

Sixth Form Bulletin 20/09/19

Queen Elizabeth High School, Hexham



Careers/Apprenticeships

SCHOOL LEAVERS **Tyne & Wear Archives & Museums (TWAM)** are part of Museum Futures, a programme led by the British Museum to provide paid training opportunities for young people (18+) to work in the museum sector. TWAM are recruiting for a **full-time trainee** to start in January 2020, on a fixed term contract for a year. The trainee will develop their digital skills in supporting the development of online content, filmmaking, photography, audio recording, editing, digitisation, and more. The trainee will earn a bursary of **£13,350** and work towards a **Level 3 Diploma in Cultural Heritage**. TWAM are hosting a taster session at the Discovery Museum on Friday 4 October 2019 for those who are interested in the scheme to find out more. For more information and to register for the taster day, see <https://www.museumfutures.co.uk/twam>

SCHOOL LEAVERS **Northumbria Police** are currently accepting applications for their 2019 recruitment campaign for **Police Officers**. Applicants must be **18+**. The way in which Northumbria Police train new police officers is changing: recruits joining with A Levels/Level 3 qualifications will be enrolled on the **Police Constable Degree Apprenticeship**. Created in conjunction with **Northumbria University**, the **three-year** programme includes supported deployments alongside academic study, and a starting salary of **£23,586**. Successful completion of the programme results in a degree in Professional Policing Practice, with all tuition fees covered by Northumbria Police. For more information, see <https://careers.northumbria.police.uk/new-police-constables.html>

Reminder: UNW, a **chartered accountancy firm** based in Newcastle city centre, are holding an **Apprenticeship Open Evening** on Wednesday 2 October 2019 (4.30pm to 6.30pm). UNW's apprenticeships are designed to launch a career in finance, combining on-the-job training with classroom study, and are open to all A Level students. Their next round of apprenticeships will commence in September 2020. To book a place at the Apprenticeship Open Evening, email events@unw.co.uk.

YEAR 12: If you would like **work experience** in the field of accountancy or finance we would recommend you attend the open evening at UNW to find out more about the sector and register your interest in work experience with them.

YEAR 13: If you are considering a **degree in accountancy** we would recommend that you attend this evening to find out more about their apprenticeship as an alternative route.

Please note that the event is **also open to Year 11 students** to learn more about the work experience placements available and careers in accounting and finance.

BOTH YEARS Reminder: The **Society for Underwater Technologies** is hosting their annual **STEM event** for Sixth Form students: 'Engineering Under the Waves'. The event will be held on Friday 18 October 2019 at Northumbria University. The event will give students the opportunity to spend time with engineers, work through practical problems, and get insights on routes into engineering. For more information and to book a place, see <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/engineering-under-the-waves-2019-tickets-72303659191>

Enrichment

BOTH YEARS The **University of Sunderland** is holding an event for students interested in a career in **Social Work**: 'Get into Social Work' on Wednesday 30 October 2019. Their BA Social Work course combines elements of **healthcare, mental health, law and psychology**. At the event, students can speak to social work professionals, learn more about the life of a social worker and the University's courses. For more information and to book a place, see <https://www.sunderland.ac.uk/open-days/get-into-social-work-oct-2019/>

BOTH YEARS **Vindolanda** is accepting applications for their **2020 round of Excavation Bursaries**. Three bursary places are available for young people aged 16-25 in full-time education. The bursaries cover the costs of **two weeks' full-board accommodation** at the Hedley Centre, excavation fees, and membership to the **Friends of Vindolanda for 2020**. For more information and to download an application form, see <https://www.vindolanda.com/excavation-bursary>

BOTH YEARS The **Queen's Hall** are creating a **young people's playwriting group** to run alongside the development of a new production of *The Secret Garden*. The **free** sessions will run over a 6-week period and will be led by an **established writer and creative producer**. Students will get to take part in a **rehearsed reading** of one of their scripts, working with a professional creative team. There will be a taster session for the group on Tuesday 8 October 2019 at 4pm at the Queen's Hall; email info@hexhambookfestival.co.uk to book a place.

BOTH YEARS Reminder: UCAS is hosting a new event for **students interested in creative, media, or performance-related subjects**: 'Create Your Future'. The event is held at Manchester Central Convention Complex on 26–27 November 2019 and includes the opportunity to meet representatives from hundreds of universities, colleges, and employers, all offering creative courses and traineeships. The event will also feature performance stages, interactive workshops, and demonstration areas. Additionally, there will be an opportunity to ask course leaders, current students, and industry specialists any questions about academic and working life. For more information and to book a place, see <https://www.ucas.com/events/create-your-future-manchester-347866>

YEAR 12 **Newcastle University** run **Year 12 Medicine and Dentistry (MaD) Days**, designed to give students the opportunity to visit the University campus and explore the worlds of Medicine and Dentistry. The days are held on 6, 20 and 18 November 2019 (Dentistry) or 13, 20 and 27 November 2019 (Medicine). Students spend the morning in the clinical skills lab completing practicals then spend the afternoon in interactive lectures, exploring their chosen subject, application process and interview process. Bookings will open on Monday 30 September 2019 at 9.00am. For more information and to book, see <http://www.ncl.ac.uk/schools/events/upcoming-events/eventitems/eventyear12medicineanddentistrymaddays.html>

University/College

YEAR 12 **Oxford University** is accepting applications for their new **supported entry scheme** for students in the North East: 'Aim for Oxford'. The **two-year programme** is free and will have 40

places available. Students will have the opportunity to attend enrichment, information and guidance sessions hosted at **Newcastle Sixth Form College**, followed by a four-night summer school at Oxford University in August 2020. There will then be a programme of support for students as they enter Year 13 and make their applications to Oxford. The main eligibility criteria for the scheme is academic (strong GCSE grades), but there are additional criteria that Oxford will consider, including postcode scores, eligibility for free school meals, first generation to go to university, and young carers. For more information, see <http://www.st-annes.ox.ac.uk/study-here/undergraduate/working-with-schools/aim-for-oxford/>

YEAR 13 Some universities require you to sit an **admissions test** as part of the application process. An increasing number of courses have additional application requirements, and it is students' responsibility to **register for any additional testing and assessments** as determined by their individual university courses. The application deadlines for the tests are approaching – it is important that students have read carefully through **each university's requirements** and organised themselves to meet these in good time. Check individual university websites; UCAS also has an informative article on admissions tests: <https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/applying-university/admissions-tests>

YEAR 13 The University of Leeds' **supported entry scheme** is called Access to Leeds. Eligible students receive an Access to Leeds offer up to **two A level grades below the standard offer**, subject to successful completion of the **Access to Leeds online module** which encompasses study skills and subject skills. The programme is designed to ease students' transition into university life and **give them a head-start** by providing access to the University's academics, IT facilities and resources before the course starts. For more information on Access to Leeds including the eligibility criteria, see www.leeds.ac.uk/A2L

Similarly, the University of Leeds has launched a new '**Gateway to Medicine**' course, designed to allow students who might not meet the essential criteria for a medicine undergraduate course to enter the field of Medicine. During the first year of the course, students will refine their scientific understanding and develop their study skills. After successful completion of this Gateway year, students will **progress to the full five-year** Medicine and Surgery course. The eligibility criteria for the Gateway course are the same as Access to Leeds, plus predicted grades **BBC** at A Level including Chemistry or Biology at B grade. Applicants will also need to take the Bio-Medical Admissions Test (**BMAT**). For more information, see <https://courses.leeds.ac.uk/i900/gateway-year-to-medicine-mbchb>

Freshers' Fair and Volunteering Opportunities

Our 2019 Sixth Form Freshers' Fair took place on Thursday 12 September. The annual event allows Sixth Form students to volunteer for local charities and take part in extra-curricular activities. We are particularly proud of the contribution that our Sixth Form students make to the wider community and hope they continue to volunteer their time and effort in the future.

Below are current opportunities from some of the local organisations that attended Freshers' Fair:

WECAN

We are currently recruiting volunteers and part-time Support Workers for our Charity supporting children and young people with additional needs to access social and leisure activities in the local community. Hours of work are 11am to 2pm term time Saturdays and 9.30am to 3.30pm one day per week in school holidays. We offer both casual and permanent contracts and full training is provided. If you would like further information or to request an application form, please email Yvonne@wecanenable.co.uk

Healthwatch

All our volunteers play a vital part in raising the awareness of Healthwatch Northumberland and explaining our role as the local champion for people who use health and care services. Our volunteers are a core part of the Healthwatch Northumberland team and we strive to make sure they feel informed and included in our work.

All our volunteers are invited to attend a short induction session and also receive role specific training once they start volunteering with us.

Volunteering opportunities based in our Hexham office:

- Volunteer Film Animator
- Communication Support Volunteer
- Volunteer Newsletter Editor
- Resource Design Volunteer

You can find out more about volunteering with Healthwatch Northumberland, including details of our community-based volunteering opportunities, on our website:

<https://healthwatchnorthumberland.co.uk/get-involved/>

Child Health Africa

Child Health Africa is set up by a Hexham based retired paediatrician, Malcolm Coulthard, raising money for medical clinical trials to help children with severe malnutrition.

With Child Health Africa, every single penny you donate goes directly to the charity. But for that to happen we rely entirely on volunteers.

As a fundraising volunteer you not only have the chance to raise money for a great cause, but we can see what skill you would like to highlight on your CV and see if we can tailor the volunteering to something that is useful to you. www.childhealthafrica.org

Hexham Youth Initiative

Hexham Youth Initiative always need a helping hand in both our term time and holiday activities! You get experience working with young people and get the chance to give back to your community.

If you volunteer with us you can achieve:

- ASDAN award in volunteering and/or peer mentoring
- Vinspired award
- Opportunities of further training and qualifications including first aid
- Valuable work experience in a busy youth project
- Support in creating your CV

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