

Sixth Form Bulletin 31/01/19

Queen Elizabeth High School, Hexham



Enrichment

BOTH YEARS Northumbria University are offering to arrange an **informal tour/chat** about studying **Law** at Northumbria. If you are interested please either email curriculum@qehs.net or call into the office and give your name to Joanne and we will see what we can arrange.

BOTH YEARS **Oxford University** is showing a **live Mathematics Student Lecture** on Thursday 14 February 2019, 10–11am. Professor James Sparks will be delivering a **first-year undergraduate lecture** on Dynamics, the mathematics of how things change with time. Students can **watch live and ask questions**, and a real **tutorial based on the lecture** will also be **filmed** the following week. The lecture will remain available if you can't watch it live. More information and the chance to ask questions is available on the Oxford Mathematics Facebook and Twitter pages, and the live stream will take place on <https://livestream.com/oxuni/undergraduate-lecture>. For more information on the Dynamics course, see <https://courses.maths.ox.ac.uk/node/37555>

YEAR 12 Oriel College at Oxford University is holding a **Year 12 Medicine Day** on Saturday 16 February 2019. Designed for students considering Medicine courses at any university (**not just Oxford**), the day includes information on admissions tests, personal statements, work experience, and the student experience of medical school. There will also be interactive academic sessions with medical actors and doctors to replicate **real-life clinical teaching**, and the opportunity to talk to current students. The day is **free of charge** – students will need to **pay for their travel**, but there is potentially help from Oxford with these costs. The school must nominate students for a place, so interested students should **give their names to the Curriculum Office** by 2.30pm on Monday.

BOTH YEARS The **Debate Chamber Summer Schools** offer students the opportunity to **study certain subjects at the level of first year university studies** with a range of challenging topics covered in seminars, lectures, activities and informal discussions. Subjects offered include **History, Classical Civilisations, English Literature, International Relations, Computer Science, Law, Art History, Medicine, Economics, Philosophy, Physics, Politics, and Dentistry**. All the summer schools take place at University of London venues in Bloomsbury (please note students will need to arrange their own accommodation). There is limited **bursary funding** available. For more information, see <https://debatechamber.com/summerschools/>

YEAR 12 The **University of Leeds** is hosting a **Year 12 Law Taster Day** on Monday 11 March 2019 (9.30am – 2.30pm). Designed for students with an interest in Law, Criminology, and Criminal Justice, the day features workshops and taster lectures from academics from the University's School of Law. There will also be an opportunity to meet current Leeds students and lecturers, and to visit the **Moot Court**, which is used by the legal professionals in Leeds for real cases. Bookings for the event close on 18 February 2019; for further information see <https://socialsciencesoutreach.leeds.ac.uk/events/law-taster-day-y12/>

Careers/Apprenticeships

BOTH YEARS WECAN, a Hexham-based charity that supports **young people and adults with additional needs**, has vacancies available for **Support Workers** to work on term time Saturdays, during the half term and Easter holidays, and during the summer holidays (there are permanent and casual flexible contracts available). Support Workers aid children and young people to access a wide range of leisure activities and local events, working either within a small group or on a 1:1 basis. Previous experience is desirable but not essential as **training is provided**. For more information, contact Hayley Armstrong, Service Manager, on 07741 480188 or hayley@wecanenable.co.uk

YEAR 13 Reminder: **EGGER** has a number of **apprenticeship vacancies** at their plant in **Hexham** with a potential September 2019 start. Apprentices at EGGER undertake a comprehensive **four-year training programme**, with a combination of on-the-job training and off-site education. The current positions available are:

- Mechanical Fitter Apprentice
- Apprentice Electrician
- Business Administration Apprentice
- Payroll Apprentice

N.B. The closing date for these vacancies is 1 February 2019. For more information, see https://recruiting.egger.com/neptune/unreg/z_erec_jobsearch.html?sap-language=en&country=GB&tgroup=0020

BOTH YEARS InvestIN Education runs a series of work experience programmes, covering Investment Banking, Medicine, Engineering, Law, Politics, Journalism, and Business Leadership. **Most of the programmes take place at University College London and take place throughout March and April 2019**. The one-day events provide an immersive introduction to each career and feature interactive simulations and guidance on how to gain a competitive advantage. Both programmes feature a **networking session** to meet leading professionals and make valuable contacts. For more information and to book, see <http://investineducation.co.uk/index.php> (click on the links on the left-hand side under 'Spring 2019 Programmes').

YEAR 13 **Hays Travel** are now accepting applications for their **apprenticeship programme**. Apprentices can undertake their Travel Consultant Level 3 Apprenticeship at any Hays branch across the UK (**including Hexham**), although there are other apprenticeships also available covering different job roles. Apprentices **earn a salary** at the same time as **completing qualifications** and will have **guaranteed career progression**. For more information and to apply, see <https://www.haystravel.co.uk/careers/apprenticeships>

YEAR 13 The **Apprenticeship website** is starting to have an increasing number of **new vacancies**; it is worth checking it **regularly** as some positions are only advertised for a **short period of time**. Some will have a desired start date before you have finished school/your exams but they may be **prepared to wait** for the right person.

Some apprenticeships are the start of a career and will enable students to achieve higher level qualifications, others are shorter in length and will allow students to obtain skills or test an interest in a sector. Here are just a few examples, please look at the website for the full range.

www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk

Apprenticeships within 25 miles of Hexham:

- Level 4 Software Developer for DXC Technology
 - Business Analyst for DXC Technology
- Degree Apprenticeship Power Engineering – Siemens Plc
- Level 4 Electrical Engineering – Siemens Plc
- Level 3 Maintenance Apprenticeship – BAE Systems
- Level 3 Civil Engineering – Northumberland County Council - Hexham
- Level 2 with the opportunity to progress to 4- Plumbing Apprentice – JP Westall
- Degree Level Apprenticeship in Digital and Technology – EY (Ernst and Young LLP)
- For experience there is a 15 month apprenticeship as a Sport Activity Coaching Apprenticeship for Fit2the Core Training Systems

If you are prepared to live away from home to work and study – the following degree apprenticeships are currently advertised:

- HR Degree apprenticeship -BP International Ltd (Sunbury-on Thames)
- Level 5 HR Consultant/Partner apprenticeship – Unilever UK (Kingston Upon Thames) *A level maths grade C or above essential*
- Higher Apprenticeship (start of a degree) Business Improvement – Siemens Plc Nottingham

University/College

YEAR 12 Sutton Trust Summer Schools are free, **all expenses paid, one-week** residential programmes that provide Year 12 students a taste of life at university. The week consists not just of **lectures, seminars, and tutorials**, but also a varied programme of **social activities** to give an overall view of life as an undergraduate at a research-led university. Thirteen institutions currently take part in the Sutton Trust Summer Schools, including universities in **Bristol, Cambridge, Durham, Edinburgh, London, Nottingham, St Andrews, and Warwick**, and there are over 40 different subjects on offer. Priority will be given to students who meet certain **eligibility criteria** including first generation to attend university and household income. Applications for this year's event are open until Thursday 28 February 2019. For more information, see <http://summerschools.suttontrust.com/>

YEAR 12 Northumbria University run a **Supported Entry Scheme** called 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 although there are **eligibility criteria** for the NU Entry scheme, it is broader than other similar schemes and takes into account home circumstances, with extenuating circumstances considered on an individual basis. The applications to the scheme have now opened and close on Sunday 28 April 2019. For more information, see www.northumbria.ac.uk/nuentry