

Sixth Form Bulletin 11/05/20

Queen Elizabeth High School, Hexham



University/College

YEAR 12 Only one student from QEHS listened to the talk from Goldsmiths we advertised in the bulletin. It covered results, clearing and changing courses; it was one of the best webinars we have heard! The information was so useful we have asked for the slides and a summary of the online discussion that it generated from the students who attended it: [Getting The Most From Clearing - Goldsmiths, University of London Slides & Notes](#). It is useful to have an overview of the process and the options open to you so please take the time to read them.

YEAR 12 If we were in school, **Durham University** would have been talking to Year 12 in an extended assembly about choosing a course. They have kindly agreed to do this now **by Zoom** instead on Tuesday 12 May 2020 (11.30am start). Students **have been sent details on how to join the Zoom talk** via email from the Curriculum Team (also sent to Year 12 parents/carers).

This talk is for anyone who is **considering university after Year 13 or after a gap year**. The talk will give lots of general advice about choosing a course and things to consider when researching courses which you might not have considered before. **This talk is for everyone, not just those considering applying to Durham University**. If it is possible that you will be making an application to university in the next few years we expect you to join the talk.

YEAR 12 The next '**Webinar Wednesdays**' event, held by UK University Search, is on Wednesday 13 May 2020 and will explore **Student Finance**. The University of Kent will break down the finance system, how to apply, and what students are expected to pay back. The webinar also provides an opportunity to find out more about scholarships, bursaries, and additional support universities can provide.

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>

BOTH YEARS The **University of Law**, which has **14 campus locations across the UK** including Leeds, Liverpool, Manchester and London, has a number of upcoming **online lectures** and virtual undergraduate **open days**:

- **Virtual Twilight Lecture (12 May 2020)**: 'How do you defend reasonable force?'. Delivered by a criminal defence solicitor, the lecture will cover what is self-defence and reasonable force, historic self-defence cases, and can you defend your home from an intruder? The lecture is aimed at students who are interested in studying Law, Criminology, or Policing.
- **Virtual Undergraduate Open Day (14 May 2020)**: there are separate events for Law, Business, Criminology, Policing, and Politics. Each Virtual Open Day offers the chance to find out about the range of courses taught at the University of Law within each subject area.

To register for any of the above events and to see the full list of upcoming events, see <https://www.law.ac.uk/events/booking/?studylevel=1>

YEAR 12 Northumbria University have now extended their **NU Entry** application deadline to Friday 31 July 2020. NU Entry is Northumbria University's **supported entry scheme**, a structured programme for Year 12 students who meet specific academic and circumstantial criteria. Students participating in the NU Entry scheme will be provided with the opportunity to **develop skills** necessary for successful undergraduate study and get the opportunity to earn **16 NU Entry points**, which are the equivalent to **UCAS tariff points when applying to Northumbria University** undergraduate programmes (certain exclusions apply). For more information, see <https://www.northumbria.ac.uk/study-at-northumbria/information-for-schools-and-colleges/northumbria-university-supported-entry-scheme/>
Students who have already applied should have received a personal communication about their application. Please let Northumbria know if you have not received this.

Enrichment

YEAR 12 The **University of Sheffield** is holding a '**Discover Automatic Control and Systems Engineering**' taster session on 15 May 2020. During the interactive taster day, academic staff from the Department of Automatic Control and Systems Engineering will discuss the use of **robotics in medicine**, the corresponding **challenges** facing future engineers, and the **impact** that robotics can have on our society. For more information and to register for the event, see <https://www.channeltalent.co.uk/event/automatic-control-systems-engineering-an-online-interactive-taster-day-with-the-university-of-sheffield/>

YEAR 12 **Newcastle University** has created a resource to help students find **out where their favourite subjects could take them**, from university and beyond. Using an interactive presentation, students can explore a whole library of university courses, categorised by related A Level subjects. Newcastle has included chances to hear from students themselves about their experiences and discover the paths their graduates have followed. For more information, see https://newcastle-my.sharepoint.com/:p/g/person/ncf71_newcastle_ac_uk/EchVAgewSUVAh9Env0FCSwsByyHilelvEw03dicCyV8EXQ?rttime=sJPpms7x10g (please note that you have to view the PowerPoint as a slideshow to activate the interactive features).

YEAR 12 The **University of Lancaster** is running a series of **live webinars** that cover a variety of higher education topics. The webinars are an opportunity to **ask questions** in real-time and get detailed answers from **admin and academic University staff and current undergraduate students** using their live chat function. More webinars will be added soon (including subject-specific ones), but upcoming webinars include topics such as getting started on your EPQ, student life and accommodation, choosing courses and places, and applying to university. For more information and to register for a webinar, see <https://www.lancaster.ac.uk/study/connect/>

YEAR 12 In addition to this, **Lancaster** is running some **Medicine-specific webinars** this month, for students interested in studying their **five-year MBChB Medicine and Surgery degree**:

- **Problem-Based Learning – the what, where and how** (Tuesday 12 May 2020, 3.30pm – 5.00pm). Students will be able to explore and begin analysing a real problem-based learning scenario and find out how it is used across the subjects covered at Medical School.

https://lancasteruniversity.secure.force.com/events/targetX_eventsb_events#/esr?eid=a121t000001Etz4AAC

- **How to prepare for the BioMedical Admissions Test (BMAT)** (Monday 18 May 2020, 12.30pm – 2.00pm).
https://lancasteruniversity.secure.force.com/events/targetX_eventsb_events#/esr?eid=a121t000001Etz9AAC
- **Studying Medicine at Lancaster University** (Tuesday 26 May 2020, 3.30pm – 5.00pm).
https://lancasteruniversity.secure.force.com/events/targetX_eventsb_events#/esr?eid=a121t000001EtzJAAS

YEAR 12 Balliol College, part of the **University of Oxford**, is hosting a **History Taster Day** on 14 May 2020 (11.30am – 3.30pm). The event is specifically for Year 12 students who are considering applying to Oxford to study History, and includes an **introductory talk** on Balliol College and studying at Oxford, a **taster seminar** on the Cold War, a **mock interview session**, and a session with an Oxford tutor and current undergraduates. The booking deadline for the event is Tuesday 12 May 2020. For more information, see <https://www.balliol.ox.ac.uk/events/2020/may/14/history-taster-day>

Careers/Apprenticeships

YEAR 13 Essity, the global hygiene and health company, has two **apprenticeship vacancies** at their paper mill in **Prudhoe**:

- **Technical Engineering Apprentice**: initially focusing on electrical and mechanical engineering, the five-year apprenticeship will include the opportunity to study for a Level 4 HNC Engineering qualifications in the final two years, all while earning a salary. The closing date for applications is 30 May 2020; for more information and to apply see https://essity.wd3.myworkdayjobs.com/en-US/Job_opportunities/job/Newcastle-Upon-Tyne/Technical-Engineering-Apprentice_Essity196054
- **Manufacturing Process Apprentice**: over three years, apprentices will learn the skills needed to become a Shift Process Operator, together with the opportunity to contribute to continuous improvement activities on site. The closing date for applications is 17 May 2020; for more information and to apply see https://essity.wd3.myworkdayjobs.com/en-US/Job_opportunities/job/Newcastle-Upon-Tyne/Manufacturing-Process-Apprentice_Essity196055

BOTH YEARS Any students planning to undertake **work experience** with **Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust**: all of their work experience remains on hold for the foreseeable future. Any students who have applied for work experience will still have their names on a waiting list and will be contacted at the appropriate time.

YEAR 13 Nestlé are still accepting applications for their **Advanced Apprenticeships**, starting in September 2020:

- **Engineering**: <https://www.nestleacademy.co.uk/apprentices/advanced-apprenticeships-13/engineering/>
- **Food Manufacturing**: <https://www.nestleacademy.co.uk/apprentices/advanced-apprenticeships-13/food-manufacturing/>

- **Supply Chain:** <https://www.nestleacademy.co.uk/apprentices/advanced-apprenticeships-13/supply-chain/>

For all apprenticeships, applicants must be **18+** by 1 September 2020, and for some programmes applicants must be prepared to move around the UK for placements.

BOTH YEARS Success at School has created an **information pack on careers in Engineering**. The interactive guide includes an insight into what engineering is, the different career paths that are available, the skills needed to become an engineer, and routes into engineering including apprenticeships, school leaver programmes, and university. To read the full guide, see <https://mailchi.mp/successatschool/careers-in-engineering-your-complete-guide-1277051>