

## Sixth Form Bulletin 30/09/16

Queen Elizabeth High School, Hexham



### Sixth Form Notices

**BOTH YEARS** The QEHS Youth Theatre needs you! They are looking for an enthusiastic production team to help out with the upcoming performance of The Addams Family, with help in the following roles: **costume, make-up and hair, lighting, sound, set, props, marketing, and front of house.** Any interested students should come to the Drama Studio at lunchtime on Wednesday 5 October 2016. Drinks and sweet treats will be provided! If you cannot make the initial meeting please see Miss Briggs in the Drama Office.

### Employment/Apprenticeship

**YEAR 13** EGGER is holding an **open day** for students interested in **apprenticeships** within the firm. EGGER offers apprenticeships in **Electrical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, and Business Administration**, with apprentices working towards level 2 and 3 NVQ qualifications and potentially **undergraduate degree** level courses. The open day will be held on Thursday 3 November 2016 (3.30-6.30pm), and gives students the opportunity to meet with current apprentices, managers and training providers. The event is free to attend but registration is required; interested students should contact the Human Resources department on 01434 613361 or [jobs.uk@egger.com](mailto:jobs.uk@egger.com) for a time slot. For more information about EGGER and their apprenticeships, see [http://www.egger.com/shop/en\\_GB/apprenticeships](http://www.egger.com/shop/en_GB/apprenticeships).



**BOTH YEARS** The **Industrial Cadets scheme** gives young people an **insight into industry** by connecting them with employers to take part in accredited experiences. As an Industrial Cadet, students will build and enhance their skills and knowledge, **mentored by industry professionals** and taking part in **at least 20 hours' industry experience**. The wide range of activities available within the scheme includes hands-on team challenges, site visits, presentations and talks, interactive workshops, and project work. As the programmes are **accredited**, they are an excellent **addition to any UCAS or job application for STEM related disciplines**. Students will also gain access to further opportunities after completion of the Industrial Cadets scheme through the **Industrial Cadets Online Network**. For more information and to register your interest, see <https://www.industrialcadets.org.uk/whos-it/young-people>

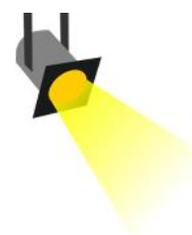
**BOTH YEARS** North Tyneside General Hospital is hosting a **Pharmacy Open Evening** on Thursday 6 October 2016 (6.00pm – 8.00pm). The evening will include a **tour** of the department, the opportunity to find out about the work that is carried out in a busy Pharmacy and a chance to see the department's robot in action. The event is open to any student who is considering a **career in a hospital pharmacy** whether as a Pharmacist, Technician, Dispensing Assistant or working in Administration. There will be representatives from each staff area to answer questions on training and the jobs in detail. Parents/carers are also welcome to attend. To book a place or for further information, contact Ashley Bell on [ashley.bell@nhct.nhs.uk](mailto:ashley.bell@nhct.nhs.uk) or 01670 529424 by Monday 3 October 2016.



## University/College

**YEAR 12** Northumbria University run a **Supported Entry Scheme** (NU Entry) for **Year 12 students**. By participating in the scheme, students will have the opportunity to **develop skills** necessary for successful undergraduate study. The programme also provides the chance to earn 'NU Entry points' which are **equivalent to UCAS Tariff Points** and can **contribute to applications** to Northumbria University undergraduate programmes. NU Entry students will receive **online mentoring** from current Northumbria University students throughout Year 13. It is worth noting that there are **strict eligibility criteria** for the NU Entry scheme, taking into account current academic achievement and also personal circumstances including parental Higher Education, postcode, household income, and any extenuating circumstances. The applications to the scheme open on 17 October 2016 and close on 28 April 2017. Please note that the NU Entry web page is currently being updated for the 2016-17 programme, but will shortly have the up-to-date information for this round of applications: <https://www.northumbria.ac.uk/study-at-northumbria/information-for-schools-and-colleges/northumbria-university-supported-entry-scheme/>

**BOTH YEARS** **Rose Bruford College of Theatre and Performing** offer niche courses for students interested in **all aspects of Performing Arts, from acting to the technical and design elements**. Their degree courses cover areas such as: Acting, Actor Musicianship, European Theatre Arts, Costume Production, Lighting Design, Performance Sound, Scenic Arts (construction, props and painting), Stage Management, and Theatre Design (set and costume). The College is holding their next round of open days during October and November. For more information, see <https://www.bruford.ac.uk/>



**YEAR 13** Open days are an **extremely important** opportunity to visit institutions as every one is different, and usually offer the chance to speak to staff regarding courses and perhaps more importantly current students regarding accommodation, atmosphere, costs and social activities. It is worth noting that **it is possible to send your UCAS form off with two choices and then add your other three after you have visited other universities** (as long as it's before 30 June 2017 and you have not accepted or declined your other offers), so open days do not need to delay the most important step of your application. Some upcoming open days include:

- Manchester Metropolitan University – Saturday 8 October 2016
- Teesside University – Saturday 8 October 2016
- University of Edinburgh – Saturday 8 October 2016
- University of Manchester – Saturday 8 October 2016
- University of Leeds – Saturday 8 October 2016
- Sunderland University – Saturday 15 October 2016
- University of Central Lancashire (UCLAN) – Sunday 16 October 2016

See each institution's website for details or visit [www.opendays.com](http://www.opendays.com) to see all the dates of all UK open days.

## Enrichment

**BOTH YEARS** **Camp America** is holding an **Information Session** at Northumbria University on Monday 24 October 2016 from 6.00pm. The event is the best way for students to find out everything they

need to know about **working on a summer camp in the USA** and all the information regarding the Camp America scheme. 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/newcastle-info-session>

**BOTH YEARS** FutureLearn is a portal for a wide range of **free online courses** from top universities and specialist organisations from across the world. The courses are offered with **accessibility and flexibility** in mind – they are delivered one step at a time and can be accessed on mobile, tablet or desktop, for students to undertake completely at their own pace and in their own time. FutureLearn courses are a **very good example for UCAS statements or CVs of independent learning** and using resources to explore **topics in further depth and at a higher level** outside of lessons. Upcoming and currently running courses include:

- *Environmental Challenges: Rights and Values in Ecosystem Services*, by the University of Leeds (course duration 2 weeks, 5 hours per week)
- *European Culture and Politics*, by the University of Groningen in the Netherlands (6 weeks, 5 hours per week)
- *Forensic Science and Criminal Justice*, by the University of Leicester (6 weeks, 2 hours per week)
- *How to Read a Mind: an introduction to understanding literary characters*, by the University of Nottingham (2 weeks, 3 hours per week)
- *Learn to Code for Data Analysis (Python)*, by the Open University (4 weeks, 5 hours per week)



It is also worth noting that UCAS themselves are now offering an online course on FutureLearn called *Smart Choices: Broadening Your Horizons*, to help students understand the wealth of higher education opportunities. Some courses offer a Statement of Participation once completed. For more information and to see the numerous courses available, see <https://www.futurelearn.com/>