

## Sixth Form Bulletin 13/12/18

Queen Elizabeth High School, Hexham



### Sixth Form Notices

**BOTH YEARS** Josh Rook, an ex-QEHS student, is coming in to talk to Sixth Form students on Monday 17 December (lunchtime, 12.50pm start) in A19. Josh studied a BSc in **Economics and Business** at the **University of Amsterdam** with a semester abroad at the **University of Toronto**, followed by an MSc in Economics at the **University of Edinburgh**. He currently works for the **Government Economic Service**, having joined the Civil Service via their Fast Stream scheme, and will be talking about his own experiences as well as the new **Government Economic Service Degree Level Apprenticeship (see below)**. The talk is open to both Years 12 and 13 and would be of interest to any students thinking of **studying abroad**, studying **economics and business**, or undertaking a **degree apprenticeship** (even if you have **already applied** to universities via UCAS – see below for the benefits of a degree apprenticeship). Students can bring their lunch along to the session.

### Careers/Apprenticeships

**YEAR 13** Reminder: The Civil Service now offers the first **degree-level economics apprenticeship** programme in the UK: the Government Economic Service Degree Apprenticeship. Apprentices will work in a **central government department or agency** while studying a **degree in economics** with the University of Kent. Successful completion of the apprenticeship therefore offers **four years' paid work experience** in the Civil Service, a **fully funded Economics degree** with no student loans to pay, and a **salary of at least £27,000** (after graduation). The applications process is open now for an autumn 2019 start date. For more information, see <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/government-economics-service-degree-apprenticeship-programme>

**YEAR 13** **Durham Constabulary**, in conjunction with Derwentside College, is recruiting for their biggest **Business Administration Apprentice** scheme to date, with around 30 vacancies potentially available. The roles will assist in providing **clerical support** to meet a range of organisational needs. Typical duties include retrieving and presenting data using the Force ICT systems, responding to enquiries from internal and external customers, processing accounts, and managing and supporting diary events. The closing date for applications is Friday 18 January 2019. For more information see <https://www.durham.police.uk/Join-us/Documents/x30%20vacancies%20-%20Durham%20Constabulary%20-%20Business%20Administration.pdf>

**BOTH YEARS** The **University of Leeds** offers a four-year **degree apprenticeship** in conjunction with **PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC)**, leading to a **BSc in Computer Science (Digital and Technology Solutions)**. The degree apprenticeship includes **placements of work experience with PwC**, working on cutting-edge digital and technology client work, and apprentices' university tuition fees are **completely funded** by PwC. As a PwC employee, apprentices will receive a **salary**, and at the end of the degree programme PwC will offer students a **graduate job**. For more information, see <https://engineering.leeds.ac.uk/courses/ug/aP01/computer-science-digital-and-technology-solutions>

**YEAR 13** GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) has a wide range of **apprenticeship vacancies** available. They offer three different levels of apprenticeship: Advanced, Higher, and Degree Apprenticeships. The roles available cover a large number of **STEM-related disciplines**, including Clinical Trials Specialist, Cyber Security, Engineering, Laboratory Science, Manufacturing Science, and Pharmaceutical Technician. Roles in Business, Supply Chain, and Finance are also available. The closing date for applications is 21 January 2019. For more information and to apply, see <http://uk.gsk.com/en-gb/careers/apprenticeships/>

## Enrichment

**YEAR 12** Eversheds are now accepting applications for their **law taster scheme**, 'Eversheds Unlocked', which will take place in their Newcastle office on 15 – 17 April 2019. During the scheme, students will **work with real lawyers, learn what a law career involves** and receive **advice and guidance** on how to start the journey into law. Eversheds will help students to set goals, **support applications to a university**, give one-to-one coaching sessions and help develop communication skills. Note that there are eligibility criteria for places on the scheme. The deadline for applications is 20 January 2019. For more information and to apply, see [www.eversheds-sutherland.com/unlocked](http://www.eversheds-sutherland.com/unlocked)

**BOTH YEARS** The **Sage Gateshead** is looking for two **Young Trustees** to join its board of trustees for a one-year term starting in spring 2019. Trustees influence and contribute to the Sage's cultural offer, gaining an insight into the company and how the business is developing. Trustees also liaise with **senior staff and key figures** in the organisation and the community, with Young Trustees in particular representing the voice of their peers and **young people across the region** who want to engage in musical and cultural activity. The deadline for applications is Friday 18 January 2019. For more information and to apply, see <http://www.sagegateshead.com/news-and-blogs/news-list/young-trustees-sought/>

## University/College

**YEAR 12** **University College** at the **University of Oxford** has a number of upcoming **study days** for Year 12 students. Currently open for applications are:

- Research in the Sciences Study Day (female students only) – Monday 18 February 2019
- Medical Sciences Study Day – Thursday 28 February 2019
- Mathematical and Physical Sciences Study Day – Monday 4 March 2019

In the near future applications will also open for an English and History Study Day and a Social Sciences Study Day (both June 2019). The study days are run by College subject tutors and postgraduate students and feature classes and lectures, a tour of the college, and lunch with current undergraduate students. For more information and an application form, see <https://www.univ.ox.ac.uk/about/outreach/> (scroll down to see the Year 12 Subject Study Days).