

Sixth Form Bulletin 07/02/19

Queen Elizabeth High School, Hexham



University/College

YEAR 13 It is vital you spend time **thoroughly checking your UCAS offers**. Important points are:

- Make sure that the **entry requirements for your insurance choice are lower than your firm choice**.
- If you have received an **unconditional offer** it can have a time restraint, so make sure you check this carefully.
- If you haven't been on an **open day** to a university you are going to make your firm or insurance choice we strongly advise you visit – ideally on a post-offer day.
- You should read the small print very carefully – there can be **subtle differences** between offers that look similar.
- If you've used all five choices and you're not holding any offers, you can use **UCAS Extra** to add another choice from 25 February 2019 – see

<https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/after-you-apply/types-offer/extra-choices>

UCAS have written a comprehensive article about making the right decisions with your offers – see <https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/after-you-apply/making-right-decision>. If you have any questions or need any help regarding offers, please see the Curriculum Office.

Enrichment

YEAR 13 On Wednesday 13 February 2019 (2–3pm), there will be a **webinar on psychopathology** available to our students in school. Three universities will be presenting on different topics:

- The **University of Sheffield** will discuss how psychologists evaluate the effectiveness of **treatments for anxiety, depression and addictions**.
- **Goldsmiths University** will present 'Psychopathology: **Psychosocial Views and Critique**'.
- The **University of East Anglia** will discuss '**are serial killers born or made?**'

Unfortunately this webinar is during Year 12 work experience, but interested Year 13 students should sign up with the Social Sciences department or the Curriculum Office by noon on Monday 11 February 2019. Please note students **should not miss lessons** for the webinar.

YEAR 12 **Northumbria University** is running an **Applied Science Taster Day** on Wednesday 5 June 2019. The day includes three workshops:

- 'How Fresh is Fresh?' (Chemistry): using thin-layer chromatography to determine which out of 'fresh' spinach or frozen spinach is freshest.
- Sugar Consumption (Food & Nutrition): investigating what happens to foods when they are made without sugar, and exploring the health impact on our bodies.
- Diabetes (Biological Sciences): learning the basic principles in diagnosing diabetes and a chance to try out the techniques and equipment needed to be a diabetes diagnostician.

The event is very popular and has limited spaces, so applications are made through the school. Interested students should give their name to Joanne in the Curriculum Office either in person or by email (curriculum@gehs.net)

BOTH YEARS Open Doors 2019 is a scheme that gives students a unique chance to see behind the scenes at **major live construction sites** across England, discovering how the buildings and structures are constructed and finding out about the **diverse range of skills and professions** needed on site. One local project available to visit is the Mount Oswald project, a £80 million scheme for **Durham University** to develop new college and student facilities. Visits to the site, taking place throughout **March 2019**, will include a **guided tour** to see the work in action, and the opportunity to ask any questions about the project. This would be useful for students interested in **architecture, civil engineering, surveying, property development, or any other construction-related disciplines**. Places are filling up fast, so book ASAP! For more information, see https://opendoors.construction/site/190#loc_activity

BOTH YEARS The **University of Sunderland** has a number of upcoming taster events for a range of subjects:

- **Nursing and Paramedic Open Evening** (**12 February 2019**, 4–7pm). The drop-in style open evening is for students interested in studying Adult Nursing, Mental Health Nursing, Learning Disability Nursing, or Paramedic Science. Students will be able to look around the facility's Living Lab, speak to Nursing and Paramedic staff, and watch demos of their state-of-the-art equipment. For more information, see <https://www.sunderland.ac.uk/open-days/ug-feb-2019/>
- **Performing Arts Taster Sessions** (**19 – 22 February 2019**). These sessions allow students to work with current undergraduates during technique classes, rehearsals, dress/technical runs of musical theatre productions and contemporary dance performances.
- **Glass and Ceramic Maker Day** (**27 February 2019**). The day features a hands-on making experience in the University's studios in the National Glass Centre. Students will also be able to find out more about the BA Artist Designer Maker: Glass & Ceramics course.

To book a place on the Performing Arts or Glass & Ceramic events, click on the relevant links in <https://static.hobsons.co.uk/sunderland/usermedia/student%20recruitment/Brining%20US%20to%20you/Programme%20of%20Events%202019-1.pdf> (at the bottom of the first page).

YEAR 12 The **University of Southampton** is accepting applications for their **Experience Engineering residential**, taking place **14–16 April 2019**. The course introduces students to the areas of Ship Science and Mechanical Engineering through a team exercise to **design, build and test a Greenpower car and a fastcraft for water**. There will also be **talks, workshops and seminars** from staff and students from the Faculty of Engineering and Physical Sciences. Students stay in university **halls of residence** and are **mentored** by current undergraduates and postgraduates. The course is free, however there are **strict and narrow eligibility criteria**, so check these details carefully. For more information, see <https://www.southampton.ac.uk/schools-colleges/experience-engineering.page>

Careers/Apprenticeships

YEAR 13 There are vacancies for **Activity Leaders** for Summer 2019 with Kingswood at their outdoor centre in Hexham (**Dukehouse Wood**). The role includes delivering a range of outdoor activities to support and inspire young people. Applicants must be 18+ to apply and be available for the whole

season. The closing date for applications is Monday 29 April 2019. For more information, see <https://inspiringlearning.current-vacancies.com/Jobs/Advert/1485051?cid=1776&rsid=0&js=0&LinkType=1&FromSearch=False>

YEAR 13 The **Bosch Automotive Advanced Apprenticeship Programme** is now open for applications. The **three-year** apprenticeship combines Bosch on-the-job training (apprentices will be employed at a local garage) with 17 weeks spent in the purpose-built training facility working on current models and equipment. Apprentices will receive both essential theory and practical instruction, learning about automotive systems, diagnosis and repair. For more information, see <http://bosch-automotive-apprentice.co.uk>