

Sixth Form Bulletin 17/01/20

Queen Elizabeth High School, Hexham



University/College

BOTH YEARS The **Faculty of Law at Oxford University** has **open days** on Monday 16, Tuesday 17 and Wednesday 18 March 2020. The day offers information on the available undergraduate courses, careers in law following undergraduate study; guidance on admissions procedures, entry requirements, and student finance; the chance to meet current undergraduates and law lecturers; and a tour and lunch in one of the Oxford colleges. Oxford has invited **three QEHS students** to attend the open day: as there are limited spaces and applications close once all places are filled, interested students need to **email curriculum@qehs.net before 9am on Monday** (20 January). If we receive more than three applications, we will put those who fulfil the academic eligibility criteria into a hat.

BOTH YEARS The University of Sunderland is hosting a **webcast** for students interested in applying for an **art- or design-related course** called '**Preparing your applicant art or design portfolio**'. During the webcast, Sunderland's academics will talk about the type of work students need to include for different courses, how to present work at its best and what to do with work that's currently being completed. Those watching the webcast will be able to ask questions via chat throughout the talk. The webcast will take place on Wednesday 29 January 2020, 4–5pm; to sign up go to <https://www.sunderland.ac.uk/events/event/webcast-preparing-your-applicant-art-or-design-portfolio-953>

YEAR 12 Northumbria University run a **Supported Entry Scheme** called NU Entry for **Year 12 students**. By participating in the scheme, students will have the opportunity to develop skills necessary for successful undergraduate study. The programme also provides the chance to earn 'NU Entry points' which are **equivalent to UCAS Tariff Points** and can **contribute to applications** to Northumbria University undergraduate programmes. NU Entry students will receive **online mentoring** from current Northumbria University students throughout Year 13. It is worth checking the extensive **eligibility criteria** for the NU Entry scheme, it is broader than other similar schemes, with extenuating circumstances considered on an individual basis. The applications to the scheme have now opened and close on 4 May 2020. For more information, see <https://www.northumbria.ac.uk/study-at-northumbria/information-for-schools-and-colleges/northumbria-university-supported-entry-scheme/>

YEAR 12 The **Eton College University Summer School 2020** will be taking place 30 June – 10 July 2020 for Year 12 students. The Summer School is a **ten-day residential course** designed to give students the opportunity to boost their academic skills and enhance applications to university, as well as gaining an insight into living and studying away from home to see what university is like. Each day will consist of subject-specific lectures and classes, free time to use Eton's recreational facilities, and General Studies lectures that cover a variety of subjects. University lecturers visit on Saturday afternoons to give talks and Q&A sessions, with the opportunity to speak to them informally

afterwards. The cost of the course is £625, but there are a significant number of **free and part-subsidised places** available for students who meet certain eligibility criteria. The deadline for applications is 1 March 2020; for full information and the application form see <https://www.etoncollege.com/USS>

YEAR 12 Murray Edwards College at **Cambridge University** has two upcoming events during February half term for **Year 12 students who identify as female**:

- **Human, Social and Political Sciences (HSPS) and Psychological and Behavioural Sciences (PBS) Taster Day** on Tuesday 18 February 2020:
<https://www.murrayedwards.cam.ac.uk/event/hsp-and-pbs-taster-day>
- **Geography, Land Economy and Economics Taster Day** on Friday 21 February 2020:
<https://www.murrayedwards.cam.ac.uk/event/geography-land-economy-and-economics-taster-day>

Both events provide an insight into studying the above subjects at Cambridge, with taster sessions, course information and a talk on applying to Cambridge. Both events are **free of charge**; see the links above for further information and how to apply. The deadline for booking a place is Wednesday 12 February 2020.

Enrichment

YEAR 12 **Project Trust** is an educational charity specialising in sending young people on long-term structured international volunteering placements. Volunteers undertake **12 or 8-month placements** focusing on **teaching, social care, and outward education projects** across Africa, Asia, Oceania, and the Americas. Many students from QEHS have successfully completed Project Trust placements in the past, and the experiences provided by the projects are a valuable source of skills for personal development and future employment. It is a gap year that requires students to **apply early and fundraise** for their travel; we have therefore arranged for Project Trust to hold a lunchtime talk on Thursday 25 June 2020 for Year 12 students.

In previous years we have also **invited parents/carers** to the talk. If you are interested in attending a presentation to find out about the application process, the costs, how students are supported during their project as well as the opportunities they will have, and the skills they could gain, please could you email curriculum@qehs.net. This will allow us to gauge the amount of interest and whether you are able to attend the lunch time talk or you would prefer for us to try to organise an early evening presentation.

For more information about Project Trust as a whole, see www.projecttrust.org.uk

YEAR 12 There will be a **'Women in Sport Science Event'** on Wednesday 12 February 2020 at Northumbria University. The event is designed for Year 12 female students interested in studying Sport Science and offers the opportunity to get practical experience working in Northumbria's state-of-the-art sprint track, nutrition kitchen, and sport science labs. The afternoon session is a talk with Northumbria's Student Sport President and current NUWFC goalkeeper about sport at Northumbria and ways to find balance between sport and studying. To book a place, go to <https://app.geckoform.com/public/#/modern/FOEU0125phUqPpte>

YEAR 12 The **University of Leeds** is now accepting bookings for ‘Linguastars’: a two-day **summer school** on 30 June – 1 July 2020 for Year 12 languages students. The summer school gives students a chance to experience life as an undergraduate languages student, both academically and socially. Students can choose to either take part in workshops in their **current A Level language**, or study a **new language** such as Italian, Portuguese, Latin or Arabic. The two days will also include taster sessions in other languages; language-related workshops such as film studies, linguistics and translations; guest speakers; and talks on applying to study languages at university. For more information, see <https://artsoutreach.leeds.ac.uk/whats-on-offer/linguastars-residential/>

Careers/Apprenticeships

BOTH YEARS To coincide with National Apprenticeship Week, **Northumbria University** is hosting a **Degree Apprenticeship Open Evening** on Tuesday 4 February 2020. The open evening will discuss what Degree Apprenticeships are and how they work, and they offer the chance to study an undergraduate degree without tuition fees. The event will also feature an **Employer Zone** where students can meet with recruiting organisations. For more information, see <https://www.northumbria.ac.uk/about-us/news-events/events/2020/02/apprenticeship-open-evening/>