

Sixth Form Bulletin 12/06/20

Queen Elizabeth High School, Hexham



Sixth Form Notices

BOTH YEARS QEHS Sixth Form Students - follow our new **Instagram page!** We are @qehs_sixth_form (https://www.instagram.com/qehs_sixth_form/)

The Curriculum Team has launched this Instagram page to pass on **relevant information and resources for progression** that we would normally be covering in special sessions if we were in school. We will also regularly **highlight opportunities that have been advertised in the Sixth Form Bulletin.**

Careers/Apprenticeships

BOTH YEARS Students looking for **careers advice and guidance** can book an appointment with our **independent careers advisor**, Sarah Sunderland. Sarah can provide support on all aspects of students' future in employment or education including further and higher education, training and apprenticeships, as well as help with CVs. To book an appointment with Sarah, please email curriculum@qehs.net

BOTH YEARS **PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC)** has created an Employability Hub that contains a number of **virtual tools** to help students **develop key employability skills**. Resources in the Hub cover online applications and assessments, video interviews, assessment days, engaging with employers, and many more. For more information, see <https://www.pwc.co.uk/careers/school-jobs/employability.html>

University/College

YEAR 12 The **University Clinical Aptitude Test (UCAT)**, used in the selection process by the majority of **UK University Medical and Dental Schools**, has announced a choice of sitting the UCAT either **online or at one of their test centres**. Registration for the UCAT will open on 1 July 2020 and testing will take place between 3 August and 1 October ahead of the UCAS deadline of 15 October 2020. For more information, you can read the full announcement: <https://www.ucat.ac.uk/ucat/ucat-2020-update/>

BOTH YEARS **Reminder:** UK University Search is also hosting a **UK University Search Virtual Fair** on Wednesday 17 June 2020 (12 noon – 6pm). The event will feature an **online Exhibition Hall of universities and colleges** from across the UK, where students can view information and videos, download documents, and talk to representatives from that institution. There will also be an 'Auditorium' that will host **ten live webinars** on topics such as UCAS personal statements, clearing, and student finance. The event is aimed at both Year 12s who are conducting research before applying to university, and Year 13s who want to carry out Adjustment/Clearing research in preparation for the summer. For more information and to register for the event, see <https://ukuniversitysearch.vfairs.com/>

YEAR 12 The **University of Cambridge** is holding **virtual open days** on Thursday 2 and Friday 3 July 2020. During the open day, students will have the opportunity to talk to current undergraduates and university staff during **live Q&A sessions**, as well as the chance to **explore the University and Colleges virtually** to gain an insight into what it is like to be a student at Cambridge. During the week of the open days (w/c Monday 29 June 2020), **pre-recorded presentations** about the University's courses, Colleges and departments, the application process, student life, and finance will be available to watch. A programme containing full details of these presentations will be released later this month. For more information, see

<https://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/events/cambridge-open-days>

YEAR 12 **Christ Church College at Oxford University** has launched a new online platform that allows **students to talk to current undergraduates**. The Oxford undergraduates can answer questions on a range of subjects from life at university to what super-curricular resources they used when applying to Oxford. The platform also has a blog to help students get a taste of what university is like. To find out more, go to <https://www.chch.ox.ac.uk/admissions/chat>

Oxford University is also holding their **virtual open days** on Wednesday 1 July and Thursday 2 July 2020. Each **college and department will have their own page** where students and parents/carers will be able to ask questions to undergraduates, tutors and admissions staff. Oxford will also be releasing some videos made by undergraduates and tutors, which will be available to watch on YouTube during and after the event. To find out more, go to

<http://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/open-days-and-visits>

BOTH YEARS **Students interested in studying abroad:** A Star Future, the company who provide British students with information and guidance about study opportunities abroad and who have been into QEHS previously to give presentations, are hosting **study abroad advice webinars:**

- Studying in the **Netherlands** in 2021 and beyond: Tuesday 16 June 2020 (3pm)
https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/3215912837026/WN_0z3zyJyKSamB0A3Vu7MNkQ
- Studying in the **USA:** Wednesday 17 June 2020 (3pm)
https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/5915912832907/WN_6a8eC8LTSvS5krdqucoEMA
- Studying **Dentistry in Spain:** Thursday 18 June 2020 (3pm)
https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/6415913480198/WN_PqRQIN0CRzyJn15FlzkqQ

For more information on A Star Future and to view their extensive online resources, see <https://www.astarfuture.co.uk/>

YEAR 12 MedicHut, an organisation run by medical students to provide support for applying to medical school, has published a [comprehensive University Clinical Aptitude Test \(UCAT\) revision planner](#). The planner contains planning pages, helpful tips, and templates to fill in. MedicHut also offer other resources such as webinars and paid workshops; for more information see <https://www.medichut.com/>

BOTH YEARS The **University of Bristol** is hosting a series of interactive 'Meet and Engage' live sessions during June and July. The sessions offer the opportunity to **hear directly from undergraduate students** from specific subject areas at the University and learn what it is like to study at Bristol. The sessions include:

- Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences & Law: [Thursday 18 June 2020](#) (4.30pm – 5.30pm)
- Meet a Vet: [Tuesday 23 June 2020](#) (2pm – 3pm)
- Science (including Mathematics, Chemistry & Physics): [Wednesday 24 June 2020](#) (4.30pm – 5.30pm)
- Becoming an Engineer – what is it like?: [Tuesday 30 June 2020](#) (11am – 12 noon)
- Life Sciences (including Biology, Psychology & Neuroscience): [Wednesday 1 July 2020](#) (11am – 12 noon)
- Life as a Law Student: [Tuesday 7 July 2020](#) (4.30pm – 5.30pm)
- Life as an Economics Student: [Thursday 9 July 2020](#) (4.30pm – 5.30pm)

To view the sessions, students need to sign up to access Bristol's virtual resources, which also include higher information and guidance and faculty-specific academic content. For more information see <https://www.bristol.ac.uk/study/outreach/virtual-resources-for-students/>

YEAR 12 **UCAS** are running a series of sessions to support 2021 applicants, streamed live in the **UCAS Hub**. Upcoming sessions include:

- How to best represent yourself to universities ([16 June 2020](#))
- Unpicking league tables ([17 June 2020](#))
- Q&A with Universities of Oxford and Cambridge ([23 June 2020](#))

The full list of sessions can be viewed on <https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/what-and-where-study/ucas-hub-live>

BOTH YEARS UniTasterDays have a comprehensive line-up for their new 'UniTaster Tuesdays', **online weekly university guidance webinars**. The webinars feature a number of universities to deliver impartial university guidance. Upcoming webinars include:

- Introduction to Studying **Chemistry** ([16 June 2020](#), 3pm). Featuring Manchester Metropolitan University and Higher Horizons, the webinar will include reasons to study Chemistry, application tips, and careers information.
- Introduction to Studying **Sport** ([23 June 2020](#), 9.30am). Featuring the University of Gloucestershire and Liverpool Hope University, the webinar will cover reasons to study sport courses, application tips and careers.
- Introduction to Studying **Midwifery, Nursing and the Allied Health Professions** ([23 June 2020](#), 3pm). The webinar features the University of Bradford and the University of Hertfordshire.

Previous webinars are also available to view on the website. For the full list of webinars and more information, see <https://www.unitasterdays.com/ut-tuesdays.aspx>

BOTH YEARS **Loughborough University** is hosting an 'Inspiring Minds Online: Social Sciences & Humanities' event, launching [Wednesday 17 June 2020](#) – the event and activities are accessible at any time, so students can log in and participate at their convenience over five days. The event includes a range of **taster sessions**, as well as guidance on **university applications and careers**.

There will also be an opportunity to take a **virtual tour** of Loughborough. For more information and to register, see <https://app.geckiform.com/public/#/modern/FOEU0354WXVXwamu>

Enrichment

BOTH YEARS The **London Digital Institute**, part of Staffordshire University London, is holding **Virtual Industries Taster Sessions** on 23 June 2020. The Institute offers a niche range of computing-related courses, and the taster sessions include:

- BSc Games Design
- BA Esports
- BSc Cyber Security

Each interactive session includes insider knowledge from the industry as well as comprehensive information about the course. During the session students will receive a **tutorial** from the Institute's technical specialist who will coach students through **making their own industry film** – winning films will get a **£100 voucher** and a **week's work placement** at Staffordshire University London. For more information, see <https://dilondon.staffs.ac.uk/event/virtual-taster-day/>

YEAR 12 Channel Talent is hosting a '**right4me Accountancy**' webinar on 23 June 2020 (12.45pm – 1.45pm). James Armes from the **Norwich Business School** at the University of East Anglia (UEA) will present a **mini taster lecture** on 'Accounting for decision making: how management accountants can help businesses understand the financial implications and risk of business decision making'. Following the taster lecture, James will then talk to students about the requirements, format and strengths of UEA's Accountancy degree courses. For more information, see <https://www.channeltalent.co.uk/event/right4me-accountancy-studying-accountancy-for-a-degree-with-uea/>

YEAR 12 Channel Talent is also hosting an '**insight4me Geography**' webinar on 17 June 2020 (2.15pm – 3.15pm). During insight4me webinars, **two universities** will deliver a **topic-based 'micro' talk**, providing an insight into the teaching of that topic at university and compare and contrast how other subject areas across the Geography spectrum might be treated. The two talks are:

- University of East Anglia: Energy Systems and Landscapes
- University of Reading: Climate Systems and Agricultural Landscapes

By hearing from two universities, students will be able to see how the further study of Geography can **vary between institutions**. For more information, see <https://www.channeltalent.co.uk/event/insight4me-geography-systems-landscapes-with-uea-reading/>

BOTH YEARS The **University of Law's** next **Virtual Twilight Lecture** is on Tuesday 16 June 2020, entitled 'How is technology changing 21st-century lawyers?'. The lecture is designed for Year 12 and Year 13 students **interested in studying Law**, and is delivered live by the University's tutors. The lecture will discuss the legal systems of the past, and explore the innovations and technologies that are shaping the future of legal services. For more information, see <https://www.law.ac.uk/events/booking/?studylevel=1>

BOTH YEARS The staff of the **Glasgow University History Department** have put together some **summer reading suggestions** of the books that have inspired them and, in some cases, inspired their different historical approaches. The reading list covers a broad range of historical periods, from witch hunting in Scotland in the 16-17th centuries, to Marco Polo's journey along the 'silk roads', to a biography of Mary Queen of Scots, to memories of the slave trade in Sierra Leone. To see all the book recommendations, visit

<https://www.gla.ac.uk/schools/humanities/research/historyresearch/welcome/>

YEAR 12 **Newcastle University** is hosting a '**Live Clinician Q&A**' session for Year 12 students on 1 July 2020 (4.30pm start). Hosted via Zoom, a range of clinicians will be present to answer questions and discuss their knowledge of the Medical profession. To register for the event, see <https://forms.ncl.ac.uk/view.php?id=8494111> – the form is currently inactive but will hopefully open up for registration nearer the time.

BOTH YEARS **Edge Hill University** is holding an '**Introduction to Media**' session on Wednesday 17 June 2020 (12 noon – 1pm). The session will explore the range of Media courses on offer, entry criteria, facilities, placements, career prospects, and opportunities to travel/study abroad. For more information, see <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/edge-hill-university-virtual-introduction-to-media-session-registration-103368090742>

Edge Hill run a number of these sessions for **many different subject areas** – see the full list at <https://www.edgehill.ac.uk/studentrecruitment/year-12-13-college-and-access-virtual-outreach/>