

Sixth Form Bulletin 14/09/18

Queen Elizabeth High School, Hexham



Careers/Apprenticeships

SCHOOL LEAVERS The **Queen's Hall in Hexham** has an **internship** opportunity for a young (age 18–25) **player of a traditional instrument in folk music**. The internship will be a chance to work alongside **professional musician** Sophy Ball and to develop skills in **leading a folk band** of 11–15 year olds. The successful intern will also **lead a number of workshops** which may include tune teaching, facilitating the band in compiling arrangements and preparing the band for performances. The internship will consist of 30 sessions and 5 performance sessions, with £15 paid per session plus £5 travelling costs. For more information including how to apply, see <https://www.queenshall.co.uk/opportunities>. The closing date for applications is 25 September 2018.

SCHOOL LEAVERS The **Post Office in Corbridge** has a vacancy for a **Customer Service Apprentice**. Typical day-to-day duties include selling financial products and services, accepting bill payments, paying out pensions and benefits, processing shop sales, processing currency, and day-to-day banking. There are no entry requirements but previous work experience would be helpful, along with good communication skills. For more information contact the Post Office on 01434 632042.

SCHOOL LEAVERS MAVECO Stone Cutting Machinery, based in **Bellingham**, has a vacancy for an **Electrical Engineering Apprentice**. The apprentice will be required to follow diagrams for wiring motors, switches, sensors and more on stone cutting machines. Full training will be provided, but a level of knowledge on electrical components would be helpful. For more information, contact Kieran Maclaren on kieran.maveco@gmail.com

University/College

BOTH YEARS Open days are an **extremely important** opportunity to visit institutions as every one is different, and usually offer the chance to speak to staff regarding courses and perhaps more importantly current students regarding accommodation, atmosphere, costs and social activities. It is worth noting that **it is possible to send your UCAS form off with two choices and then add your other three after you have visited other universities** (as long as it's before 30 June 2019 and you have not accepted or declined your other offers), so open days do not need to delay the most important step of your application. Some upcoming open days include:

- Newcastle University – Saturday 15 September 2018
- University of York – Saturday 15 September & Sunday 16 September 2018
- Leeds Trinity University – Saturday 22 September 2018
- University of Edinburgh – Saturday 22 September 2018
- University of Durham – Saturday 22 September 2018
- University of Sunderland – Saturday 22 September 2018

See each institution's website for details or visit www.opendays.com to see all the dates of all UK open days.

YEAR 13 Please note: any students planning on **applying to Cambridge University or Oxford University**, or for courses in **Medicine, Dentistry, and Veterinary Medicine/Science** should be aware of the **early UCAS submission date for these applications – 15 October 2018 at 6.00pm**. If there are any students planning to apply for these universities/courses but have not informed the Curriculum Office yet, please do so as soon as possible.

Enrichment

BOTH YEARS **Reminder:** UCAS is hosting a new event for **students interested in creative, media, or performance-related subjects:** ‘Create Your Future’. The event is held Manchester Central on 27–28 November 2018 and includes the opportunity to meet representatives from hundreds of universities, colleges, and employers, all offering creative courses and traineeships. The event also features performance stages, interactive workshops, and demonstration areas. Additionally, there will be an opportunity to ask course leaders, current students, and industry specialists any questions about academic and working life. For more information and to book a place, see <https://www.ucas.com/events/create-your-future-manchester-332921>

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:

- *Managing My Money for Young Adults* by the Open University (8 weeks, 3 hours per week)
- *Discover Dentistry* by the University of Sheffield (6 weeks, 3 hours per week)
- *Learning from the Past: A Guide for the Curious Researcher* by the University of Nottingham, the British Library, and the University of Birmingham (3 weeks, 4 hours per week)
- *The Science Behind Forensic Science* by King’s College London (4 weeks, 2 hours per week)
- *William Wordsworth: Poetry, People and Place* by Lancaster University (4 weeks, 4 hours per week)
- *Why We Post: the Anthropology of Social Media* by University College London (UCL) (5 weeks, 3 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/>

YEAR 12 **Newcastle University** run **Year 12 Medicine and Dentistry (MaD) Days**, designed to give students the opportunity to visit the University campus and explore the worlds of Medicine and Dentistry. The days are held on 7, 14 and 28 November 2018; students pick **either** Medicine **or** Dentistry for all three days. Students spend the morning in the clinical skills lab completing practicals then spend the afternoon in interactive lectures, exploring their chosen subject, application process and interview process. Bookings will open on Monday 24 September 2018 at 9.00am. For more information and to book, see <http://www.ncl.ac.uk/schools/events/upcoming-events/eventitems/eventyear12medicineanddentistrymaddays.html>.

BOTH YEARS An event called '**Operating Theatre Live**' will be taking place at the Duchess's Community High School in Alnwick on 30 October 2018 (9am – 8pm). The in-depth academic sessions will show how anatomy and physiology translates into disease, using **dissection of real specimens**. Students will explore anatomy and have a go at administering anaesthetics, intubation, and heart transplant surgery. The day also includes information on the UKCAT/BMAT and interview preparation. The cost for the event starts at £89.98. For more information, see <https://www.operatingtheatrelive.co.uk/publicevents>. To book a place on the Northumberland event, see <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/operating-theatre-live-northumberland-30th-october-2018-tickets-47717373950>

BOTH YEARS **St Mary's Church in Hexham** is holding an event for World Week for Peace in Palestine and Israel, a talk entitled 'Youth and Children: Raising Hope and Making Change' on Thursday 20 September 2018 (starting 7.30pm). The speaker, Hamed Qawasmeh, will discuss his work with vulnerable Israeli communities and the Hebron International Resource Network to provide educational opportunities where there are none. The evening will also feature Middle Eastern food and crafts.

Hamed will also be **coming to QEHS to speak to our Sixth Form students** on Friday 21 September 2018 (periods 4 and 5). Any interested students should sign up with Mr Wilson in the Pastoral Office.