

## Sixth Form Bulletin 09/03/18

Queen Elizabeth High School, Hexham



### Careers/Apprenticeships

**YEAR 13** **Civil Service Fast Track Apprenticeship** applications are now open. The scheme involves a **two-year Level 4 higher apprenticeship**, a way to **earn while you learn**, and a fast-track programme which offers valuable career experience and skills. Applicants can choose between **six apprenticeships**:

- Policy
- Business
- Commercial
- Digital, Data and Technology
- Finance
- Project Delivery



Civil Service  
Fast Track  
Apprenticeship

The Fast Track programme gives apprentices a **permanent job** with a **starting salary of between £19,500 and £27,000**. For more information and to apply, see

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/civil-service-fast-track-apprenticeship>

**YEAR 12** **Ernst and Young (EY)** offer Year 12 students a **ten-month mentoring programme** called EY Foundation Smart Futures. The programme starts with **three weeks of paid work experience during the summer holidays in Newcastle** (or at various locations across the UK), during which time students will complete a Level 2 qualification in Team Leading from the Chartered Management Institute. An EY Foundation mentor will then support participants for ten months to give **advice on anything related to education and employment**. For more information and to apply, see <http://www.ey.com/uk/en/about-us/corporate-responsibility/ey-foundation-smart-futures-apply>



**YEAR 13** EY are also hosting an information event called **EY Choices** which provides further details on all their **opportunities for students after A Level**, including their **new degree apprenticeship** in conjunction with Northumbria University. The event will be held on 19 March 2018 (6–8pm) at the Northumbria University Business School and will cover EY as a company, the wide variety of programmes available, and the five key skills EY believe students should have to succeed in the workplace. For more information and to register for a place, see <http://www.ukcareers.ey.com/schools/our-programmes/work-experience/choices-evening>

**YEAR 13** Arup, a global firm of designers, planners, engineers, and consultants, has **two advanced apprenticeship vacancies** based in Newcastle: **Civil and Building Services Apprentice Technicians**. The role supports a variety of different work, including production of engineering drawings and sketches, production of Building Information Models, preparation of engineering calculations, taking part in design meetings and site visits, and helping with the administration of projects. Required qualifications are 5 or more GCSEs at grade C/4 or above, including English and Science, with GCSE Maths at grade B/5 or above. The deadline for applications is 18 March 2018. For more information

see <https://careers.arup.com/earlycareers/vacancy/advanced-apprenticeships---buildings--infrastructure---newcastle-1252/1278/description/>

## Enrichment

**YEAR 12** New College of the Humanities is running an **essay competition** for Year 12 students. They have a **selection of different essay titles** that address a broad range of **humanities and social sciences topics**:

- Art History: 'Does contemporary art have social value?'
- Economics: 'Can rich countries meaningfully help developing countries improve their standards of living?'
- English: 'Does literature change anything?'
- History: 'Is history dangerous?'
- Law: 'Human Rights: Universal or a Western Construct?'
- Philosophy: 'What is utilitarianism? Can it be defended?'
- Politics and International Relations: 'Is war a pre-requisite for peace?'



First prize in the competition is **£2000 for the student and £1000 for their school**. The closing date for entries is 20 May 2018. For more information, see <https://www.nchlondon.ac.uk/essay/>

**YEAR 12** Medic Mentor, a mentoring organisation for aspiring healthcare students, is holding their **National Healthcare Weekend** on 24-25 March 2018 for prospective **medics, dentists, vets, and psychologists**. There are eight conferences taking place over four locations, and over 200 healthcare professionals will be attending to present and network with students, covering career-specific topics and advice on how to make a successful application. Registration for the event costs £25. For more information, see <https://medicmentor.co.uk/events-2/>

## University/College

**YEAR 12** Oriel College at Oxford University has two upcoming **residential study days** for Year 12 students:

- **Politics, Philosophy and Economics (PPE)** and related courses: 11–12 April 2018
- **Biochemistry and Biomedical Sciences**: 12–13 April 2018

The study days include subject-focused lectures and seminars delivered by Oriel College academics, as well as a mock interview and advice on applying to Oxford. Students will also have an opportunity to tour the University, eat in the college dining hall and stay in student accommodation. The college offers an **off-peak return train ticket from any UK station** for every attendee. There are some eligibility criteria for the study days which include predicted grades. The deadline for applications is 29 March 2018; please note that a teacher will also need to provide a **short reference**. For more information see <http://www.oriel.ox.ac.uk/2018-study-days>