

Sixth Form Bulletin 19/05/17

Queen Elizabeth High School, Hexham



University/College

BOTH YEARS Durham University is now accepting bookings for their **Open Days** on Monday 26 June 2017 and Saturday 1 July 2017. **All academic departments** within the University will host at least one talk during the open day, and **all 15 undergraduate colleges** will be represented. Durham University's website has a good range of information on their website regarding open days, including FAQs, an 'Open Day Guide' and details of their **Travel Bursary** available to prospective students. Please note these open days tend to be extremely popular so early booking is advisable. For more information, see <https://www.dur.ac.uk/undergraduate/live/visit/durham/>

YEAR 12 The **University of Aberdeen** is now accepting applications for 'Experience Aberdeen', their **fully funded four-day summer programme** on 24 – 27 July 2017. The residential event will feature lectures, seminar sessions, practical classes and social activities to give students **a taste of university life**. Participants undertake a programme **relevant to their subject interests**, with subject areas available including Biological and Medical Sciences, Social Sciences, Business, Physical Science and Geoscience, the Arts, Law, and Engineering. **All students** who are allocated a place will be awarded a **£100 travel bursary**. For more information and to apply, see <https://www.abdn.ac.uk/study/experience-aberdeen.php>

YEAR 12 Harper Adams University offers a number of **niche undergraduate degree courses** including Agriculture, Business and Agri-Food, Countryside and Environment, Rural Enterprise and Land Management, Animal Studies, Veterinary Nursing and Practice Management, and Veterinary Physiotherapy and Zoology. The University is hosting their '**Harper Adams Experience**' event on 9 – 10 July 2017, designed to give students a taste of university life and to help decide whether Harper Adams is the right university for them. The residential event includes campus tours, social activities, course-related activities, and a student life Q&A. For more information, see <http://www.harper-adams.ac.uk/events/hae/>

YEAR 12 Before Christmas, **Durham University** launched their **2016-17 Supported Progression programme** for Year 12 students. The Supported Progression scheme is a **two-year programme of events and information**, including the opportunity to experience life as a Durham University student in residential events. Students who complete the **assessed summer school** at the end of Year 12 will receive a qualification **equivalent to 16-32 UCAS tariff points to use towards entry requirements at Durham University**. The programme quickly became fully booked, so the University has made available additional places for Business, Criminology, Sociology, and Sport. The deadline for these additional places is Tuesday 30 May 2017. For more information, see <https://www.dur.ac.uk/supported.progression/>

YEAR 12 The **University of Leeds** is holding a conference for **Year 12 students interested in the Social Sciences** on Tuesday 20 June 2017 (9.30am – 2.30pm). The event will cover Business, Child Development, Economics, Geography and Environment, Politics, Social Sciences, and Sociology, featuring interactive taster sessions run by leading researchers. There will also be the opportunity to

see the University campus and meet current undergraduate students. Students can attend the conference independently but **must book through the school**, so **any interested students need to give their details to Joanne in the Curriculum Office ASAP**.

Careers/Apprenticeships

BOTH YEARS Teesside University is hosting an **Allied Health Professionals Conference** on Wednesday 23 June 2017 (9.30am – 3.00pm). The conference is designed for Sixth Form students who are interested in a **career in healthcare** – careers showcased on the day include Occupational Therapy, Diagnostic Radiography, Physiotherapy, and Operating Department Practice. The day will feature interactive sessions on each career, the chance to sample university study, the opportunity to meet and talk to current students, and information on all the career opportunities available. For more information and to book a place, see

http://www.tees.ac.uk/sections/whats_on/events_details.cfm?event_id=9147

YEAR 13 The **British Army** is accepting applications for their **apprenticeships**. Apprenticeships in the Army offer a starting salary of over **£18,000**, a **guaranteed job**, and over 40 accredited roles to choose from. There are three apprenticeship levels available:

- **Apprenticeship Level 2:** mainly comprising of military grade training. Apprentices will complete key skills and technical qualifications.
- **Advanced Apprenticeship Level 3:** these apprenticeships apply to the Army's technical trades. Apprentices gain an NVQ Level 3 qualification in their trade.
- **Higher Apprenticeship Level 4:** apprentices work towards a Level 4 Diploma in Intelligence Operations, working in real-time operations and countering threats to national security.

Every job in the Army also offers the opportunity to progress to higher qualifications, including **undergraduate and postgraduate degrees**. For more information, see

<http://www.army.mod.uk/belong/apprentice/>

YEAR 13 Channel 4 is holding an **'Apprenticeship Pop Up' event** in Manchester on Thursday 29 June 2017 and Glasgow on Thursday 6 July 2017. The event is designed for students who are interested in alternative **careers in the TV and media industry** and apprenticeships at Channel 4. In 2017 Channel 4 will have vacancies for creative, commercial, technological and professional roles across the Channel, and this event offers the chance to find out more. The day will involve skills workshops, industry insights from Channel 4 staff and the opportunity to speak to current apprentices. For more information and to apply for a place, see <http://4talent.channel4.com/4talent-days>

YEAR 13 Aldi has three **apprenticeship schemes** available to school leavers:

- **Stores Apprenticeship Programme:** apprentices will work in-store and complete theory work to achieve a Level 3 Advanced Certificate in Retail Management. At the end of the scheme apprentices will have the skills and knowledge to become a Deputy Store Manager, and particularly successful candidates will be offered the chance to become an Assistant Store Manager. See <https://www.aldirecruitment.co.uk/apprentice/our-apprentice-programmes/stores-apprentices/>
- **Logistics Apprenticeship Programme:** apprentices combine hands-on work, practical experience and theory to work towards a Level 3 Advanced Certificate in Warehousing and

Storage. At the end of the programme participants start their role as a permanent member of the team, with exceptional candidates offered the chance to join the Aldi Logistics Management Team. See <https://www.aldirecruitment.co.uk/apprentice/our-apprentice-programmes/logistics-apprentices/>

- **Drivers Apprenticeship Programme:** apprentices spend a year working towards an LGV Category C + E licence, finishing with a Level 2 Intermediate Driving Goods Vehicles qualification and the offer of a permanent role at Aldi. See <https://www.aldirecruitment.co.uk/apprentice/our-apprentice-programmes/drivers-apprentices/>

Sixth Form Notices

YEAR 13 On Thursday 8 June 2017 we will be holding our annual 'Next Step Conference' for Year 12 students (the new Year 13 in June), intended to raise awareness of all the opportunities open to students after Year 13: university, employment, apprenticeship or training. The talks taking place on the day are listed below. **If there are any current Year 13 students who would be interested in attending any of these talks, please see Joanne in the Curriculum Office.**

Introductory Presentations: 9.10 – 9.50am or 9.55 – 10.35am

- Going to university
- Destination unknown

University, Employment and Gap Year Workshops 10.55 – 11.35am or 11.40 – 12.20am

- Apprenticeships, Management trainee programmes & Sponsored degrees
- Forces – Officers Training (only 1 session 11.40am)
- Gap Year
- Inspiration/Enterprise (Only 1 session 10.55am)
- Introduction to university finance
- Scottish System
- Where can my degree take me? (Humanities and Social Science)
- Year in Industry

Career Related Workshops 1.00 – 1.45pm

- Access into Accountancy from School
- Art Foundation Course
- Business
- Chemical engineering
- Civil engineering and architecture
- Journalism
- Languages
- Law
- Media and Performance
- Medicine
- Nursing & midwifery
- Sport

Career Related Workshops 1.50 – 2.35pm

- Animation and computer graphics
- Computer Science
- Economics
- Marine Biology
- Mechanical engineering
- Performing Arts/Music/Drama
- Physiotherapy
- Pharmacy
- Politics
- Psychology
- Teaching
- Youth Work