

Sixth Form Bulletin 20/04/18

Queen Elizabeth High School, Hexham



University/College

YEAR 13 Year 13 students should note that the **deadline for applying for student finance** is 25 May 2018. Students who do not apply before this date **might not get their money in time** for the start of their course. To apply students **do not need a confirmed place** at university; it is possible to use a preferred course and change it later. For more information and to apply, see www.gov.uk/studentfinance

YEAR 12 Keele University is hosting a **two-day taster residential** for Year 12 students, 'The Real Keele', on Tuesday 26–Wednesday 27 June 2018. The event allows students to experience life as an undergraduate for two days, see what it is like to live in student accommodation, try out taster subject sessions, and speak to current Keele students. The residential has a cost of £40 to cover accommodation and meals, however Keele offers **funding for eligible students**. The deadline for applications is midnight on Sunday 29 April 2018. For more information and an application form, see <https://www.keele.ac.uk/realkeele/>

YEAR 12 Two colleges at **Oxford University** have **upcoming study events** for Year 12 students. University College is running study days for Medical Sciences and Philosophy, Politics and Economics:

- **Medical Sciences Study Day (Thursday 14 June 2018)**. The day includes lectures in Medicine, Biomedical Sciences, Biochemistry, and Psychology. Participants also have the opportunity to have lunch in the College and a tour with current students.
- **Philosophy, Politics and Economics Study Day (Monday 18 June 2018)**. The day includes subject lectures and interactive breakout sessions with College tutors and graduate students. Participants also have the opportunity to have lunch in the College and a tour with current students.

For further details and to apply for a place (the deadline is 9 May 2018), see <https://www.univ.ox.ac.uk/about/outreach/?link=year12>

St Mary's College is running residential study visits for Geography, Music, English and Modern Languages:

- **Geography Residential Study Visit (21–22 June 2018)**. Students will attend a lecture delivered by a Tutorial Fellow in Geography, prepare for and participate in a Geography tutorial and tour central Oxford to explore its social geography.
- **Music Residential Study Visit (21–22 June 2018)**. Students will prepare for and participate in two music tutorials and other sessions, all based on the three focuses of musical study at St Anne's – performance, composition and musicology. Students will also be able to visit a series of unique music manuscripts at the Bodleian Library.
- **English and Modern Languages Residential Study Visit (25–26 June 2018)**. Students will experience the study of literature at university level, with a particular focus on the interactions between literature in English and in other languages.

For further details and to apply for a place (the deadline is 7 May 2018), see <https://weblearn.ox.ac.uk/direct/eval-evaluation/18513>

Enrichment

BOTH YEARS The **Hexham Book Festival**, running from 26 April to 6 May 2018, sees **a large number of authors, speakers, and well-known public figures** coming to venues across Hexham to **present on a variety of themes**. This year's programme encourages discussion on a wide range of topics such as democracy, espionage, sport, philosophy, women's suffrage, the Reformation, neuroscience, art history, modern politics, Shakespeare, diversity, the global economy, and literature and creative writing. Opportunities like this are perfect for **adding content to UCAS applications** and experiencing **a more in-depth look** at topics outside of the school curriculum. See <http://hexhambookfestival.co.uk/programme/> for more information and to book tickets.

YEAR 12 Isaac Physics, an educational partnership co-directed by academics at Cambridge University, is running a **student bootcamp** for current Year 12 students who will be studying **A Level Physics and A Level Maths in Year 13**. The revision bootcamp will be held at the **University of Newcastle** on Tuesday 28 August 2018 (10am – 5pm). The day comprises **mini-lectures and workshops**, covering graphs, mechanics, electric circuits, waves, and quantum behaviour. Students will practise physics concepts under the guidance of tutors, develop their confidence in calculations and core areas of physics, and gain a deeper understanding of core physics concepts. There are **50 places available** on the bootcamp, which are allocated based on **a series of eligibility criteria**. For more information on the criteria and how to apply (the deadline is 24 June 2018), see <https://isaacphysics.org/events/28082018newcastle>