

Sixth Form Bulletin 17/02/17

Queen Elizabeth High School, Hexham



Enrichment

BOTH YEARS The **Environment Now Challenge**, an opportunity set up by O2 Think Big in conjunction with the National Youth Agency and the Big Lottery Fund, allows students who are **passionate about the environment and technology** to be awarded **£10,000** to bring their ideas to life. The Challenge revolves around the idea of **using digital technology to help the environment**, with previous projects involving soil-free gardening, 3D printing, and virtual reality. Successful applicants will get support from the Environment Now team, their own professional mentor and other sustainability partners and industry professionals. Applications for funding are open until 14 July 2017, but the next shortlisting deadline is 31 March 2017. For more information, see <https://gothinkbig.co.uk/features/the-environment-now#>

BOTH YEARS **Teesside University** are hosting 'ExpoTalent', an event designed for Sixth Form students to meet with **Teesside University digital staff** and the Tees Valley's top **digital and creative companies**. The event will be held on Thursday 9 March 2017, in association with Digital City to celebrate, promote and develop digital talent in the Tees Valley. The day will feature **showcases of current students' work** and the opportunity to find out more about the **digital courses on offer** at the University, and the chance to **talk to the visiting digital companies about careers**. There will also be information available about **Teesside's digital apprenticeship offer** and funding. To register for a place at the event, see <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/expotalent-in-association-with-digitalcity-registration-31022693712?aff=erelexpmlt>

BOTH YEARS As part of New Writing North's 'Read Regional' event, author Gulwali Passarlay will be coming to **Hexham Forum Cinema** on Thursday 2 March 2017. The event will include a **showing of the film 'He Named Me Malala'** at 5.30pm followed by a **talk by the author** at 7.30pm about his book 'The Lightless Sky: My Journey to Safety as a Child Refugee'. Hexham Library has **ten free tickets** to offer QEHS students for this event; any interested students should **email Steve Wilson** from the Pastoral Team (swilson@gehs.net) who will arrange distribution of the tickets on the first day back half term (Monday 27 February 2017).

Hexham Library participates in the 'Reading Hacks Programme', a **volunteering scheme** where volunteers organise and participate in 'hacks': any activity with reading at its heart. The volunteers of Reading Hacks will be present at the above event for any students to talk to about joining the group. They are particularly looking for volunteers to expand Hexham's **Code Club**, and they are also looking to start a **Lego Club** as well. For more information see <http://mylibrary.co.uk/children/reading-hacks>

BOTH YEARS **Northumbria Healthcare NHS** are holding a **masterclass event in Allied Health** on Thursday 6 April 2017 at their Conference Centre at Cobalt Business Park. The event will include stations on **specialities** such as physiotherapy, radiology, occupational therapy, speech and language, nutrition and dietetics, pharmacy, pathology, and the North East Ambulance Service. They can offer **three places** at the event to QEHS students, so interested students should **give their names to the Curriculum Office** after half term – if there are too many applicants, names will be pulled out of a hat.