

## Sixth Form Bulletin 01/05/20

Queen Elizabeth High School, Hexham



### Enrichment

**BOTH YEARS** Queen's Hall Arts and Hexham Book Festival will be running two **free online writing courses** for young people aged 14-20 years:

- **Young Playwrights** (6 weeks from 11 May 2020). The course will explore what it takes to write a short script, from initial ideas through to first drafts; everything from deciding on the themes you want to explore, to creating characters, writing dialogue, and structuring a script.
- **Young Writers** (6 weeks from 16 May 2020). The course will give you the chance to try lots of different styles of writing, from flash fiction to poetry, using found text to response writing.

Both workshops will be led by writer and theatre-maker Becci Sharrock. Places on each course are limited so sign up soon if you're interested! For more information, see

<https://www.queenshall.co.uk/events/hexham-young-writers%e2%80%99-groups-online>

**BOTH YEARS** Professor Milja Kurki from Aberystwyth University will be leading a **Politics webinar** entitled 'How do we tackle climate change and what do political ideologies have to do with it?' on 14 May 2020 (1pm – 2pm). The session will discuss both classical and more recently developed political ideologies and show how they are highly relevant to today's climate debates, demonstrating how they are tied up with bringing about change. The webinar will be relevant to students interested in studying **Politics** but also disciplines related to climate change such as **Geography and Business**. For more information and to register, see <https://www.channeltalent.co.uk/event/politics-aberystwyth-university/>

**BOTH YEARS** City, University of London, has two upcoming **virtual subject sessions**:

- **History**: Tuesday 5 May 2020 (2pm – 3pm). The online event will give students an insight into studying a History degree at the University, featuring talks from members of the History department about the subject as a discipline and why it is pertinent to the world today. For more information and to register for the event, see <https://meetandengage.com/t7r2g0t8t>
- **Criminology**: Tuesday 5 May 2020 (3pm – 4pm). The online event will give students an insight into what studying Criminology at undergraduate level includes. City's Criminologists are dedicated to sociologically-inspired analysis; they examine the big ideas that underpin crime and criminal justice in contemporary society. For more information and to register for the event, see <https://meetandengage.com/t5m2g0t8t>

**BOTH YEARS** The **Hexham Debates events** have now moved online, and will be happening **via Zoom** at the usual times: Saturdays, 11am – 12.30pm. The next Debate will take place on Saturday 2 May 2020, entitled 'Thinking Like an Ecosystem: The Need for New Stories' and presented by Gerard Hastings, Emeritus Professor of the University of Stirling. Gerard researches the impact of business on society, which has involved him in advising Government and civil society nationally and internationally. For more information and to sign up for the event, see <https://hexhamdebates.wordpress.com/>

## University/College

**YEAR 12** The next '**Webinar Wednesdays**' event, held by UK University Search, is on Wednesday 6 May 2020 and will explore **UCAS personal statement advice**. The University of Roehampton will discuss how to structure a personal statement, as well as tips about what to include (and what not to). The talk will also include advice on what to do if students haven't been able to carry out enrichment activities or work experience due to COVID-19.

We will advertise the next Webinar Wednesday event in each weekly bulletin. For more information and to sign up, see <https://www.ukuniversitysearch.com/blog/post/webinar-wednesdays>

**YEAR 12** The **University of Dundee** is now offering a '**call-back**' option for students who are interested in **learning more about the University**. Students can register their details and Dundee will send lots more information and **schedule a phone call** from one of their **Recruitment Officers**, where you can discuss study choices, student life in Dundee, finance options, how to apply, and much more. The University of Dundee was recently named University of the Year for Student Experience in the Sunday Times Good University Guide 2020, and they have a number of **video resources** to showcase what they have to offer. For more information, see <https://apply.dundee.ac.uk/LP-UoD-Register-For-Call-UK-April2020.html?>

**YEAR 13** **Northumbria University** will be shortly contacting any applicants for **2020 entry** to offer one-to-one advice and guidance, to reassure them and to answer any questions they may have.

**YEAR 12** For students planning on **applying in 2021**, Northumbria is also developing a series of **virtual events**. They will be hosting virtual alternatives for the postponed UCAS Fairs, as well as a **Virtual Open Day** that will include subject talks, live Q&As, live chats, and the chance to explore the campus. For more information and to book a place on an upcoming open day, see <https://www.northumbria.ac.uk/study-at-northumbria/coming-to-northumbria/northumbria-undergraduate-open-days/>

**YEAR 13** Goldsmiths University of London are hosting a webinar called '**A University Guide to Getting the Most From Clearing**' on 5 May 2020 (1pm – 1.45pm). The session is ideally suited for Year 13 students who are **considering Clearing** as a possible option, and, in addition, want to find out more about **how universities are approaching Clearing** in the context of COVID-19. For more information and to register for the webinar, see <https://www.channeltalent.co.uk/event/he-guidance-a-university-guide-to-getting-the-most-from-clearing-with-1-university-tbc/>

**YEAR 12** The **Oxford and Cambridge Student Conferences 2020 Online Sessions** have now launched. The pre-recorded sessions include:

- The Student Experience and Applying to Oxford & Cambridge
- Making a Competitive Application
- Admissions Q&A

There will also be a **student Q&A** uploaded soon, where current students from both universities answer questions on a range of topics. As the sessions are **pre-recorded**, students do not need to register in advance; the webinars will be available to be **viewed at any time** to suit students. For more information, see <https://www.oxfordandcambridgeoutreach.co.uk/student-conference/introduction>

**YEAR 12** The **University of East Anglia** (UEA) is holding an online open day for students interested in studying **Medicine** on Saturday 20 June 2020. The online event will include subject talks; the chance to chat to current students, lecturers and support staff; a tour of the campus, the library, and Students' Union; and an opportunity to discover entertainment on campus including the UEA's live music venue and sports facilities. Students can **pre-register** for the open day now and be the first to receive updates about the event. For more information, see <https://www.uea.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/visit/open-day>

**YEAR 12** In light of the UCAS Exhibitions being cancelled, the **University of Sunderland** has prepared a video that answers some of the most **frequently asked questions** they typically receive at UCAS events. To view the video, go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=trKSUVZXiel&feature=youtu.be>