

Sixth Form Bulletin 18/11/16

Queen Elizabeth High School, Hexham



Careers/Apprenticeships

YEAR 13 The **National Audit Office** runs a **School Leaver Scheme**, a **fully-funded five-year training course** which combines work experience with college study. At the end of the course participants will be a **qualified Chartered Accountant** through the Institute of Chartered Accountancy in England and Wales, a qualification equivalent to a Master's degree. This means that participants will qualify **whilst earning a competitive salary** (over £23,000 in London and over £18,000 in Newcastle) with a comprehensive support network including managers who will provide support in professional and career development. After qualifying, trainees may be **offered a permanent position** as an Audit Principal – starting salaries for Audit Principals are currently in the region of £50,000 (London) and £40,000 (Newcastle). Entry requirements for the scheme do not include Maths or finance-related A Levels but students need a minimum of **300 UCAS points** (not including General Studies). For more information, see <https://www.nao.org.uk/school-leavers/>



National Audit Office

YEAR 13 Close Brothers is a merchant banking group, providing lending, deposit taking, wealth management services, and securities trading. They also run a **school leavers programme**, called the ASPIRE Programme. The programme is a **two-year rotational scheme** with trainees moving around various teams and departments; placements can last from six months to one year in one business area. Trainees will immediately be involved with clients, handling queries and working with the Sales teams. Close Brothers also provide **full sponsorship** for the **professional certificate in banking** with the London Institute of Finance. The starting salary is **£16,000** plus benefits. Entry requirements for the programme are minimum BBC at A Level, not including General Studies. Trainees must also be **willing to move** to wherever the best placement opportunities are. The deadline for applications is **6 March 2017** for a **September 2017** start date. For more information and to apply, see <https://targetcareers.co.uk/employer-hubs/close-brothers/314399-the-aspire-programme>

BOTH YEARS Slaley Hall is looking to recruit casual **Food and Beverage Assistants** to work during **Christmas and New Year**. Pay incentives, uniforms and meals are provided. For more information, contact the HR department on ahouart@qhotels.co.uk or 01434 676500.



University/College

BOTH YEARS UniTasterDays.com is a **database of all university and college taster events, workshops, residentials and open days**. The website features a constantly-updated list of higher education events, with the ability to search by type of event, subject, institution, location or keyword. Students and parents can also choose to receive updates on university events by email. For more information, see <http://www.unitasterdays.com/>

Enrichment

YEAR 12 The **McWhirter Oxford Conference 2017** and the **McWhirter Cambridge Conference 2017** are now accepting applications. The annual conferences bring together Sixth Form students from across the UK to debate a topical subject.

- McWhirter Oxford, held at **Trinity College Oxford** on 14–15 March 2017, will be debating the topic of **‘Brave New Britain?’**
- McWhirter Cambridge, held at **Newnham College Cambridge** on 29–30 March 2017, will be debating the topic of **‘Bioethics – who decides?’**

Both conferences are designed to encourage students to think about their own role in society and to think about how they might get involved with shaping Britain's future, whilst providing **an insight into university life** through lectures and seminars. There is **no charge** to attend the event but **travel expenses are not covered**. There are only **two places per school per conference available**, so any interested students should give their names to the Curriculum Office. For more information on the McWhirter conferences, see <http://www.mcwhirterfoundation.org/>

BOTH YEARS **Newcastle University** run a programme of public lectures called **INSIGHTS** which are free and open to everyone. Many of the guest speakers are leaders in their field and lecture on specialist subjects or areas which would provide Sixth Form students the chance to experience a **more in-depth exploration** of topics they are interested in. Upcoming lectures include:

- ‘The Geography of Poverty – why place really matters’, delivered by Julia Unwin, Chief Executive of the Joseph Rowntree Foundation and the Joseph Rowntree Housing Trust, on Tuesday 22 November 2016 (5.30pm–6.45pm).
- ‘Medicine 20 years ahead: where we are winning, where we are not’, delivered by Professor Chris Whitty, Chief Scientific Adviser of the Department of Health, on Thursday 24 November 2016 (5.30pm–6.45pm).
- ‘The dilemmas of ageing’, delivered by Baroness Greengross, President of the International Longevity Centre UK, on Wednesday 7 December 2016 (5.30pm–6.45pm).
- ‘Our Dynamic Earth: Third Rock from the Sun – an Introduction to Earth Science’, delivered by Newcastle University’s Geosciences and Geomatics Research Groups, on Thursday 19 January 2017 (5pm–6pm).
- ‘Our Dynamic Earth: Where on Earth are we? – an Introduction to Geomatics’, delivered by Newcastle University’s Geosciences and Geomatics Research Groups, on Thursday 26 January 2017 (5pm–6pm).



All lectures are held in the Curtis Auditorium (Herschel Building) and seats are allocated on a first-come first-served basis. Previous lectures are also available to download from the University archive. For more information, see <http://www.ncl.ac.uk/events/public-lectures/>