

Sixth Form Bulletin 13/10/17

Queen Elizabeth High School, Hexham



Sixth Form Notices

BOTH YEARS QEHS are working together with the **West Northumberland Food Bank** to help combat the growing problem of food poverty. West Northumberland Food Bank is a network of local volunteers and organisations that collect **tinned and dried food** that has been donated by local people. The collected food is then distributed to people who are in food poverty within Hexham and local areas.



QEHS will be collecting the below **tinned or dried** items:

Tinned Meat/Fish/Pulses/Beans	Toothpaste/Shampoo/Shower Gel/Deodorant/Razors
Tinned Vegetables/Tomatoes/Fruit	Washing Up Liquid/Washing Powder/Cleaning Products
Dried Milk/UHT Long Life Milk	Nappies/Baby Wipes
Fruit Squash/Pop/Coffee/Sugar	Rice/Noodles/Tinned or Instant Potatoes
Dog Food/Cat Food	Crackers/Biscuits/Cereal/Tinned Desserts

Sixth Form students can hand their items to **Mr Wilson in the Pastoral Office**; the event will be running until Thursday 19 October 2017. We thank you in anticipation for your support and look forward to receiving your donations. Further information about the work that the West Northumberland Food Bank does in the local community is available on their Facebook page.

YEAR 12 Year 12 Students: there is an opportunity for you to **re-sit your science GCSE exams** in January 2018. This will be independent of your teachers. However, your ISAs from last year can be carried forward. If you would like to re-sit core science you will need to sit **all three paper 1s**, for additional science **all paper 2s** and for Biology, Physics or Chemistry you would need to sit **all three papers in each science**. It would be worth talking to Mrs Fletcher-Woods (Biology), Mr Mawson (Chemistry) or Mr Tattersall (Physics) before deciding on any re-sits.



For the majority of you, a re-sit will not be necessary. However, you may want to look ahead to university entry as there are a small number of universities who may require **a particular grade at GCSE**.

The deadline for entry is 1 December 2017, after which a double entry fee will apply. The cost is £34.00.

The dates for exams are:

Biology:	15 January 2018 (PM) for Paper 1
	17 January 2018 (AM) for Papers 2 and 3
Chemistry:	18 January 2018 (AM) for Paper 1
	22 January 2018 (AM) for Papers 2 & 3
Physics:	24 January 2018 (AM) for Paper 1
	26 January 2018 (AM) for Papers 2 & 3

University/College

YEAR 12 Durham University have launched their **2017-18 Supported Progression programme** for Year 12 students. The Supported Progression scheme is a **two-year programme of events and information**, including the opportunity to experience life as a Durham University student in residential events. Students who complete the **assessed summer school** at the end of Year 12 will receive a qualification **equivalent to 16-32 UCAS tariff points to use towards entry requirements for study at Durham University**. Students may also be eligible to receive **bursaries** towards university costs. The deadline for the Supported Progression scheme is Friday 1 December 2017. The scheme was discussed in this week's assembly and application forms were available to students, however if any students still need an application form they can collect one from the Curriculum Office. For more information on the scheme, see <https://www.dur.ac.uk/supported.progression/>



YEAR 12 Cambridge University are now taking bookings for their **Subject Masterclasses** starting this month. Each masterclass includes **two taster lectures**, an introduction to the **Cambridge admissions process**, and the opportunity to hear about **life as a Cambridge student** from current undergraduates. The masterclasses cover a **wide range of subjects**, including English, History of Art, Politics and International Studies, Archaeology, Engineering, Genetics and Biochemistry, History, Law, Modern and Medieval Languages, and many more. For more information and to book a place, see <https://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/events/masterclasses>

Enrichment

BOTH YEARS There is a volunteering opportunity available as a **reading partner at the Sele First School**. If any students are interested in participating in a **paired reading scheme with first school pupils**, please come to a **short meeting during lunchtime** (12.45pm start) on Tuesday 17 October 2017 in E16 with Mrs Haigh. The opportunity is aimed primarily at Social Science students, but all interested students are welcome.

BOTH YEARS Frontier is a conservation, development and travel organisation with over **300 gap year and volunteering projects** available in **57 countries**. Current projects include climate change survey work in Costa Rica, teaching in Cambodia, marine conservation and diving in Tanzania, elephant conservation in Thailand, ethical conservation in Sydney or Brisbane, and penguin conservation in Peru. **Qualifications available** through Frontier projects include PADI diving certificates, the Field Guide Association of South Africa (FGASA) course, BTEC qualifications in Tropical Habitat Conservation, and TEFL teaching qualifications. For more information, see <http://www.frontier.ac.uk/>



BOTH YEARS The second debate of the **'Hexham Housing Debates'** will be held on Saturday 21 October 2017 (11am to 12.30pm) at St Mary's Catholic Church in Hexham. The title of the debate is 'Is Private Rented Housing Fit For Purpose? Should it be Controlled?', and will be chaired by Professor Rose Gilroy, Professor of Ageing, Policy & Planning from the **School of Architecture at Newcastle University**. Speakers include Brian Robson, Policy and Research Manager for the Joseph Rowntree Foundation, and Carla Keegans, CEO of the Ethical Lettings Agency, Redcar. The debate will look at the growth of private rented housing, what is going well and what needs to improve.

This event would be useful for students thinking of studying or entering career paths involving **Economics, Finance, Politics, Social Sciences, Law, Ethics, and related subjects**. Opportunities like this are perfect for adding content to UCAS applications and experiencing a more in-depth, academic look at current topics.

BOTH YEARS The next 'PreMed' course, a **one-day medical careers** course run by doctors, will be taking place on Saturday 2 December 2017 at Imperial College London. During the day, **lectures and presentations** will cover topics such as application procedures, interviews, university curriculum, life as a medical student, and careers. There will also be a series of **interactive workshop sessions** which demonstrate suturing, cardiology and ECGs, radiology, and communication skills and history taking. The cost of the course is £99. For more information and to book, see <http://www.premed.org.uk/>



BOTH YEARS The **University of Cumbria** is running a range of **Academic Masterclasses** during autumn 2017 to give students the opportunity to explore academic subjects **beyond what is covered in the school curriculum**. The masterclasses on offer include:

- **The Crown Court Experience** (Wednesday 22 November 2017, 3.30-6pm) for **Year 13 students**. Held at Carlisle Crown Court, a **mock criminal law trial** will give students the opportunity to examine or cross-examine a witness. Crown court judges will also give an **insight into the life of a lawyer**, the challenges faced in court, and public speaking. Students applying to Cumbria's LLB Law programme will be awarded **24 UCAS points** by attending this event and completing a short reflective report.
- **Injury Prevention in Football: Research Informed Practice** (Wednesday 29 November 2017, 4-6pm). During the masterclass, the Programme Leader in Sport Rehabilitation and Massage Therapy will discuss the evidence for injury prevention exercises and demonstrate techniques. Students will gain a set of practical skills to implement effectively with athletes.

To book a place on either of the above masterclasses or see the full range on offer, see <https://www.cumbria.ac.uk/about/partnerships/schools-and-colleges/masterclasses/>