

## Sixth Form Bulletin 06/12/17

Queen Elizabeth High School, Hexham



### Careers/Apprenticeships

**YEAR 13** The National Apprenticeship Service has published an extremely comprehensive and valuable resource called the **Higher and Degree Apprenticeship Listing**, showing **thousands of vacancies from over 40 employers starting in 2018**. The list shows the employer, level of apprenticeship offered, roles available, expected number of apprenticeships, locations, starting salary, and when applications open (N.B. some are open now). There are a **huge range of career paths** represented, from Quantity Surveying to Cyber Security to Naval Architecture. Higher and degree apprenticeships are available at **levels 4 to 7**: level 4 is equivalent to a Higher Education Certificate/Diploma or **Foundation Degree**, level 7 is equivalent to a



**Master's Degree**. These apprenticeships are a fantastic way to **achieve a degree debt-free** whilst gaining a **significant head start into a career and earning a salary**. Students can apply to **both university and higher/degree apprenticeships** at the same time, so even if you haven't considered going down an apprenticeship route it is worth looking at the list, particularly if you are planning to study subjects such as **Engineering, Economics/Finance, and IT**. The Higher and Degree Apprenticeship Listing can be found at:

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/664656/Apps-Campaign-Listing.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/664656/Apps-Campaign-Listing.pdf)

If you would like any advice on higher/degree apprenticeships, please see Rebecca or Michelle in the Curriculum Office.

**YEAR 13** The **BBC** are one of the many organisations mentioned in the above list with various opportunities available. They are currently accepting applications for their **Broadcast and Communications Engineering Higher Apprenticeship**, which is an industry **sponsored degree**. Starting in September 2018 and lasting 3 years, the scheme combines studying for a **BEng degree with work placements at the BBC with a starting salary of £12,500**. The degree will include tailored courses in computer networks, IP distribution, transmission, software programming, application development, audio and video signals and systems. Apprentices will have a main BBC base (**UK-wide placements available**) but will spend periods away on study. Entry requirements are **120 UCAS points** (2017 tariff) which must include maths and another science. Applications will close in January 2018. For more information and to apply, see <http://www.bbc.co.uk/careers/trainee-schemes-and-apprenticeships/technology/techapprenticeship>



### Enrichment

**BOTH YEARS** GoThinkBig are holding a **webinar** for any students interested in the **radio and media industries** on Monday 11 December 2017. Hosted by Raymond Tannor, a presenter on Roundhouse Radio, the webinar will cover Ray's experiences since starting his own radio show, what it's like to

work in the industry, and his five top tips for structuring a show. For more information and to sign up for the webinar, see <https://www.gothinkbig.co.uk/opportunities/how-to-structure-a-radio-show>

**YEAR 12** EPOC Careers Conferences organises events for students who are interested in becoming **doctors or lawyers**, to help decide whether medicine or law is the career for them and to help with UCAS applications. The conferences include sessions on what **admissions tutors and interviewers** are looking for, the **UKCAT, BMAT** (medical) and **LNAT** (law), how to improve **interview technique**, the **realities** of studying and specialising in the profession, and the **opportunity to speak to doctors/solicitors and barristers** and current university students about their experiences. Both conferences are held at **University College London**, on the following dates:

- Improve Your Chances of Becoming a Doctor: Saturday 3 February 2018
- Improve Your Chances of Becoming a Lawyer: Sunday 4 February 2018

Both conferences have a cost of £89.00. For more information and to book, see <http://www.epoc.org.uk/>