Sixth Form Bulletin 25/11/16

Queen Elizabeth High School, Hexham

Sixth Form Notices

BOTH YEARS **Virgin Money** are coming to QEHS to speak to Year 12 and Year 13 students about their **degree level apprenticeships** on Thursday 1 December 2016 at lunchtime (12.40pm to 1.15pm). This is a fantastic opportunity to hear **from the recruiters themselves** what they are looking for in applicants to these fantastic opportunities. Participants combine **earning and learning**, completing a digital degree in 4.5 years, **paid for by Virgin Money** and gaining **work experience** at the same time. The degree apprenticeship is based in **Gosforth**, Newcastle. Opportunities include Software Engineer, IT Consultant, Business Analyst, Network Engineer, and Data Analyst. Interested students should **sign up with the Curriculum Office**.

YEAR 13 The deadline to enter **resit entries** with the Exam Office is Friday 2 December 2016. Check the cost with the Exams Office or see the Exams section of the website; you will need a cheque to pay for your resits. Please note that information about exam resits is available **during break or lunchtime only.**
Additionally, if you want complete your **General Studies AS** (1 exam) or complete the **full A level** (3 exams), you need to fill in the General Studies form in the Exams Office. These exams are paid for by school.

YEAR 12 Elaine McStravick, our **Careers Adviser**, is in school on Wednesday 30 November 2016 and is available for students to book appointment with her to **talk about work experience** if they are **finding it hard to decide** where to apply to or **have not been successful** in their applications to date. Students can book an appointment with Elaine via Curriculum Team on curriculum@qehs.net or see Carole Brown in the library.

YEAR 13 There is a **Student Finance Evening** for students and parents/carers on Tuesday 6 December 2016 in the Winter Gardens (6pm start, 7pm finish at the latest). The session starts with a current undergraduate talking about **their experience of being a student and applying for finance**, followed by an overview by a member of the Student Finance Team on behalf of the Department for Education who will explain what **financial support is available and how to apply for it**. The session is not expected to last more than 40 minutes and there will be an opportunity to ask questions at the end. Please reserve a maximum of 2 seats per student with Emily Webb by emailing curriculum@qehs.net or phoning 01434 610312.

YEAR 13 Reminder: **Year 13 Parents' Evening** will be taking place in the main hall on Thursday 1 December 2016 from 4.30pm. Students should be in the process of making appointments with their teachers; an appointment sheet has been emailed out to parents/carers of Year 13 students.

Enrichment

<mark>BOTH YEARS</mark> **Josie's Dragonfly Trust** are in need of jolly volunteers to help for 1-2 hour slots on Sunday 4 December 2016 at Tesco Hexham. Tasks for the day include raising awareness, collecting donations and spreading festive joy (fancy dress optional). Students can use the time **towards any Duke of Edinburgh/other volunteer awards** they may be participating in; the charity will be happy to confirm this for any student that volunteers. Any interested students should contact Sarah Hogg on sarah@josiesdragonfly.org

University/College

<mark>YEAR 12</mark> **Oxford University** are holding three taster/study days for Year 12 students in early 2017:

- **Corpus Christi College Philosophy Essay Prize and Taster Day** (14 February 2017, 10.15am – 3.30pm). The day will include a lecture and a number of introductory seminars to help students think about different areas of Philosophy that they may not have encountered in depth before. Lunch will be included, as will a chance to meet current undergraduates. The day is free of charge, and some help may be available with transport costs. For more information see http://www.ccc.ox.ac.uk/Philosophy-Study-Day/
- **University College PPE (Philosophy, Politics and Economics) Study Day** (14 February 2017). This study day will allow a taste of PPE and also give students suggestions for how to explore their academic interests beyond school as they prepare to make a university application. Lectures and classes will be run by University College's tutors with titles such as "Do we know anything at all?" and "Is liberalism racist?". For more information see http://univ.ox.ac.uk/content/year-12-subject-study-days
- **University College Maths, Physics and Engineering Study Day** (20 February 2017). This Study Day is designed for any Year 12 students who love Maths and Physics but don't know which subject to focus on at degree level. It will also be valuable in giving ideas for how students can engage with these subjects beyond school. There will be taster lectures from University College's tutors as well as smaller interactive classes, and there will be opportunities to meet current students and explore the College. For more information see http://univ.ox.ac.uk/content/year-12-subject-study-days

Careers/Apprenticeships

<mark>YEAR 13</mark> CGI, a large global IT Services provider, are now accepting applications for their **sponsored degree apprenticeship** vacancies across the UK. The scheme offers students the chance to **gain a degree debt free** while gaining a valuable **career head-start** and earning a starting salary of **£14,100**. Due to the large amount of project areas within CGI the scope of the degree apprenticeship is vast, with previous participants working in everything from Space and Defence to Cyber Security to Project Management. Apprentices will study towards a degree in IT Management for Business, Digital and Technology Solutions, or Software Development, depending on which CGI placement they apply for; the degree level apprenticeship are available at Aston, Edinburgh, Glasgow, and Winchester. For more information about the scheme, see http://www.cgi-group.co.uk/careers/school-and-college-leavers/sponsored-degree-programme. To apply, see http://www.cgi-group.co.uk/careers/school-and-college-leavers/apply-now