September, provides **short term placements** for students with an interest in pursuing a career in the **environmental or countryside sector**. The voluntary placement is based either at Rothbury or Walltown (Hadrian's Wall) and comprises of **ten days over a three-month period**. Working as part of the Ranger Team, placements will focus on the care and management of the National Park,

including its **sites, woodlands, and nature reserves**. Areas covered will include Public Right of Way work, biodiversity work, guided walks and educational events, and work with specialised staff members such as ecologists, archaeologists, the Farming Team, and the Access Officer. The application form and further information will be placed on the Sixth Form Information Page on Moodle but can also be found at www.northumberlandnationalpark.org.uk/about/jobs-training/youth-volunteering/young-volunteer-placements. The deadline for applications is Monday 6 February 2017.

BOTH YEARS Youth Link are looking for volunteers to join their **Volunteer Mentoring** scheme. They aim to improve communication and relationships between young people and their families by providing a peer mentor who will work one to one with them to explore their difficulties and identify solutions to their problems. Training to be a peer mentor with Youth Link involves undertaking an **accredited 30-hour course** which qualifies you to be a mentor out in your community. Mentors need to be **aged 17 or over**, be able to spare **2-3 hours per week** and be able to travel around Tynedale easily. For more information, contact Sarah Wood on sarah.wood@children-ne-org.uk or 01434 608414/07760624869.



BOTH YEARS The **Hexham Constituency Labour Party** is looking for a **youth representative delegate**. This would be a valuable enhancement opportunity for students interested in studying or embarking on a career in areas such as **politics, social sciences, and other related humanities subjects**. The ideal candidate would be in Year 12 so that they can be in post for longer but Mr Hill would be interested to hear from any students from any year group. If you might be interested and would like to know more, please email Mr Hill on jhill@qehs.net and he will arrange to meet you and explain what the role would involve.

YEAR 12 **Nuffield Research Placements** give students the opportunity to **work alongside professional scientists, technologists, engineers and mathematicians for four to six weeks** over the summer holidays. Nuffield covers **travel costs** for all students and also offer **weekly bursaries** to students who meet certain **eligibility criteria**. Applying for the Research Placements involves an in-depth application process and a reference from the school. For more information and to apply, see <http://www.nuffieldfoundation.org/applicants>

YEAR 12 The **Sutton Trust US Programme** is currently accepting applications. The programme is specially designed to give UK **Year 12 students a taste of life at an American university**, with Harvard, Yale and MIT examples of previous host campuses. It is **free** to take part in as all costs are covered by the Sutton Trust. The programme includes a **week-long visit** to the US, **UK-based residentials** which focus on admissions advice, **support** from the Sutton Trust advisers on applications and financial aid, in-depth **admissions test preparation** and guidance for parents. The Sutton Trust does have quite strict **eligibility criteria** looking at academic achievement, household income and similar conditions, so it is worth thoroughly researching the programme to be aware of these entry requirements. The deadline for applications is 22 January 2017. For more information and to apply go to <http://us.suttontrust.com/>

