

Sixth Form Bulletin 13/01/17

Queen Elizabeth High School, Hexham



Sixth Form Notices

YEAR 12 In assembly on **Thursday 26 January 2017**, 'A Star Future' is going to talk to Year 12 about the **opportunities and benefits of studying abroad**. This is an excellent presentation which will encourage you to think about where might be the best place for you to study, how studying abroad might help your career prospects and broaden your horizons but also the financial implications/benefits.



If any students or parents/carers are interested in finding out more, A Star Future is **also holding an event in Newcastle** on **Tuesday 24 January 2017** (6.00 – 7.30pm) called 'How to Choose a University Abroad'. The event will cover the benefits of studying at international universities, the key reasons why British students should consider studying abroad, and the practicalities that should be considered. Students originally from the North East who are now at university abroad will also be there to talk about their experiences. Registration for the event is essential – for more details see http://www.astarfuture.co.uk/events/a_star_future_is_coming_to_newcastle_international_hi.html

University/College

YEAR 12 Students interested in applying to **Oxbridge**: bookings are now being taken for the **Oxford & Cambridge Student Conferences**. The full-day event is held at St James' Park in Newcastle on **Tuesday 21 March 2017**, and is designed to provide up-to-date information on the application and admissions process at Oxford and Cambridge, as well as providing an insight into student life. The conference includes course information sessions with taster lectures and information on applications, student finance and graduate prospects. There will also be the opportunity to talk to Admissions Tutors, current students, and other academic staff. Interested students should give their names to the Curriculum Office **before Thursday 19 January 2017**.

YEAR 12 The University of Oxford has two upcoming opportunities for Year 12 students:

- **Pathways Subject Days** – the chance to experience a chosen subject through a **day of academic sessions** run by Oxford tutors. The day also includes talks from admissions tutors and a college tour. Throughout the day students are accompanied by a **current Oxford undergraduate student** who is studying a similar subject. The 2016 Pathways Subject Days will be on **14, 15, and 16 March 2017**. The deadline for applications is **Friday 27 January 2017**, with accommodation and help with travel costs available; see <http://www.pathways.ox.ac.uk/#y12study>
- **UNIQ Summer School** – applications are now open for Oxford University's free, **week-long residential programme**. The programme is designed to introduce academically-able and enthusiastic students to the opportunities that Oxford has to offer. Students apply for a specific course – there are 36 to choose from – and then attend **lectures and seminars** in their chosen subject while **living in a University college**. Application forms and more information about the eligibility criteria for the programme can be found at www.uniq.ox.ac.uk. The deadline for applications is **Tuesday 24 January 2017**.

Employment/Apprenticeships

YEAR 13 WSP | Parsons Brinckerhoff, a firm which provides technical consultancy to the built and natural environment, is now accepting applications for their **Degree Apprenticeship**. The role is varied and fast-paced, covering areas from taking concepts from architects and engineers and creating drawings, to visiting sites and seeing the projects come to life. Apprentices will undertake a supervised programme of in-company training and university teaching, studying towards either a **Building Services Engineering Technical Degree Apprenticeship** or a **Civil Engineering Degree Apprenticeship** over three years. Entry requirements are **three A Levels at CCC or equivalent**, with at least a grade C in Physics, Maths or Further Maths. For more information, see https://careers-tm.wsp-pb.com/?_3x234562Z1U15K0ee09261-93ab-4142-ade4-07e347185518&offerid=1757

YEAR 13 EDF Energy is accepting applications for their **Engineering Maintenance Apprenticeship**. The four-year apprenticeship focuses on the skills required to maintain coal, gas, and nuclear power stations, with two years spent undertaking academic and workshop training and two years spent at a specific power plant situated in the UK. Apprentices' salary will increase with each year of the programme and there is the **potential of a permanent job** at the end of the scheme. For more information and to apply, see <https://www.edfenergy.com/careers/early-careers/apprenticeships/engineering-maintenance-apprenticeship>



Enrichment

YEAR 12 **Reminder:** Year 12 students can apply now for 2017 Headstart courses. 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. 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



BOTH YEARS **My Student Events** is an online portal designed for students to **quickly and easily find** open days, taster events, study days, apprenticeship fairs, skills shows, and many more other types of event. The website also includes 'MSE Buzz', a section with interactive and informative supporting content including quizzes, articles, polls and videos. They have recently added **over 500 new events** for January and the start of 2017. For more information, see www.mystudentevents.com

BOTH YEARS The **Hexham Community Partnership** is in need of **volunteers** to help with their **town centre events**. They require a small team (4 or 5 people) to help put stalls up and take them down when events close. The first event this year is on Saturday 22 April 2017. Volunteers need to be able to lift and carry, and training will be provided. For more information contact Lorraine on 01434 622796 or lorraine@hexhamcommunity.net