

## Sixth Form Bulletin 15/06/18

Queen Elizabeth High School, Hexham



### University/College

**Students who need to sit the BMAT (BioMedical Admissions Test) as part of their university application:** an additional BMAT test session now takes place earlier in the year; this year held on Saturday 1 September 2018. This allows applicants to take the BMAT and receive their results **prior to choosing courses and submitting their UCAS application**. The September BMAT is slightly different in that students must **register themselves online** and take their test at a **pre-selected test centre**. The later BMAT test sessions (held in November) are organised by school and take place at QEHS. For more information, see <http://www.admissionstesting.org/for-test-takers/bmat/>

Reminder: **King's College at Cambridge University** has **free accommodation available** for Year 12 students who wish to attend any events at Cambridge University, in particular **the upcoming Open Days** on 5 or 6 July 2018. Places are limited so only Year 12 students visiting Cambridge by themselves can apply, although pairs of students attending the same event can also apply. For more information and details of how to book accommodation, see <http://www.kings.cam.ac.uk/study/schools-liaison/overnight.html>.

For more information about the Cambridge open days, see <https://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/events/cambridge-open-days>

ScreenSpace is a new education provider which brings together the University of West London with MetFilm, who run both a production company and a film school. ScreenSpace offers a **BA in Content, Media and Film Production**, an industry standard course which focuses on **creating video, film and TV content across a variety of platforms**. The course is taught at ScreenSpace's **Ealing Studios** and at the University of West London. ScreenSpace are holding an **open event** on Thursday 21 June 2018 (6.45pm–9.00pm) where students and parents/carers can see the School, learn more about the course, and take part in an interactive workshop. For more information about the open event and ScreenSpace overall, see <https://www.screenspace.ac.uk/>

### Enrichment

**Reminder: Lancaster University** is accepting applications for their **three-day residential research workshop**, 'New Political Minds', held on 29–31 August 2018. During the workshop, students will work with **staff from Lancaster's Politics and International Relations departments**, as well as the **Richardson Institute**, the UK's oldest Peace and Conflict Research Centre. During the three days students will stay **on campus at Lancaster University** and will experience a range of evening activities run by **Lancaster University's Student Ambassadors**. All accommodation and meals are **free**; students are expected to cover travel costs but there are **bursaries available**. The deadline for applications is 20 July 2018. For more information and to apply for a place, see <https://openlearning.lancs.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=160>. If students have any questions they can also see **Mrs Hodgson** in the History department.

**Northumberland National Park** is looking for young people aged 16-25 to take part in their **Autumn Volunteer Placement**. This opportunity is designed to give participants who are interested in pursuing a career in the **environmental/countryside sector** the chance to sample **working life with the Ranger team**, undertaking duties such as biodiversity work, maintenance on historical sites, guided walks, and assisting specialist teams such as ecologists and archaeologists. The placement runs from September to November, and the successful applicant will attend a minimum of **10 days** during this three month period. The deadline for applications is Tuesday 10 July 2018. For further details contact Jane Riddell on [jane.riddell@nnpa.org.uk](mailto:jane.riddell@nnpa.org.uk) or 07795834936, or see <https://www.northumberlandnationalpark.org.uk/about-us/jobs-volunteering/placements-apprenticeships/>

**Newcastle University** is now accepting applications for the **2018 Mini Medical School**. The Mini Medical School is a programme of **interactive lectures which explore the world of Medical Sciences**. The School runs for five weeks from 25 October to 29 November 2018 at the Medical School of Newcastle University, and will cover topics such as stem cell transplants, depression, movement disorder neurology, and 'the human side of healthcare'. For more information, including the full programme of lectures, see <http://www.ncl.ac.uk/medicallsciences/engage/mini-medical-school/>.

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 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 **good example for UCAS statements or CVs of independent learning** and using resources to explore **topics in further depth** outside of lessons. Upcoming and currently running courses include:

- *Shakespeare: Print and Performance*, by King's College London (4 weeks, 2 hours per week)
- *Physiology: the Science of Life*, by the University of Liverpool (3 weeks, 3 hours per week)
- *England in the Time of King Richard III*, by the University of Leicester (6 weeks, 3 hours per week)
- *The Business of Film*, by the Open University (6 weeks, 3 hours per week)
- *Extinctions: Past and Present*, by the University of Cape Town (5 weeks, 3 hours per week)
- *Building a Future with Robots*, by the University of Sheffield (3 weeks, 3 hours per week)

Courses are **free** to access for a fixed period of time, or for a fee they can be available for longer and award a **Certificate of Participation**. For more information and to see the numerous courses available, see <https://www.futurelearn.com/>

### **Careers/Apprenticeships**

RPC Promens, a plastics manufacturer and design and engineering site in Haltwhistle, has a vacancy for a **Science Manufacturing Process Operative Apprentice**. The apprenticeship, lasting for **12-18 months**, includes a wide range of training and skills from the on-the-job Blow Moulding training to site induction, health and safety, and behavioural training. To apply for the apprenticeship, send your CV to Peter Jackson, Training Manager, at [pjackson@rpc-promens.com](mailto:pjackson@rpc-promens.com). For more information about RPC Promens, see <https://www.rpc-promens.com/>