

Sixth Form Bulletin 04/10/19

Queen Elizabeth High School, Hexham



Enrichment

BOTH YEARS Tynedale Hospice at Home, supported by RE: Lost & Found in Corbridge, has a special volunteering opportunity specially for **QEHS Sixth Form students** who are interested in **fashion**, have an eye for **vintage items**, or like to create displays. Tynedale Hospice's scheme will teach students **merchandising** and to select vintage stock to match current trends, and will provide evidence of **teamworking** for UCAS personal statements and CVs. The owners of RE will also support and inspire the students with ideas and techniques. The shop manager of Tynedale Hospice is keen for students to select a theme, create a window display, and select and maintain the stock; **approximately eight hours of volunteering** will be required across two months. This is a great opportunity to support a valued local charity – the last time a similar scheme occurred, their shop sales increased significantly. Interested students should **sign up in the Curriculum Office** by Tuesday 8 October 2019.

Linked to this, we are putting out an appeal to any **parents/carers who have expertise in fashion**: we would be very grateful for **half an hour** of your time for a session this month to discuss with students this season's fashion trends and tips on selecting stock. Please contact the Curriculum Office on 01434 610312 or curriculum@qehs.net

BOTH YEARS FutureLearn is a portal for a wide range of **free online courses** (Massive Open Online Courses – MOOCs) from top universities and specialist organisations from across the world. They can be accessed on mobile, tablet or desktop, to undertake at your own pace and in your own time. FutureLearn courses are a **very good example** for UCAS statements or CVs of **independent learning** and using resources to explore **topics in further depth and at a higher level** outside of lessons. Upcoming and currently running courses include:

- *Atmospheric Chemistry: Planets and Life Before Earth* by the University of Leeds (2 weeks, 2 hours per week)
- *Introduction to Cyber Security* by the Open University (8 weeks, 3 hours per week)
- *Migration and Cities* by the European University Institute (3 weeks, 3 hours per week)
- *Starting a Career in Video Games* by the British Games Institute (4 weeks, 2 hours per week)
- *Hadrian's Wall: Life on the Roman Frontier* by Newcastle University (6 weeks, 4 hours per week)
- *An Introduction to Screenwriting* by the University of East Anglia (2 weeks, 3 hours per week)

Some courses offer a Statement of Participation for a fee once completed. For more information and to see the numerous courses available, see <https://www.futurelearn.com/>

Careers/Apprenticeships

YEAR 13 / **SCHOOL LEAVERS** Northumberland, County Durham & Darlington, and Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue services will shortly be recruiting for **firefighters**. They are holding a number of **taster sessions** for those interested in applying, where current crews will be available to talk about their role and experiences. The sessions will also offer the chance to try out some of the firefighting equipment, have a go at some of the physical tests included in the selection process, and find out

more about the different aspects of the role of a firefighter. For more information and to book a taster session, see www.northumberland.gov.uk/fire/recruitment and click on the 'Book your place at a taster session' link.

University/College

BOTH YEARS Open days are an **extremely important** opportunity to visit institutions as every one is different, and usually offer the chance to speak to staff regarding courses and perhaps more importantly current students regarding accommodation, atmosphere, costs and social activities. It is worth noting that **it is possible to send your UCAS form off with two choices and then add your other three after you have visited other universities** (as long as it's before 30 June 2020 and you have not accepted or declined your other offers), so open days do not need to delay the most important step of your application. Some upcoming open days include:

- Manchester Metropolitan University: Saturday 12 October 2019
- Sheffield Hallam University: Saturday 12 October 2019
- Teesside University: Saturday 12 October 2019
- University of Manchester: Saturday 12 October 2019
- York St John University: Saturday 19 October 2019
- Northumbria University: Saturday 26 October 2019

See each institution's website for details or visit www.opendays.com to see all the dates of all UK open days.

YEAR 13 **Reminder: 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. Applications are now open; the deadline is 6 November 2019 for **Medicine and Dentistry** applicants and 26 February 2020 for applicants to **all other courses**. For more information on Access to Leeds including the eligibility criteria, see www.leeds.ac.uk/A2L