

Sixth Form Bulletin 26/06/20

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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.**

University/College

YEAR 12 We have a **personal statement session** arranged with **Cambridge University** on Tuesday 14 July 2020. **Oxford University** have just advertised a series of four workshops for students in the North East to help with applications; unfortunately, one of these coincides with our Cambridge session. Cambridge has offered to see if they can reschedule, but if the clash can't be resolved we need to know **how many students would still attend the Cambridge session**. If you are planning on applying to Oxford or Cambridge, please email curriculum@qehs.net to advise **if you would choose to attend the Cambridge session instead of the Oxford one.**

YEAR 13 The next '**Webinar Wednesdays**' event, held by UK University Search, is on Wednesday 1 July 2020 and will explore **Student Life: 2020 Freshers**. A panel of universities will discuss all aspects of student life for students preparing to head to university this September. The webinar will cover freshers' week, what to pack, new housemates, and dealing with homesickness. They will also consider what first term could look like under social distancing and how online learning could be the 'new normal'. There will be a Q&A session at the end for any further questions and advice. 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 UniTaster Tuesdays, **online weekly university guidance webinars**, feature a number of universities to deliver impartial university guidance. Upcoming webinars include:

- Introduction to Studying **Biology and Biosciences courses** (7 July 2020, 9.30am). Featuring Edge Hill University and the University of Gloucestershire, the webinar will include reasons to study Biology and Biosciences courses, application tips, and careers information.
- **So you want to be a doctor?** (7 July 2020, 3pm). Featuring the St George's University of London and the University of Aberdeen, the webinar will cover preparing work experience, application tips, interview preparation, and a student perspective.

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>

YEAR 12 **Oxford University** has put together some new videos for **students considering an Oxford application**, or who want to know more about what being a student at Oxford is like. Topics covered

so far include 'Oxford Colleges – what exactly are they?', choosing an undergraduate course at Oxford, and a three-part 'Official Guide for an Oxford Applicant'. For more information and to see the full list of videos, see the University's YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL7660E0CAC88AC436>

YEAR 12 The University of Lincoln is holding a '**Year 12 Parents' Evening**' on Wednesday 8 July 2020 (6.00pm – 7.30pm). The event will provide **an insight into a range of essential topics**, from how the UCAS application works to the transition to university, student finance, and accommodation. Lincoln's Education Liaison team will be available to answer any queries, as well as departments from across the University and current students. For more information and to book a place, see <https://www.lincoln.ac.uk/home/studentlife/whatson/events/parents-july-2020.html>

YEAR 12 Channel Talent are hosting a **HE Guidance webinar**, entitled '**Choosing a Course and a University**' on Friday 3 July 2020 (1.00pm – 2.00pm). Delivered by the University of Nottingham, the webinar will look at the process of choosing a course and university, discussing factors such as how courses differ between institutions, and how campus, location, and size of a university could alter your choices. For more information and to register, see <https://www.channeltalent.co.uk/event/he-guidance-choosing-a-course-a-university-with-william-hollis-from-university-of-nottingham/>

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, have recorded their **study abroad advice webinars** for students to watch **on demand**:

- Studying in the **Netherlands** in 2021 and beyond:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K674O3V7h4M&t=734s>
- Studying in the **USA** – a guide to sensible, affordable options:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YJUPGELHV3k>
- Studying **Dentistry in Spain** in 2020 and 2021:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4ED0Z4JYxoQ&t=2890s>

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

Careers

YEAR 13 The Northern & Yorkshire NHS Assessment Centre, the regional training scheme for **NHS Estates Apprentices**, is currently accepting applications for a number of **Engineering and Construction Level 3 apprenticeships**. The apprenticeships are based **at a number of NHS sites across the North East**, and include specialisms such as **Medical Electronics, Electrical, Mechanical, and Carpentry/Joinery**. The apprenticeships will begin in August 2020 subject to all necessary checks being completed. All of the apprenticeships are available to view on the NHS Jobs website (www.jobs.nhs.uk), listed under 'North Tees & Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust', although the full details in the advert show the actual location of the apprenticeship vacancies.

Enrichment

BOTH YEARS Aberystwyth University are hosting a **Physics lecture** entitled 'Using Physics to Investigate the Realities of Climate Change' on Friday 3 July 2020 (11am – 12 noon). Physicists from the University will discuss how they are working on **issues linked to climate change**, and how physics can lead to a **variety of different careers**. The lecture will also cover **the fundamental physics of climate change** (Newton's Cooling Law), space weather and climate change, and **renewable energy** sources. For more information and to register, see <https://www.channeltalent.co.uk/event/physics-using-physics-to-investigate-the-realities-of-climate-change-with-dr-rachel-cross-dr-huw-morgan-from-aberystwyth-university/>

BOTH YEARS The **University of Law's** next **Virtual Twilight Lecture** is on Tuesday 30 June 2020, entitled 'Who should take responsibility when environmental disasters strike?'. The lecture is designed for Year 12 and Year 13 students **interested in studying subjects such as Law, Politics, and environmental-related disciplines**, and is delivered live by the University's tutors. The lecture will discuss the cost of pollution to society and key case studies of environmental disasters. For more information, see <https://www.law.ac.uk/events/booking/?studylevel=1>

BOTH YEARS **Sunderland University** have a number of **webcasts** available to watch **on demand** covering a variety of topics related to applying, courses, facilities, employability, and more. Some examples of the webcasts currently on offer include:

- Degree courses with an **Integrated Foundation** degree
- Discover **Media** at Sunderland
- Preparing your applicant **Art or Design portfolio**
- **Social Studies**: which course is right for me?
- Applying for **Healthcare courses** and preparing for interview

For more information and to see the full list of webcasts, see <https://www.sunderland.ac.uk/open-days/webcasts/>