

Sixth Form Bulletin 22/12/17

Queen Elizabeth High School, Hexham



University/College

BOTH YEARS **Students interested in studying abroad:** A Star Future, the company who provide British students with information and guidance about study opportunities abroad and who have been into QEHS previously to give presentations, are hosting an **information session in Newcastle**. The session, called **'How to Choose a University Abroad'**, will be held at the Royal Station Hotel on Tuesday 23 January 2018 (6—8pm). At the session the managing director of A Star Future will discuss the key motivations for British students wanting to go to university overseas, the highlights of student life abroad and the practicalities of applying to an international university. To book a place at the event, see <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/a-star-future-ltd-2939782429>. For more information on A Star Future and to view their extensive online resources, see <https://www.astarfuture.co.uk/>

YEAR 12 **Oxford University** has a number of upcoming events for Year 12 students:

- **Medicine Outreach Day** at Oriel College: 10 February 2018. The day covers the application process for medical schools in the UK and more information on studying undergraduate medicine. There will also be the opportunity to meet current medical students and practising medical professionals. Students applying for a place on the day should be studying at least Chemistry A Level and be predicted A or A*. Schools can nominate four students, so interested students should give their name to the Curriculum Office after the Christmas holidays. For more information see <http://www.oriel.ox.ac.uk/medicine-outreach-day>
- **Law Open Days:** Monday 12, Tuesday 13 and Wednesday 14 March 2018. The day includes information on the undergraduate courses and admissions procedures, and the careers available within law. There will also be a tour and an academic taster session at one of the colleges. Schools can nominate three students, so interested students should give their name to the Curriculum Office after the Christmas holidays. For more information see <http://www3.law.ox.ac.uk/march-open-days-2018.html>
- **Oxford Pathways Study Days:** Tuesday 13, Wednesday 14 and Thursday 15 March 2018. The study days offer the chance to experience a chosen subject through **a day of academic sessions** run by Oxford tutors. The day also includes talks from admissions tutors and a college tour. Accommodation for the night before will be available for students travelling long distances. The deadline for applications is 14 January 2018, and applications need to include a name and email of a teacher. For more information see <http://www.pathways.ox.ac.uk/>



YEAR 12 **Reminder:** The **University of Cumbria's** 'Futures Programme' is aimed at Year 12 students who are considering studying **teaching, nursing (adult nursing, mental health nursing, and learning disability nursing), occupational therapy, or diagnostic radiotherapy**. Through the scheme, by fulfilling certain criteria and participating in two **webinars** in January and March 2018 and a **residential** held in July 2018, students can receive a **guaranteed interview** to the University of

Cumbria. The programme also provides students with information and support on choosing courses, how to prepare for an application and interview, interview techniques, and graduate prospects. For more information and to register, see <https://www.cumbria.ac.uk/about/partnerships/schools-and-colleges/future-teachers--future-health/>

Enrichment

BOTH YEARS Camp America is holding three **Recruitment Fairs** in January 2018 on the following dates:

- Edinburgh – 23 January 2018
- Manchester – 25 January 2018
- London – 27 January 2018



Hundreds of American camp directors will be at the Recruitment Fairs and there are **thousands of placements available**, so it is a great opportunity for students to meet the camps and get hired **on the spot**. Each year Camp America sends over 7000 students to work on summer camps in the role of a Camp Counsellor to look after the campers' well-being and supervising the camp activities. For more information, see <https://www.campamerica.co.uk/explore/events>

YEAR 12 The **Sutton Trust US Programme** is now open for applications. The programme is specially designed to give UK **Year 12 students a taste of life at an American university**, with Harvard, Yale and MIT examples of previous host campuses. It is **free** to take part in as all costs are covered by the Sutton Trust. The programme includes a **week-long visit** to the US, two **UK-based residentials**, **support** from the Sutton Trust advisers on applications and financial aid, in-depth **admissions test preparation** and guidance for parents. The Sutton Trust does have quite strict **eligibility criteria** looking at academic achievement, household income and similar conditions, so it is worth thoroughly researching the programme to be aware of these entry requirements. The deadline for applications is 14 January 2018 (not including the school reference that also needs to be submitted). For more information and to apply go to <http://us.suttontrust.com/>

Careers/Apprenticeships

YEAR 13 BDO, a national **accountancy and business advisory firm**, has a number of **school leaver programmes** available in the following specialist areas:

- Audit
- Business Services and Outsourcing
- Tax
- Advisory



The school leaver programmes are all **four years** in length, and there are vacancies available across the UK. BDO pay for any qualifications undertaken during the programme and participants get real responsibilities from day one of their role, gaining valuable commercial experience. **Entry requirements** for the programme are three A Levels in any subject at grade A*-C, and GCSE grades in English Language and Maths at grades A*-C. For more information, see <https://bdoearlyincareer.co.uk/school-leaver/>