

Sixth Form Bulletin 13/03/17

Queen Elizabeth High School, Hexham



Enrichment

YEAR 12 Lancaster University are running a series of **summer schools** for **Year 12 students** in July 2017. The **free events** are designed to give students a **taster of university education**, develop key skills for higher education, meet other students going through the applications process and get involved in university social activities. There are four summer schools available:

- **Study Business & Management** (9–13 July 2017). More information about this summer school will be released shortly, but last year's programme included Accounting & Finance, Business Studies & Management, Economics, and Marketing.
- **Study Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences** (9– 13 July 2017). For students interested in studying Design, English Language, History, Law and Criminology, Religious Studies, or Social Work.
- **Study Biochemistry and Biomedical Science** (23–27 July 2017). For students interested in studying Biochemistry or Biomedical Science at university.
- **Study Science & Technology** (23– 27 July 2017). For students interested in studying Chemistry, Computer Science, Environmental Science, Geography, Maths and Statistics, and Psychology.



Note that students must meet certain eligibility criteria to be awarded a place on a summer school. The deadline for applications is Sunday 30 April 2017. For more information, see <https://www.lancaster.ac.uk/summer-schools/>

YEAR 12 Lancaster University is also hosting a **three-day residential workshop** for students interested in **Politics and International Relations (IR)**. The 35 students picked to participate in the event will work with Politics and IR academic staff and the Richardson Institute over three days to produce a series of reports on the future of Britain. The workshop will be held on 30 August – 1 September 2017, and students will stay **on campus at Lancaster University** with evening activities run by the University's Student Ambassadors. Participants will also be able to apply for **academic bursaries to guarantee financial support** through their studies, should they choose to study Politics or IR at Lancaster. Applicants must be in Year 12 and be predicted to achieve or be near to achieving **ABB at A Level**. The deadline for applications is 15 April 2017. For more information, see <https://openlearning.lancs.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=160>

BOTH YEARS Newcastle University are holding a 'Widening Participation Conference' for **students considering applying to study medicine at university**. The event, held on Saturday 1 April 2017, will consist of talks by doctors from different specialities in the morning and workshops in the afternoon. The workshops are delivered by medical students who run various medical societies, covering topics such as dermatology, ophthalmology, paediatrics, cardiovascular, emergency medicine, and all the aspects of applying to university to study medicine. To apply for a place, complete an online form at <http://forms.ncl.ac.uk/view.php?id=12213> before Thursday 16 March 2017. There is also a short



essay competition along with the Conference – see <http://forms.ncl.ac.uk/view.php?id=12214> for more details but note that the deadline for this is Friday 17 March 2017.

YEAR 12 Newcastle University are also hosting a new **study skills event** for Year 12 students called 'Get Ahead'. Get Ahead is designed to provide a deeper insight into **subject-specific study skills** such as **lab skills, fieldwork experience, referencing, and time management**, and is split into three subject-specific days:

- Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences: Wednesday 5 April 2017
- Medical Sciences: Thursday 6 April 2017
- Science, Agriculture, and Engineering: Friday 7 April 2017

Each day runs from 10am to 4.30pm and allows students to boost their skills not only for their current A Levels but also in preparation for university level study. At the end of each day there will also be optional **campus/accommodation tours** and a **networking social** with former students and university staff. For more information and to register for a place, see

<http://www.ncl.ac.uk/schools/events/upcoming-events/eventitems/eventgetahead.html>

BOTH YEARS Students interested in the **Arts, Social Sciences, Media, and related disciplines**: there are two local events in April/May 2017 with a wide range of speakers and talks. Opportunities like this are perfect for adding content to UCAS applications and experiencing a more in-depth, academic look at topics.

- **Newcastle Centre for the Literary Arts** (events occurring from March to May for their Spring series), based at Newcastle University. Events at the Centre include a number of authors in discussion about their latest work, from poetry to memoirs. See <http://www.ncl.ac.uk/ncla/> for more information.
- **Hexham Book Festival** (events occurring 28 April – 7 May) sees a large number of authors, speakers, and well-known public figures coming to Hexham to present on a variety of topics from fiction to psychology to music. See <http://hexhambookfestival.co.uk/programme/> for more information.



YEAR 12 The next 'PreMed' course, a **one-day medical careers** course run by doctors, will be taking place on Saturday 22 April 2017 at Imperial College London. During the day, lectures and presentations will cover topics such as application procedures, interviews, university curriculum, and careers, as well as hands-on experience of the practical aspects of doctors' daily lives in workshops. The cost of the course is £99. For more information and to book, see <http://www.premed.org.uk/>

Careers/Apprenticeships

YEAR 13 Reminder: **Civil Service Fast Track Apprenticeship 2017** 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 brings participants into the Civil Service and provides valuable career-based skills. The Fast Track team are joining up with My Kinda Future to hold two special digi-chats to give students the opportunity to talk to them and find out more about the scheme. The digi-chats will be held on:

- Tuesday 14 March 2017: see <https://www.mykindafuture.com/Events/Detail/374> for more information.

- Tuesday 28 March 2017: see <https://www.mykindafuture.com/Events/Detail/383> for more information.

For more information on the Fast Track scheme overall, see

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

BOTH YEARS PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) and RateMyApprenticeship have joined together to host the **National Schools Employability Challenge**, designed to help students increase their knowledge and understanding of career options, develop employability skills and provide valuable experience. Participants must answer **a series of employability-based questions**, and every month champions will be selected to attend the final and compete in a variety of activities. The **overall winner** of the Challenge will win **paid work experience at PwC** and an iPad mini, with two runners up also winning paid work experience with PwC. For more information and to enter the competition, see <http://www.nsechallenge.co.uk/>



YEAR 13 PwC is also hosting a **virtual chat** on Friday 24 March 2017 to provide more information about their **School Leaver Programmes**. Students will be able to chat to the schools recruitment team to find out more about each programme, understand the recruitment process and answer any questions. To register for the event, see <http://www.careersschools.pwc.co.uk/Events/ShowEvent/School-and-College-Leaver-Virtual-Chat/868558>

YEAR 13 Applications for **Siemens' Advanced Apprenticeship in Engineering** will be closing shortly. The **four-year** programme, based at the Siemens site in Newcastle, starts with 18 months' training at Tyne Metropolitan College and the Siemens Training Centre. After this, apprentices are either placed in various departments throughout the Facility (Service Facility Apprenticeship) or placed at various customer sites throughout the UK (Field Service Apprenticeship). The weekly wage is £207.72. For more information and to apply (note the closing date of 17 March 2017), see <https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeship/-83091>