

Sixth Form Bulletin 13/11/17

Queen Elizabeth High School, Hexham



Sixth Form Notices

BOTH YEARS We would like to say a big thank you for all the help and support that QEHS students, parents and staff have shown when raising donations for West Northumberland Food Bank. To say that we had beaten last year's donations would not do justice to immense effort from all involved as we took 6 (six!) vehicles to the Food Bank before October half term.

Thanks again for all your help and support in making this year's collection successful again.

Pastoral Team

BOTH YEARS There may now be a place available on the **Sixth Form Art Visit to Barcelona**. The cost of the trip is £450 and includes 5 days/4 nights in a central hotel with breakfast, dinner, travel and entry into galleries and exhibitions included in the price. Students do not need to be an art student and they will only miss one day of school. Please see **Miss George in the Art Department** for more information.

Enrichment

BOTH YEARS The **University of Leeds** is hosting a range of **STEM taster day/conference events** for Sixth Form students. Upcoming events include:

- **Physics Sixth Form Conference** (both Year 12 and Year 13 students) – 4 December 2017. The event gives students the opportunity to hear about the new areas of research happening at the University, and the opportunity in physics available to both pre-university and undergraduate students.
- **Psychology Taster Day (Year 12 students)** – 6 December 2017. Led by current undergraduates and academic staff, the day offers students the chance to sample mini-lectures and workshops on campus. Students can also ask questions about university life and how to get into university, supported by the University's admissions team.
- **Chemistry Taster Day (Year 12 students)** – 14 December 2017. Students will experience life as an undergraduate chemist for the day, carrying out practical experiments in the teaching labs, exploring the campus and speaking to current staff and students.



For full details of all upcoming events and to book a place on any of the days, see

<http://www.stem.leeds.ac.uk/events/>

BOTH YEARS Northumbria University is hosting **The Christmas Business Lectures 2017**, an evening of Business-themed lectures for Sixth Form students. The event takes place on Wednesday 13 December 2017 at Newcastle Business School from 4pm – 6.30pm. Attendees will hear **three quick-fire lectures** with Christmas themes, covering marketing, online companies and logistics, and managing staff. At the end of each lecture there will be a **Q&A** with the presenters and recent Business graduates. For more information and to book a place, see

<https://www.northumbria.ac.uk/study-at-northumbria/information-for-schools-and-colleges/visit-northumbria/business-lectures/>

BOTH YEARS Reminder: **Workshop Conferences** offer conferences for students interested in applying for **Medicine and Veterinary Medicine**:

- **Vet-Medlink Intensive: 17–18 December 2017** 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 veterinary schools look for, chemistry masterclasses, interviews, and the opportunity to meet current veterinary students.
- **Medlink Intensive: 17–18 December 2017** at the University of Nottingham. This event is similar to Vet-Medlink but is tailored to students applying to medical school, covering topics such as the UKCAT, interviews, using social media, auscultation practical sessions, and the chance to meet current medical students.

For more information and to book a place on Vet-Medlink or Medlink, see <https://medlink-uk.net/shop/>

YEAR 12 Reminder: Year 12 students can apply now for 2018 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 The **Hexham Town Twinning Association**, who were at our Freshers' Fair event in September, are hosting a Ceilidh at Corbridge Middle School on **Friday 17 November 2017**. The ceilidh, featuring the Hexham Village Band, offers a chance to **meet the members of the Association and people from the European communities** living in the area. There will also be a chance to see photos of the **recent Twinning visits** to Noyon and Metzingen. Tickets (adults £5, students/children £1) are available on the door or by contacting 01434 683330. For more information about the Association, see <http://www.hexhamtowntwinning.co.uk/>

YEAR 12 Oxford University is holding a **'Philosophy Plus Science' Taster Day** on **Wednesday 10 January 2018** for Year 12 students. The event provides an opportunity to find out more about how science and philosophy intertwine, specifically including computer science, physics, and mathematics. The day will consist of lectures and college tours, advice on the Oxford application process, and the chance to meet current Oxford students. For more information and to book a place, see <http://www.cs.ox.ac.uk/philosophyplus/>



BOTH YEARS The **Christopher Tower Poetry Competition**, run by Christ Church University of Oxford, is now accepting entries. The competition is open to all **16-18 year olds** studying in UK schools and colleges, and the theme for this year's competition is 'Secrets'. The closing date for entries is **2 March 2018**. The winner will receive **£3000**, with prizes also awarded for second place, third place,

and commended work. Prize winners' schools also receive **£150**. For more information and submit an entry, go to www.towerpoetry.org.uk/prize

BOTH YEARS FutureLearn is a portal for a wide range of **free online courses** (Massive Open Online Courses – MOOCs) from top universities and specialist organisations from across the world. The courses are offered with **accessibility and flexibility** in mind – they are delivered one step at a time and can be accessed on mobile, tablet or desktop, for students to undertake completely at their own pace and in their own time. FutureLearn courses are a **very good example for UCAS statements or CVs of independent learning** and using resources to explore **topics in further depth and at a higher level** outside of lessons. Upcoming and currently running courses include:

- *From Crime to Punishment: an Introduction to Criminal Justice*, by the University of York (4 weeks, 4 hours per week)
- *The Musculoskeletal System: The Science of Staying Active into Old Age*, by the Universities of Sheffield, Liverpool and Newcastle (3 weeks, 3 hours per week)
- *Empire: the Controversies of British Imperialism* by the University of Exeter (6 weeks, 3 hours per week)
- *Making Sense of Data in the Media* by the University of Sheffield (3 weeks, 3 hours per week)
- *Literature and Mental Health: Reading for Wellbeing* by the University of Warwick (6 weeks, 4 hours per week)

Some courses offer a Statement of Participation for a fee once completed. For more information and to see the numerous courses available, see <https://www.futurelearn.com/>

BOTH YEARS The Eyes Open Steering Group is screening a series of films across the North East in the build up to **World AIDS Day 2017**. Their event at the **Forum Cinema in Hexham** is on Tuesday 21 November 2017 and involves a screening of the film Dallas Buyers Club followed by a **Q&A session** with consultants, charities, members of Eyes Open, and people who are living with HIV. This event would be relevant to students considering **biology, ethics, health and social care, medicine, and any related healthcare related disciplines** for higher education. Tickets for the event are free and are available at <http://forumhexham.com>

BOTH YEARS The **School of Education at Durham University** is holding a **Teacher Training Open Day** on Friday 24 November 2017. The day is designed for students who might be thinking of **teaching as a career** and provides more information about **Durham's routes into teaching**, from their undergraduate BA Primary degree, to their PGCE programmes, to their school direct routes in partnership with local schools. For more information and to register, see <https://www.dur.ac.uk/education/itt/penday/>



Careers/Apprenticeships

YEAR 13 The **Carriages Tearoom in Bellingham** is looking to recruit **two apprentice chefs**. For more information please contact carriages-tearoom@hotmail.co.uk

YEAR 13 Wates, a construction, development and property services company, offers a range of apprenticeships including **higher level and degree level apprenticeships for school leavers**.

Pathways available in the higher/degree level apprenticeships include Estimating, Commercial/Quantity Surveying, Building Services Engineering, Planning, and Production/Site Management. The minimum entry requirement for the programmes is eight GCSEs (grades A-C including English and Maths). For more information, see <https://www.wates.co.uk/careers/early-careers/apprenticeships/>

University/College

BOTH YEARS Reminder: Northumbria University is hosting a **Parent/Carer/Guardian Evening Reception** on Wednesday 15 November 2017 (5.30pm-8pm). The event, held in City Campus East, is designed to provide information for parents/guardians on **all aspects of higher education**, the support available, and what Northumbria University offers. There will also be talks from the Student Recruitment team on **student finance**, and the **Security, Sport and Accommodation team** will be available to answer any questions that parents/guardians might have. To book a place at the event, see <https://app-eu.geckiform.com/public/#/modern/FOEU0125Mw71hodt>. For more information, see the Northumbria Parents' Information page: <https://www.northumbria.ac.uk/study-at-northumbria/coming-to-northumbria/parent-page/>

