

Sixth Form Bulletin 24/01/20

Queen Elizabeth High School, Hexham



Enrichment

BOTH YEARS **Oyster Worldwide** is a **gap year organisation** that specialises in gap years, summer travel, paid work and volunteering overseas. A representative from Oyster will be **coming into QEHS** on Thursday 12 March 2020 at lunchtime (room TBC) to discuss all the programmes that Oyster offers, which range from paid work in New Zealand, to volunteering with animals in Barcelona, to volunteer sports coaching in South Africa, to teaching English in Thailand, and many more! Students interested in attending the talk should **give their name to the Curriculum Office**, either by popping in to the office or emailing curriculum@qehs.net. For more information on Oyster, see <https://www.oysterworldwide.com/>

BOTH YEARS Holocaust Memorial Day 2020 will mark the 75th anniversary of the Relief of Belsen. To commemorate this, **Northumberland Libraries** is hosting a **drama performance** in **Hexham Library** by local drama company The Time Bandits on Monday 27 January 2020. This would be of particular interest for Drama and History students. Tickets for the performance are only £1 and can be purchased from <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/holocaust-memorial-day-2020-the-relief-of-belsen-tickets-80237589791>

BOTH YEARS The **University of Sunderland's** next taster day is '**Discover Occupational Therapy**' on Wednesday 5 February 2020. Students will be able to find out about the courses offered at Sunderland, tour their new facilities and take part in an interactive taster session. For more information, see <https://www.sunderland.ac.uk/events/event/discover-occupational-therapy--948>

YEAR 12 **University College London (UCL)** will be hosting the **International Women in Engineering Day** on 23 June 2020. The day will feature talks, panel discussions, interactive lab sessions, and speed-networking sessions. Students will have the opportunity to visit different engineering opportunities and get hands-on experience in the labs. The panels and networking sessions will include successful women and men from a variety of sectors such as industry, academia, governmental and non-governmental departments. Students will also get to meet alumni and current engineering students. Applying for a place at the event involves submitting a **150-word statement** on why you would like to attend. For more information, see <https://london.ac.uk/international-women-engineering-day-inwed-ucl-uc18846>

YEAR 13 / SCHOOL LEAVERS **Tynemouth Aquarium** offers **work experience placements** to young people **aged 18 and over**. Typical duties on the placement include assisting with animal care, food preparation, cleaning aquarium tanks, assisting with public talks and feeds, and assisting with school groups. The Aquarium's work experience placements are ideal for anyone looking for a **career working with animals**, and previous participants in the placements have gone on to work in places such as Northumberland County Zoo, a turtle sanctuary in Australia and even at the Tynemouth Aquarium with a permanent role. For more information, see <https://www.tynemouthaquarium.co.uk/job-opportunities/work-experience-placements/>

BOTH YEARS There will be a **'Discover Clinical Optometry'** event at **Teesside University** on Wednesday 25 March 2020. The event is designed for Sixth Form students to find out more about the field of optometry and Teesside's specialist degree, **BSc Clinical Optometry**. During the day, students will hear about the role of an optometrist, the structure of the degree programme, and a talk from an industry specialist. There will then be a session of interactive activities in the University's newly-opened optometry suite. The closing date for registrations is 20 March 2020. For more information, see https://www.tees.ac.uk/schools/ssshl/ssshl_events_details.cfm?event_id=10132

Careers/Apprenticeships

YEAR 13 **Year in Industry (YINI)** is a gap year option for students interested in **STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) subjects, ICT, and Business**. The scheme offers the opportunity to gain **paid work experience** and skills that will benefit students during their further studies and into employment. YINI students make key contacts for the future with some students offered **company sponsorship, paid holiday work** and in some cases alternative routes into their chosen career, for example **the offer of an apprenticeship**. Previous QEHS students have undertaken Year in Industry placements and we have had very good feedback: they are well paid placements, an excellent experience before starting university, and look impressive on a CV! In the North East, there will be opportunities with Proctor & Gamble in their Newcastle base starting in September 2020. Students need to register at <https://www.etrust.org.uk/yini-register>, and YINI will then contact you to discuss what kind of placement you are looking for and will help you secure a placement. More information about YINI in general is available at <https://www.etrust.org.uk/the-year-in-industry>

YEAR 12 **PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC)** run **Insight Weeks** for Year 12 students interested in a career in the **business, accounting, or technology sectors**. There are three specialisms that students can choose for their Insight Week:

- **Business Insight Week:** students will participate in a range of workshops as well as shadowing staff in different teams across the business, learning how PwC supports a wide range of organisations from charities to global companies. The Business Insight Week has **eligibility criteria** (e.g. free school meals, first generation to go to university) and entry requirements of **predicted 96 UCAS points** (C grades at A Level and/or Merits in BTECs).
- **Digital Insight Week:** PwC Technology experts will run interactive workshops on how they are using technology to help their clients work better and prepare for the future, from artificial intelligence to augmented reality, and from 3D printing to drones. Entry requirements are **A grades at A Level and/or Distinction grades in BTECs**.
- **Accounting Insight Week:** students will gain an insight into the Audit business of PwC, spending time with students who have completed PwC's sponsored degree programme Flying Start, and learning more about the Chartered Accountancy qualification and what accountants really do. Entry requirements are **a predicted 136 UCAS points** (AAB at A Level or three Distinction grades in BTECs, or a combination of the two).

Applications are now open and close on 14 February 2020. PwC are also running **webinars** to showcase the opportunities available on the Insight Weeks. For more information about these and the programme overall, see <https://www.pwc.co.uk/careers/school-jobs/jobs/work-experience.html>

BOTH YEARS There has been a number of announcements regarding **tech hubs** opening in **Newcastle** in the near future from large organisations such as **Virgin Money, Tesco Bank**, and the **BBC**. These companies are looking to relocate large areas of their technology sectors away from London to the North East, so it will be worth keeping a look out for many jobs or local opportunities coming up in the future for students interested in a career in the technology industries!

University/College

YEAR 12 **Sutton Trust Summer Schools** are free, **all expenses paid, one-week** residential programmes that provide Year 12 students a taste of life at university. The week consists not just of **lectures, seminars, and tutorials**, but also a varied programme of **social activities** to give an overall view of life as an undergraduate at a research-led university. Thirteen institutions currently take part in the Sutton Trust Summer Schools, including universities in **Bristol, Cambridge, Durham, Edinburgh, London, Nottingham, St Andrews, and Warwick**, and there are over 40 different subjects on offer. Priority will be given to students who meet certain **eligibility criteria** including first generation to attend university, free school meals eligibility, and household income. Applications for this year's event are open until **Tuesday 3 March 2020**. For more information, see <https://summerschools.suttontrust.com/browse-courses/>

YEAR 12 **Oxford University** are currently accepting applications for their free, **week-long residential programme**: UNIQ Summer School. The programme is designed to introduce students to the opportunities that Oxford has to offer. Students apply for a specific course – there are **over 30** to choose from – and then attend **lectures and seminars** in their chosen subject while **living in an Oxford University college**. Application forms and more information about the **eligibility criteria** for the programme can be found at www.uniq.ox.ac.uk. Applications close on **27 January 2020**.