

Sixth Form Bulletin 10/01/20

Queen Elizabeth High School, Hexham



University/College

YEAR 12 Students interested in applying to Oxbridge: bookings are now being taken for the **Oxford & Cambridge Student Conference**. The event is held at **St James' Park in Newcastle** on Tuesday 17 March 2020, and is designed to provide up-to-date information on the **application and admissions process** at Oxford and Cambridge, as well as providing an insight into **student life**. The conference includes course information sessions with taster lectures, and in-depth information on the application process, student finance and careers. There will also be the opportunity to talk to admissions tutors, academic staff, and current students. Bookings can only be made through the school, so students interested in attending the Conference should **give their names to the Curriculum Office** by Friday 17 January 2020.

YEAR 12 **Durham University** are accepting applications to their **Supported Progression** scheme for Year 12 students. The scheme is a **two-year programme of events and information**, including the opportunity to experience life as a Durham University student in residential events. Students who successfully complete the **assessed summer school** at the end of Year 12 will be recognised by Durham as having achieved a qualification equivalent to at least two grades at A level (or equivalent) that can **contribute toward entry at the University** for that subject if they apply in Year 13. The deadline for the Supported Progression scheme is 31 January 2020. For more information on the scheme, see <https://www.dur.ac.uk/supported.progression/>

YEAR 12 Cambridge University are hosting a two-and-a-half-day **residential programme** for Year 12 students interested in applying to study **Veterinary Medicine** at Cambridge on 6 – 8 April 2020. The programme will include visits to the pre-clinical and clinical departments to give a taste of the undergraduate course. In addition, students will gain an insight into life at a Cambridge college, and have a chance to meet staff and current students. The recommendation from Cambridge is that students applying to the programme should be **A/A*-grade** candidates. The cost for the programme is **£240**, however there is a number of **bursaries** available to cover the course fee and travel costs. For more information, to book a place, and for full details of how to apply for a bursary, see <https://www.vet.cam.ac.uk/study/vet/vetcam>

Enrichment

BOTH YEARS **Northumberland National Park** is looking for young people aged 16-25 to take part in their **Spring Volunteer Placement**. This opportunity is designed to give students who are interested in pursuing a career in the **environmental/countryside sector** the chance to sample working life with the **Ranger team**, with typical duties potentially including Public Right of Way work, maintenance work on the historic buildings and sites, assisting with guided walks, and work with **specialist staff** members such as ecologists, archaeologists, the farming team and the access officer.

There is also an additional opportunity to apply for a similar placement with the **Hadrian's Wall Path National Trail Ranger Team**. Successful applicants will be given training and development

opportunities by working with the Hadrian's Wall Path (HWP) National Trail staff to undertake a range of access related tasks including surveying, practical maintenance projects, working with volunteers and engaging with the public.

Both placements run from April to June, and applicants will need to attend a **minimum of 10 days** during the three-month period. For more information, see

<https://www.northumberlandnationalpark.org.uk/about-us/jobs-volunteering/placements-apprenticeships/ranger-team-young-volunteer-placement/>

BOTH YEARS Reminder: The Department of Greek and Latin at **University College London (UCL)** is hosting an **Ancient World and Classics Taster Day** on Wednesday 29 January 2020. During the Taster Day, students can find out more about the Classics courses offered at UCL, listen to three lectures, meet current undergraduates and have a tour of UCL. The Taster Day has been **relocated** and will now take place at Lecture Theatre room G12 at the UCL Torrington Place Training Centre. For more information and to book a place on the Taster Day, see <https://london.ac.uk/classics-and-ancient-world-taster-day-uc9948>.

The Department has also just released details of two **new undergraduate degree programmes** in collaboration with the English Department: **Latin with English** and **Greek with English**. These courses are designed to allow students to pursue interests in Classics and English in parallel, including the flagship interdepartmental module 'Classical and English Poetry'. For more information on all of the Department's undergraduate programmes, see <https://www.ucl.ac.uk/classics/study/undergraduate>

YEAR 12 The **Faculty of Medicine and Health** at **Leeds University** have a series of **subject-specific Year 12 Taster Days** in March and April:

- **Psychology Taster Day** – Wednesday 18 March 2020
- **Allied Health Taster Day** – Friday 20 March 2020
- **Nursing, Midwifery and Social Work Taster Day** – Friday 27 March 2020

The Taster Days are all free and are designed to give students a taster of what it is like to study these courses at university, including taster workshops and lectures, the opportunity to meet academic staff and students from these course areas, and a tour of the University campus. Bookings for all events close on Friday 31 January 2020.

The Faculty is also running a '**Meet the Professionals**' event on Wednesday 24 June 2020. The event gives Year 12 students the opportunity to discover the vast range of health professions on offer, with a 'speed date' format with professionals from across all areas of the NHS and health services. The deadline for booking a place for this event is also Friday 31 January 2020. For more information on all of the above, see www.healthsciences.leeds.ac.uk/events

BOTH YEARS The **Health Sciences** team at Leeds University have also produced a number of **online resources** for students looking to apply for **any course in a medical, dental, or healthcare-related area**. The guides cover topics such as **researching health courses, work experience, personal statements, admissions tests, and interviews**. For more information, see <https://www.healthsciences.leeds.ac.uk/students/resources-for-students/>