

Sixth Form Bulletin 19/06/17

Queen Elizabeth High School, Hexham



University/College

Students who will need to sit the BMAT (BioMedical Admissions Test) as part of their university application: an additional BMAT test session will take place on Saturday 9 September 2017. 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.admissionstestingservice.org/for-test-takers/bmat/>

Northumbria University is hosting two 'Health Alive' sessions at their Coach Lane Campus on Tuesday 4 July 2017. The sessions are designed to introduce students to areas such as **Learning Disability and Mental Health Nursing**, with subject-specific workshops, a tour of the Clinical Skills centre, and the chance to talk to current undergraduate students. Northumbria has allocated ten places for QEHS students to attend either the morning session (9.15am – noon) or the afternoon session (12.15pm – 3.00pm). Any interested students should give their names to Joanne in the Curriculum Office before Monday 26 June 2017.



Newcastle University is now accepting applications for the **2017 Mini Medical School**. The Mini Medical School is a programme of **interactive lectures which explore the world of Medical Sciences**, with the option to also attend a practical session in the area of Medical Clinical Skills, Biomedical Sciences, Dentistry, or Psychology. The School runs for six weeks from 5 October to 16 November 2017 at the Medical School of Newcastle University, and will cover topics such as forensic psychology, dementia, kidney transplants, and prescription drugs. For more information including the full programme of lectures see <http://www.ncl.ac.uk/medicallsciences/engage/mini-medical-school/>. Bookings for the Mini Medical School open today (Monday 19 June 2017).

Enrichment

Northumberland National Park is accepting applications for their **Young Volunteer placements** starting in September 2017. The opportunities are designed to give young people aged 16-25 who love the outdoors the chance to sample **working life with the Ranger team** and explore **career paths in environment and natural sciences**. The placements are for ten days over a three-month period and aim to fit in with a participant's school/work commitments. Areas covered will include public right of way work, biodiversity work, patrols and practical projects with the National Park Volunteers, and work with specialist staff members including Ecologists, Archaeologists, the Farming Team, and Access Officers. Completion of the placement contributes towards the John Muir Explorer Award. The deadline for applications is Wednesday 5 July 2017. For more information and to apply, see <http://www.northumberlandnationalpark.org.uk/about/jobs-training/youth-volunteering/young-volunteer-placements/>



Lancaster University is now accepting applications for their **three-day residential research workshop**, 'New Political Minds', held on 30 August – 1 September 2017. 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. Students will help to produce a series of reports on the future of Britain as seen through the eyes of young people entering the world of politics. 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**. For more information and to apply for a place, see <https://openlearning.lancs.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=160> (the application form is at the end of the 'Introduction to New Political Minds and call for applications' document).

Careers/Apprenticeships

Derwentside College are advertising a number of **local apprenticeships**. To apply for one of these apprenticeships, email a CV to apprenticeships@derwentside.ac.uk with the relevant reference number:

- **Business Administration Apprenticeship**, based at Shotton Hall Primary School (Reference Number: AD197, deadline for applications 25 June 2017). Reporting to the Headteacher and School Business Manager, apprentices will be responsible for the day-to-day running of the school's administration procedures. The weekly wage is £126.88.
- **Catering Apprenticeship**, based at Da Vinci's in Chester le Street (Reference Number: CT74, deadline for applications 28 June 2017). Duties include working alongside the Head Chef to assist in all general food preparation and cooking of food. Apprentices work towards NVQ Level 2/3 Professional Cookery. The weekly wage £105.00.
- **Business Administration Apprenticeship**, based at ICD Electrical Ltd in Consett (Reference Number: AD196, deadline for applications 25 June 2017). Apprentices will work closely with the Accounts Manager, undertaking general clerical duties and progressing to using Sage payroll software. The commencing salary is negotiable, minimum £105.00 per week.

Derwentside College is also offering a **two-week programme for school leavers interested in the Engineering or Construction industries** to help them prepare for an apprenticeship or course. During the programme, participants will gain a Health and Safety qualification, visit local employers, apply for vacancies and training opportunities, receive careers advice and guidance, and receive support with interview preparation and building a CV. The College is holding an information session for anyone interested in the programme on Tuesday 27 June 2017 (9.30am – 11.30am); for further information and to book a place contact the Business Development Team on 01207 585914.



Tesco Bank are advertising for **Apprentice Customer Service Representatives** based at Quorum Business Park in Newcastle. Apprentices will be part of the customer service team, helping customers with their everyday banking and insurance needs and working towards a **nationally recognised Financial Services qualification**. The starting salary is **£14,000** with a **£500 increase every six months** during the two-year programme. The closing date for applications is 30 June 2017. For more information and to apply, go to <https://careers.tescobank.com/search-apply> and choose 'Newcastle' in the Location options.