

## Sixth Form Bulletin 12/07/19

Queen Elizabeth High School, Hexham



### Sixth Form Notices

In Wednesday's assembly, the Curriculum Team spoke to students about any help that they might still require following the Next Step Conference, Progression Week and all the research that they have done since. If students were not in assembly for any reason, they need to read this carefully and come to the Curriculum Office early next week if any of the following apply:

- If students **now know what subject they want to apply for** at university, and haven't told us previously, they need to come to the Curriculum Office to be allocated a referee. If they didn't attend the **personal statement sessions** during Progression Week, they will need to attend the catch-up session next Monday P1 or Tuesday after school in the Curriculum Office before being allocated a referee.
- If students know that they would like to **apply for apprenticeships or jobs** and would like some one-to-one assistance with CVs, searches and applications, they need to come to Curriculum Office to make an appointment with our Careers Adviser, Sarah Sunderland for September.
- If students are still **unsure about what they want to do next**, whether that's looking at career options, university courses or gap years, they need to come to the Curriculum Office to make an appointment with Michelle or Rebecca.
- If students have already told us that they are applying to university and have **already been allocated a referee**, they need to be working with their referee next week to make sure that their application, choices and personal statements are as complete as possible before the summer.
- If students are applying for **medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine or considering Oxford or Cambridge universities**, then they are 'early entry candidates' whose final UCAS deadline is 15 October 2019. In order to meet this deadline, we need the application to be completed with the referee by early September to allow for checking and sending off before the deadline. These students need to come to the Curriculum Office this week to confirm so that we know that they are aiming for the early deadline.

### Enrichment

**Northumbria University** is holding a **Music Taster Day** on 17 July 2019 (10am – 2.15pm), designed to provide an insight of what it is like to study music at university. The free taster day, led by Northumbria's music lecturers, will give an introduction into a range of subjects and skills and how these can lead you into a music-related career. It is for any students with a passion for music, whether studying A Level, GCSE, BTEC, or those learning an instrument. On the day, interactive workshops will cover topics such as notating music and how this influences performance, improvisation, the skills needed to be a successful musician, and developing your first marketing campaign. To register for a place on the taster day, email [rebecca.heaton@northumbria.ac.uk](mailto:rebecca.heaton@northumbria.ac.uk)

**Newcastle Law School** (part of Newcastle University) has launched their **Year 12 essay competition**. First prize is £125 plus a 1-day pupillage at Parklane Plowden Chambers, a specialist civil, family and commercial law chambers in Newcastle. The winner and runner up will be invited to a **prize ceremony** hosted by Newcastle Law School and will also receive an invite to the **Law Schools Moot Final**. Students have a choice of two questions on topical issues: no fault divorce and zero-hours contracts; essays must be a maximum of **1000 words**. For more information including the full essay questions, see [https://www.ncl.ac.uk/nuls/working\\_with\\_schools/year12essay/](https://www.ncl.ac.uk/nuls/working_with_schools/year12essay/)

Gresham College in London has been running **free public lectures** in London for over 400 years, covering a wide range of topics from artificial intelligence to Romantic poetry. The lectures are also **live-streamed online** and are available after the event. Their 2019/20 programme will be posted online at the end of July 2019 and includes astrophysics Professor Katherine Blundell talking about the wonders of the universe, environment Professor Jacqueline McGlade on contemporary environmental challenges, and Professor Jo Delahunty QC's insider's guide to becoming a barrister. Enrichment activities such as these are useful to include in **UCAS personal statements** as an example of **exploring subjects above and beyond what is covered in the curriculum**, and can also aid with EPQ research. To see past and upcoming lectures, see <https://www.gresham.ac.uk/>

**Hexham First School** is looking for **reading volunteers** to come in on a weekly basis to read 1:1 with their pupils. Each child will be read with for about ten minutes, and the volunteering session would ideally last 1 hour. The School will give volunteers some tips on phonics and how to support early readers, as well as some ideas as to the sort of questions you might ask in order to support them. You will also meet enthusiastic children who will love the chance to read to you and will enjoy having your support! Interested students should email [admin@hexhamfirst.co.uk](mailto:admin@hexhamfirst.co.uk) or ring 01434 603467.

The **Northumberland Wildlife Trust** (NWT) invites Sixth Form students to join with them for **fundraising projects**. The NWT manages over 60 local nature reserves and works in partnership with local communities, schools and other organisations to restore, recreate and re-connect the landscape across the North East, allowing wildlife to move freely and thrive. The NWT is a non-profit organisation with no government funding. By fundraising for the NWT, students would provide a vital resource for the numerous projects across Northumberland, Newcastle and North Tyneside. The NWT has a fundraising pack, which gives examples of previous fundraising ideas, but they are always open to new suggestions. For a copy of the fundraising pack, email Mr Wilson on [swilson@qehs.net](mailto:swilson@qehs.net)

## Careers/Apprenticeships

Evolto Ltd., an electronic design company based in Haltwhistle, are looking for a **Trainee Software Developer**. The company works in the fields of **robotics, computer vision and the "Internet of Things"**. They actively encourage and support the professional development of their team and strive to create careers which are demanding, but rewarding and enjoyable. The Trainee Software Developer role would suit a school leaver not continuing into further education; training support will be provided. For the right candidate, the role could lead to an **apprenticeship**. The ideal candidate will have a strong interest in maths, coding, or engineering. To apply, send your CV and covering letter to [ruth.hawkin@evolto.co.uk](mailto:ruth.hawkin@evolto.co.uk)

Northumbria Healthcare Facilities Management has a vacancy for a level 3 apprenticeship in **Medical Electronic Engineering**. The four-year apprenticeship will be mainly based at **Wansbeck General Hospital**. During the first year, the apprentice will attend a training centre on block release to achieve a level 2 qualification in engineering. Once this has been achieved, the apprentice will then commence their full Level 3 training, alongside the possibility of **additional courses** including biomedical maintenance practice and PAT testing. Please note the closing date for applications is very soon: Sunday 14 July 2019. For more information and to apply, see [https://www.jobs.nhs.uk/xi/vacancy/?vac\\_ref=915651137](https://www.jobs.nhs.uk/xi/vacancy/?vac_ref=915651137)

KCR Solutions, a recruitment agency in Newcastle, is looking for an **administration apprentice**. This is a varied role where you will gain general office experience in administration. The role will suit someone who wants to work in a fast-paced and busy environment. Admin skills and the ability to type documents and letters is essential. Excellent communication skills are a pre-requisite as there will be lots of phone work involved. There is potential for progression for the right person. Please email [karen@kcrsolutions.co.uk](mailto:karen@kcrsolutions.co.uk) for further information.

**Hays Travel** are 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>

Joyce Construction & Civils Ltd., based near Corbridge, is looking to recruit an **engineering apprentice** as soon as possible. The apprentice will work on one of their sites across the North East and under the guidance of a Site Supervisor or Lead Engineer will learn all aspects of the role. It is expected that the apprentice will spend some time at the HQ near Corbridge. For the right candidate, there will be an opportunity to **study for an engineering degree** alongside their work. They are looking for someone with A Levels in maths and science, an interest in problem solving, and an enquiring mind. Please contact Craig Johnson, Director, on 01434 633066 for further details and/or a look around our HQ.