

Sixth Form Bulletin 12/01/18

Queen Elizabeth High School, Hexham



University/College

YEAR 13 The Department of **Theology and Religion** at **Durham University** now has a number of **scholarships** available for students wishing to study in their department. The eligibility criteria for the scholarship are having a home address within the Anglican Dioceses of Durham and Newcastle and a family income of less than £42,000. As of December 2017 they are hoping to offer **four scholarships** worth **£5000**. For more information contact the admissions team on jonathan.miles-watson@durham.ac.uk or krastu.banev@durham.ac.uk. For more information about the Department and the courses available, see <https://www.dur.ac.uk/theology.religion/undergrad/>

Enrichment

YEAR 12 **Reminder:** The deadline for applying to 2018 Headstart courses is 31 January 2018. Headstart provides hands-on **Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) activities and taster courses** for students who are interested in related courses but would like an opportunity to explore the subject areas further. 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



YEAR 12 The Department of **Politics and International Relations** at **Oxford University** is running a **social science essay competition** for Year 12 students. In up to 2000 words, students are invited to answer the question: 'Vital statistics. What does everyone need to know about data?' The winner will receive **£100**, the runner-up will receive **£50** and both essays will be published on the Oxford Q-Step website. The closing date for the competition is Friday 23 February 2018. For more information see <https://www.oqc.ox.ac.uk/schools/q-step-schools-essay-competition-2018.html>

BOTH YEARS **Newcastle University** run a programme of **public lectures** called **INSIGHTS** during February – May 2018 which are free and open to everyone. Many of the guest speakers are leaders in their field and lecture on specialist subjects or areas which provides the chance to experience a **more in-depth exploration** of topics. Upcoming lectures include:

- 'The Speaker, Parliament and engaging with the modern democracy', Thursday 1 February, delivered by Rt Hon John Bercow MP
- 'Hearts and Minds: the untold story behind votes for women', Thursday 8 February, delivered by Jane Robinson, author and social historian
- 'Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation: a view from the US Civil War's slave refugee camps', Thursday 16 February, delivered by Dr Amy Murrell Taylor from the University of Kentucky
- LGBT History Month Lecture: 'Pride in the North', Thursday 20 February, delivered by Mark Nichols from Northern Pride



Previous lectures are also available to download from the University archive. For more information, see <http://www.ncl.ac.uk/events/public-lectures/>

BOTH YEARS The **Widening Access to Medical School** scheme at **Leeds University** is hosting two free **Medicine Taster Days** in February and March 2018. The Taster Days include a number of workshops to give a sample of what it is like to be at medical school, covering ethics, communication skills, and situational judgement. There will also be a personal statement workshop. The February taster day is being held on Saturday 10 February 2018 and bookings are open now. See <http://www.wanttobeadoctor.co.uk/events-sign-up> for more details.

BOTH YEARS **Reminder for students interested in studying abroad:** A Star Future are hosting an **information session in Newcastle** called '**How to Choose a University Abroad**'. It will be held at the Royal Station Hotel on Tuesday 23 January 2018 (6—8pm). The session will discuss the key motivations for British students wanting to go to university overseas, the highlights of student life abroad and the practicalities of applying to an international university. To book a place at the event, see <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/a-star-future-ltd-2939782429>. For more information on A Star Future and to view their extensive online resources, see <https://www.astarfuture.co.uk/>



YEAR 12 **Leeds University** have a series of **subject-specific Year 12 Taster Days** in March and April 2018:

- **Psychology** Taster Day – Wednesday 7 March
- **Audiology, Cardiac Physiology and Diagnostic Radiography** Taster Day – Thursday 22 March
- **Nursing, Midwifery and Social Work** Taster Day – Friday 23 March
- **Dentistry** Taster Day – Monday 30 April

The Taster Days are all free and are designed to give students a taster of what it is like to study these courses at university, including taster workshops and lectures, the opportunity to meet academic staff and students from these course areas, and a tour of the University campus. Bookings for all events close on Friday 2 February 2018 but early booking is recommended as these events are very popular. For more information and to book a place, see www.healthsciences.leeds.ac.uk/events

BOTH YEARS **Northumberland National Park** is looking for young people aged 16-25 to take part in their **Spring Volunteer Placement**. This opportunity is designed to give participants who are interested in pursuing **a career in the environmental/countryside sector** the chance to sample working life with the Ranger team. The placement runs from April to June, and the successful applicant will attend a minimum of 10 days during this three month period. For further details contact Jane Riddell on jane.riddell@nnpa.org.uk or 07795834936. More information is also available at <https://www.northumberlandnationalpark.org.uk/about-us/jobs-volunteering/placements-apprenticeships/>



Careers/Apprenticeships

YEAR 12 **Ernst and Young (EY)** offer Year 12 students a **ten-month mentoring programme** called EY Smart Futures. The programme starts with three weeks' **paid work experience during the summer holidays in Newcastle** (or at various locations across the UK), offering the chance to gain transferrable skills and work with other businesses in **a variety of industries**. An EY Foundation mentor will support participants throughout the scheme to give **advice on career choices**, and students will be invited to **a series of alumni events** throughout their final school year. Please note that there are eligibility criteria for the scheme, in particular that students must have been eligible for free school meals at any point in the past six years. For more information and to apply, see <http://www.ey.com/uk/en/about-us/corporate-responsibility/ey-foundation-smart-futures-apply>