

## Sixth Form Bulletin 24/11/17

Queen Elizabeth High School, Hexham



### Enrichment

**BOTH YEARS** The **Sele Medical Practice** in Hexham is looking for **any students interested in medicine, nursing, or any other healthcare-related careers** to take part in their **Patient Participation Group**. Participants will gain an understanding of the **workings of a general practice** and **learn first-hand** about the pressures and issues general practice and clinicians are facing. The group meets approximately every quarter, with the next meeting in February. Students joining the participation group **must be registered at Sele Medical Practice**. There are **two places** available, so any interested students should **email the Curriculum Office** on [curriculum@qehs.net](mailto:curriculum@qehs.net) with their contact details and one or two lines on why they would like to take part, which we will then forward to the practice for selection.

**YEAR 12** Reminder: **University College at Oxford University** is holding subject-specific study days for Year 12 students:

- **English and History** Study Day: Tuesday 16 January 2018
- **Mathematical Sciences** Study Day: Tuesday 13 February 2018

The study days will include **lectures** from University College tutors and extended break-out sessions where students will be able to discuss their subject. The Mathematical Sciences day will also include information and guidance on the **Maths Admissions Test (MAT)**. Students will gain an **insight into life at University College** through tours with current undergraduates and lunch in the College's dining hall. To apply for a place, students must fill in an online application form; the deadline for applications is Wednesday 13 December 2017 for English and History and Tuesday 16 January 2018 for Mathematical Sciences. The College may be able to assist with travelling costs for some students. For more information, see <https://www.univ.ox.ac.uk/content/year-12-subject-study-days>



### Careers/Apprenticeships

**YEAR 13** Ernst and Young (EY) have a new **school leaver programme** available: **Chartered Manager Degree Apprenticeships**. Apprentices will study towards **BA Business Leadership and Management Practice** at **Northumbria University** one day a week and also work at the EY Managed Services hub in Newcastle with a competitive starting salary. At EY, apprentices will gain **hands-on experience of client work**, supporting the team with project management and updating on project progress and communications. The entry requirement for the degree apprenticeship is **three A Levels** (completed in advance of the start date in September 2018). It is worth noting that students can apply for the degree apprenticeship **in addition to any UCAS choices**, so even if students have sent off their UCAS form or are in the process of doing so they can still apply through EY for the degree apprenticeship. For more information and to apply, see <https://ukcareers.ey.com/schools/our-programmes/the-ey-business-apprenticeship/ey-degree-apprenticeship-in-managed-services>

**YEAR 13** The **Volkswagen (VW) Apprenticeship Programme** is now open for applications.

Apprenticeships are available in Service Technician, Parts Advisor, and Service Advisor roles working in a VW UK Van Centre and Authorised Repairers. A week's training with Outward Bound is included in all VW apprenticeship courses to build leadership, communication and teamwork skills. Entry requirements for the apprenticeship are GCSE grades A-C in English, Maths and a Science. For more information and to apply, see <http://www.volkswagen-apprentice.co.uk/>

**YEAR 12** **Reminder:** The Social Mobility Foundation runs a scheme called the '**Aspiring Professionals Programme**' to help Year 12 students to access top professions. Their support is free of charge and is tailored to one of **11 career sectors**: Accountancy, Architecture, Banking & Finance, Biology & Chemistry, Business, Engineering & Physics, Law, Media & Communications, Medicine, Politics, and Technology. Students can also pick a '**no preference**' option if they are unsure about which career to enter. Students on the Social Mobility Foundation Programme receive e-mentoring, internship placements, university application support, and professional development and career support. The deadline for applications is Monday 11 December 2017. It is worth noting that the Social Mobility Foundation has **strict eligibility criteria** which focus on financial circumstances and academic ability – see their website for more information: <http://www.socialmobility.org.uk/programmes/app-city/>

**YEAR 12** The Liverpool Medical Institution (LMI) is hosting their annual **medical careers conference** for Year 12 students on Tuesday 19 – Wednesday 20 December 2017. The two-day conference includes advice from **professionals and current medical students** on topics including the choice of medical schools available, the different types of medical courses, the admissions process, interviews, speciality medical training, and medical careers. There are also short taster sessions which demonstrate various specialities in hospital departments. There are residential places (from £175) and non-residential places (£120) available. For more information and to book a place see <https://www.lmi.org.uk/year-12-medical-careers-conference>

