

## Sixth Form Bulletin 11/11/16

Queen Elizabeth High School, Hexham



### Careers/Apprenticeships

**BOTH YEARS** GoThinkBig have teamed up with O2 and Boiler Room to provide workshops for any students **interested in the music industry**. The two-day events will be held in Leeds on 6–7 December 2016 and in London on 30 November–1 December 2016. The first day will consist of workshops with Boiler Room experts, covering **music programming, event production, social media and event marketing, live streaming and broadcast, and content creation and post-production**. On the second day participants will be able to celebrate **at the show that they helped create at O2 Academy Brixton or O2 Academy Leeds**. The event provides the opportunity to get practical experience for a CV, insight from industry leaders, and connections from big music brands. GoThinkBig will cover reasonable **travel costs**, and provide **free accommodation** if students live too far away. For more information and to apply, see <https://gothinkbig.co.uk/music/boilerroom/>



**BOTH YEARS** **Reminder: Ernst and Young (EY)** is holding a 'EY Choices Evening' on Tuesday 15 November 2016 for 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** **Reminder: Virgin Money** are offering a **degree apprenticeship in IT** at their Gosforth office in Newcastle, starting in September 2017. Participants in the programme will study for a Bachelor's Degree in **Digital Technology Solutions** over four and a half years, as well as completing **valuable on-the-job experience** working across a number of Digital, IT and Change projects. The starting salary for the apprenticeship scheme is **£16,500**. Opportunities within the apprenticeship include Software Engineering, IT Consulting, Business Analysis, Network Engineering, and Data Analysis. Entry requirements are **260 UCAS points** and grade C GCSE Maths and English. The closing date is coming up soon: Friday 18 November 2016. For more information and to apply, see <https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeship/-28952>



### Enrichment

**YEAR 12** Students who need **medical work experience** – not just for those applying for medicine but **any healthcare related disciplines within the NHS** such as physiotherapy, radiotherapy, nursing, midwifery, etc. – can **apply to the NHS** for a work experience placement. Students **must apply for medical work experience in the county that they live in**; for example, students living in

**Northumberland** must contact the **Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust** at [learning.surgery@northumbria.nhs.uk](mailto:learning.surgery@northumbria.nhs.uk) for an application pack. Placements can take up to **eight weeks** to arrange as occupational health checks must be done beforehand. It is also worth noting that for any healthcare related discipline, work experience in a **caring setting** (e.g. care homes, the Priory School, Youth Link Peer Mentoring, first schools) is just as important. If any students need advice on this, they can speak to Michelle or Rebecca in the Curriculum Office.

**YEAR 12** **Reminder:** Year 12 students can apply now for 2017 Headstart courses. Headstart provides hands-on **STEM activities and engineering taster courses** for students who are interested in related courses but would like an opportunity to explore the subject areas further. Headstart courses take place at universities across the UK, giving further information on not just the degree courses available but also the varied career opportunities they'll lead to. As the courses cover a lot of **niche areas** across the STEM fields, Headstart offers a chance to **sample a specialism that might not be available in Taster Sessions anywhere else**, for example Marine Engineering, Nuclear Physics, Material Science, Robotics, and Aerospace Engineering. For more information see [www.headstartcourses.org.uk](http://www.headstartcourses.org.uk)



**BOTH YEARS** **Workshop Conferences** are offering a range of conferences and events for students interested in applying for **Medicine, Medical Sciences, and Veterinary Medicine:**

- **Medlink Exhibition and Health Sciences Fair:** held at Kensington Town Hall, London, on Monday 21 November 2016; or The Lowry, Salford Quays Manchester, on Thursday 24 November 2016. This event is **free** and includes a range of interactive activities and talks on topics such as interviews, personal statements, UKCAT practice questions, work experience, virtual reality simulations, and much more. To book a place see <http://medlink-uk.net/medlink-exhibitions-2016/>
- **Vet-Medlink Intensive:** 17–18 December 2016 at the University of Nottingham. The **two-day residential conference** offers advice and support to aspiring veterinary students, covering topics such as work experience, what the veterinary schools look for, auscultation practical sessions, social media, chemistry masterclasses, interviews, and the opportunity to meet current veterinary students. To book a place see <https://workshop-conferences.com/vet-medlink-intensive/>
- **Medlink Intensive:** 17–18 December 2016 at the University of Nottingham. This event is similar to Vet-Medlink but is tailored to students applying to medical school. See <http://medlink-uk.net/medlink-intensive-2016/> for more information and to book a place.

**BOTH YEARS** UniDentists, an organisation made up of group of dental students from King's College London, are holding a **Dental School Preparation Course** at King's College London on Sunday 11 December 2016. The full-day course includes **interactive lectures and exercises** covering **all aspects of the application process**, including interview preparation, extracurricular guidance, work experience, communication skills, dental ethics, and the NHS and current affairs. The cost of the course is £79.00 but UniDentists offer **bursary schemes** to widen participation (email [info@unidentists.com](mailto:info@unidentists.com) for details). For more information and to book a place, see <http://www.unidentists.com/>



## University

**BOTH YEARS** Askham Bryan College has a campus centre in **Newcastle** which delivers courses in **Animal Management and Veterinary Nursing**. Facilities at the Campus include an Animal Unit housing a range of species, access to offsite facilities hosting large animals, laboratories and science resources. Askham Bryan is holding an **Open Morning in Newcastle** on Saturday 19 November 2016 (10.00am – 1.00pm) for any students interested in learning more, with opportunities to meet course specialists, tour the facilities and visit the residential accommodation. To book a place on the Open Morning, see <http://www.askham-bryan.ac.uk/whats-on/event/2016/11/19/1968>