

Sixth Form Bulletin 06/03/20

Queen Elizabeth High School, Hexham



Sixth Form Notices

BOTH YEARS **Reminder: 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 (in C1) 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! They are also keen to talk to students who aren't interested in a whole gap year, as their programmes have varying durations. 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/>

YEAR 13 On **Friday 20 March 2020** we are holding a day at the Queen's Hall, Hexham, to explore the options open to students **after they finish Sixth Form**. If you are not intending or not sure that you want to go to university in September 2020, you are welcome to come to the day. We will try to offer lots of ideas and inspiration and we have a **panel of ex-students** who were in this position coming to talk about their experiences since leaving school. Please email curriculum@qehs.net to reserve a space.

University/College

YEAR 12 **Magdalen College at Oxford University** is accepting invitations to '**Law at Magdalen**', a **fully-funded residential event** for prospective Law students. The event is designed to introduce students to the **realities of studying Law**, and Oxford's approach to learning. Accommodation and all meals will be provided by the College; reasonable travel expenses will also be reimbursed. The deadline for applications (which include a **short reference** from a teacher) is 5pm on **27 March 2020**. For more information, including the full **eligibility criteria**, see <https://www.magd.ox.ac.uk/law-at-magdalen-2020-application-form/>

YEAR 12 The **University of Sunderland** is hosting a **Medicine Summer School** for Year 12 students on **8 – 9 July 2020**. The **two-day** event is designed to equip students with the skills to assist them in their **application and interview for entry** onto the **Medicine MBChB course at the University**. The Summer School includes a variety of sessions, including problem-based learning, anatomy, mock interviews, clinical skills, roles and responsibilities, and UCAT preparation. Participating in the Summer School also guarantees students **access to the Multiple Mini Interview stage** of the Medicine application process at Sunderland. All students can apply (**including Year 13 students who have not applied to university and are taking a gap year**); however, priority will be given to those that meet **strict eligibility criteria**. There are 50 places available. For more information, see <https://www.sunderland.ac.uk/open-days/medicine-summer-school/>

YEAR 12 The **London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)** is holding their next **open day** on Wednesday 29 April 2020. At the open day, students will be able to attend subject talks to find out more about the degree programmes offered at LSE, meet current LSE students, see some of the student accommodation, and speak to staff from departments such as Financial Support and Undergraduate Admissions on a one-to-one basis. There is an **LSE Travel Fund** that contributes towards the cost of travel to the open day if students meet certain eligibility criteria. For more information, see <http://www.lse.ac.uk/study-at-lse/meet-visit-and-discover-LSE/events/visit-lse/2019-20/undergraduate-open-day-april-2020>

YEAR 12 **Pembroke College at Cambridge University** has some upcoming **subject-specific open days**:

- Thursday 16 April 2020: Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences
- Friday 17 April 2020: Sciences and Mathematics
- Saturday 2 May 2020: Mathematics
- Wednesday 1 July 2020: Law

At the open days, students can learn what the College looks for in applicants, meet Admissions Tutors and current undergraduate students, attend sessions in their subject of interest, sample College food, tour the College, and see some of the accommodation. For more information and to book a place, see <https://www.pem.cam.ac.uk/study-here/undergraduate/open-days-visiting-us>

Careers/Apprenticeships

BOTH YEARS The **Cumbria, Northumberland, Tyne and Wear NHS Foundation Trust (CNTW)** is accepting applications for their **CNTW Medical Work Experience in Psychiatry 2020 Programme**. The work experience week will take place on Monday 13 – Friday 17 July 2020, and is open to any Sixth Form students intending to, or in the process of, applying to study Medicine. Please note that they have a limited number of places. The deadline for applications is Friday 27 March 2020. For more information and to download the application form, see <https://www.cntw.nhs.uk/careers/education/medical-work-experience/>

Enrichment

BOTH YEARS The **Sele Medical Practice** in Hexham is looking for **students interested in medicine, nursing, or any other healthcare-related careers** to take part in their **Patient Participation Group**. Participants will gain an understanding of the **workings of a general practice** and **learn first-hand** about the pressures and issues general practice and clinicians are facing. The group meets approximately every quarter, with the next meeting in May. Students joining the participation group **must be registered at Sele Medical Practice**. There are **two places** available, so any interested students should contact Anne Brooks, Business Manager, on annebrooks@nhs.net

BOTH YEARS The **Northumberland Cancer Support Group** will be holding their first ever **Conference** on Tuesday 16 June 2020. They have appealed to QEHS for any **Sixth Form volunteers** who could attend and assist on the day, to gain some **volunteering experience**. The Group is entirely volunteer-led and provides a safe and friendly environment where people with cancer and their families and friends can meet others facing a similar challenge. The Group often runs sessions with

guest speakers, workshops on a variety of topics, and a residential weekend retreat once a year. For more information, contact Frances Davies, Vice Chair, on francesdavies9@hotmail.co.uk.

BOTH YEARS The **Hexham Book Festival**, running from 24 April – 3 May 2020, sees a **large number of authors, speakers, and well-known public figures** coming to venues across Hexham to **present on a variety of themes**. This year's programme encourages discussion on a wide range of topics such as politics, maths, fashion, healthcare, climate change, Brexit, creative writing, Northumbrian culture, forensic science, sport, linguistics and language, music, and astronomy. Opportunities like this are perfect for **adding content to UCAS applications** and experiencing a **more in-depth look** at topics outside of the school curriculum. See <http://hexhambookfestival.co.uk/> for more information and to book tickets.

BOTH YEARS **Hertford College at Oxford University** is accepting applications to their '**Unsung Heroes of Science**' competition. The College invites students **aged 16-18** to make a **short video** celebrating a scientist who deserves wider recognition. There are **no restrictions** on who students can choose to celebrate – the scientists can be alive or dead and from anywhere in the world. Working in **teams of two or three**, students should create a video that is approximately **two minutes long**. Every shortlisted team will be invited to an **all-expenses-paid celebration event** in Oxford. The deadline for entries is Friday 24 April 2020. For more information, see <https://www.hertford.ox.ac.uk/unsungscience>

BOTH YEARS The **Foyle Young Poets of the Year Award**, the biggest poetry competition for young writers, is now accepting entries to their 2020 event. The poems entered can be of **any length and any theme**, and individuals may enter **more than one poem**; entrants must be aged between **11 and 17 years old**. Each year 100 winners (85 commendations and top 15 winners) are chosen by two high profile poets, and will receive their awards at an annual prize-giving event in October. Winners receive prizes including membership of **The Poetry Society**, as well as the opportunity to attend a **week-long intensive residential** Arvon course, where they develop their creative writing skills alongside fellow poets. The closing date is 31 July 2020. For more information, see <https://poetrysociety.org.uk/competitions/foyle-young-poets-of-the-year-award/how-to-enter/>