

Sixth Form Bulletin 03/07/20

Queen Elizabeth High School, Hexham



Sixth Form Notices

BOTH YEARS We are giving students an opportunity to collect any **outstanding exam certificates** on Thursday 9 July 2020 (10am – 2pm) from the main school entrance. You must bring ID with you. If someone else is collecting on your behalf, they must bring **their own ID and an Alternative Collection of Certificate form** from you, stating you have given the named person permission to collect your certificates. A downloadable copy of the Alternative Collection of Certificates Form is available on our [website](#). We have uncollected certificates dating back to **academic year 2016-2017**. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible, but please remember that we will be keeping any uncollected certificates safe until November 2021. After this date they will eventually be returned to the exam boards. Please be aware that exam boards will make a charge for replacing certificates (**£45 each**). Please note that these are official documents that you will need in the future to support further/higher education applications or employment opportunities.

YEAR 12 **Progression sessions update:** the **Art Foundation** talk run by **Newcastle College** will take place on Monday 6 July 2020 (11am start). The link to the talk is available on our website on the 'I want to consider an Art Foundation course' page: <https://www.qehs.net/index.php/progression-resources-art-foundation/>

University/College

YEAR 13 The next '**Webinar Wednesdays**' event, held by UK University Search, is on Wednesday 8 July 2020 and will explore **Studying Art and Design: Portfolio Advice**. This special session, led by the University for the Creative Arts, will take students through all the tips and tricks to create the perfect portfolio. There will be a Q&A session at the end for any questions about interviews, applications, and why studying creative arts at degree level could be perfect for you. For more information and to sign up, see <https://www.ukuniversitysearch.com/blog/post/webinar-wednesdays>

YEAR 12 The **University of Law** is running a '**Virtual Higher Education Experience Day**' on Wednesday 8 July 2020 (10am – 3pm). During the day, students will have the opportunity to discover more about **studying a particular subject area**, develop **key employability skills**, explore potential **career pathways**, find out how to write an **effective personal statement**, and chat to the University's students about **their experiences of studying at university**. For more information and to register, see <https://www.law.ac.uk/events/booking/?studylevel=1>

YEAR 12 **Oxford University** has released a complete list of **online talks from all its Colleges and Departments**, which can be found here: <http://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/virtual-open-day/complete-list-talks#>. The list includes a lot of content that was shown during Oxford's Virtual Open Day. There are still plenty of **online resources** for any students who missed the Virtual Open Day or who want to do more research – see <http://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/virtual-open-day>

YEAR 12 Reminder: The **University Clinical Aptitude Test (UCAT)**, used in the selection process by the majority of **UK University Medical and Dental Schools**, has changed their processes this year by allowing students to sit the UCAT either **online or at one of their test centres**. Registration for the UCAT opened on 1 July 2020 and testing will take place between 3 August and 1 October ahead of the UCAS deadline of 15 October 2020. To find out more about the UCAT, including the 30 UK universities that require applicants to sit the UCAT, see <https://www.ucat.ac.uk/ucat/>

YEAR 12 UCAS is holding a **virtual exhibition** dedicated to **veterinary, medicine and dentistry courses** on Thursday 23 July 2020 (7.00am – 11.00pm). Students will be able to join UCAS experts and university representatives to speak about these specific disciplines **ahead of the 15 October UCAS deadline**. Subject and admissions specialists will be available for one-to-one or group chats, there will be topical seminars running through the day, and students will be able to pick up digital prospectuses and other information. For more information and to book, see <https://www.ucas.com/events/virtual-exhibition-15-october-deadline-veterinary-medicine-and-dentistry-375316>

YEAR 13 Channel Talent are running a **HE Guidance webinar** called ‘**Getting the Most from Clearing**’, presented by the University of East Anglia, on 6 August 2020 (11am – 12 noon). The session is designed for students who are considering Clearing as a possible option, and will give them the chance to have questions answered and get ahead of the game for results day the next week. The presenters will discuss some helpful hints and tips and cover important timescales, as well as giving an insight into what happens from a university point of view. For more information, see <https://www.channeltalent.co.uk/event/he-guidance-getting-the-most-from-clearing-with-jessica-smith-lydia-newton-from-university-of-east-anglia/>

YEAR 12 Following their successful virtual open days last month, **Teesside University** will be holding another **undergraduate open day** on Thursday 23 July 2020 (3.00pm – 6.00pm). The online open day will include virtual tours, presentations, videos, and the opportunity to put any questions to academic and support staff through live chats. For more information, see https://www.tees.ac.uk/sections/whats_on/events_details.cfm?event_id=11561

Careers

BOTH YEARS Reminder: Working Options in Education are hosting a number of **Virtual Career Sessions** during July. The sessions fall under two categories:

- **Insights from Industry Sessions:** industry guests will share their career journey stories and top tips on what employers look for, including an interactive Q&A session.
- **Employability Skills Workshops:** activity-based workshops that cover four topics (problem-solving, interviews, presentation skills, and teamwork) to help students get ready for the world of work.

To see the full list of Career Sessions and to book a place on the events, see

<https://workingoptions.org.uk/join-our-virtual-career-sessions-in-june-and-july/>

YEAR 12 Newcastle University are holding a series of **webinars** entitled 'The Other Side of Medical Sciences' during July and August. The webinars are designed to introduce students to the **wide field of careers that are available in medical sciences**:

- Biomedical Sciences: 9 July 2020 (4pm)
- Psychology: 15 July 2020 (4pm)
- Nutrition and Dietetics: 22 July 2020 (4pm)
- Sport and Exercise Science: 29 July 2020 (4pm)
- Pharmacy: 5 August 2020 (4pm)

The sessions will go through degree options, the pathway to get there, and career aspirations. Guests will attend each session to talk through their career. For more information and to register, see <https://forms.ncl.ac.uk/view.php?id=8700859>

YEAR 13 The NHS will shortly be advertising **two apprenticeship vacancies** based in the Northumbria Healthcare area:

- Healthcare Support Worker (Level 2)
- Customer Service Practitioner (Level 2)

These apprenticeships could be a **stepping stone into the NHS** for students interested in a career with them. The positions should be available to apply for on the **NHS Jobs website** from the end of July: <https://www.jobs.nhs.uk/>

Enrichment

BOTH YEARS **Reminder**: openDemocracy and University College London (UCL) have joined forces for a 'Visions of a world after COVID-19' **competition for school students** aged 14+. Students can submit their entry as a **written article, short video, or image/photograph** that describes their vision for the world after coronavirus. First prize includes **£200 in book vouchers** and a **bespoke training opportunity** with openDemocracy or UCL that may take the form of a mini-fellowship, work experience, or placement in line with the winner's area of interest. The deadline for entries is 10 July 2020. For more information, see <https://www.opendemocracy.net/en/world-after-covid/>

BOTH YEARS The University of East Anglia (UEA) will be hosting a **Business/Entrepreneurship talk** entitled 'Running Like Clockwork – What Makes A Business Tick?' on Tuesday 7 July 2020 (2.30pm – 3.30pm). The session will focus on providing a general description of how a firm works, looking at the different parts of the business and the interrelated nature of business using business models, theories and techniques. For more information and to register, see <https://www.channeltalent.co.uk/event/business-running-like-clockwork-what-makes-a-business-tick-with-dr-tiago-botelho-from-university-of-east-anglia/>

YEAR 12 **Reminder**: The **University of Sheffield** has an extensive programme of **virtual taster days** for Year 12 students over June and July 2020. Upcoming sessions include:

- **English** Taster Day (7 July 2020)
- **Biomedical Science**: 'Diagnosing disease by examining proteins' (14 July 2020)
- **Journalism** Taster Day (14 July 2020)
- **Landscape Architecture**: 'How to draw for landscape architecture' (15 July 2020)
- **Ophthalmology and Orthoptics** Taster Session (15 July 2020)

- **Animal and Plant Sciences:** 'Explore our evolving planet – tropical rainforest systems to COVID-19' (16 July 2020)

For the full list of taster days, see <https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/undergraduate/visit/taster-days>

BOTH YEARS The **Faculty of Arts and Creative Industries** at the **University of Sunderland** has created a new website, 'Sunderland Creatives', to share the work and creativity of students, graduates and staff from the Faculty. Over the next few months, further content will be added from their undergraduate and postgraduate art, design, media, and performance programmes and creative community pages showing how to get involved, creative career routes, and who they collaborate with. For more information, see <https://www.sunderlandcreatives.co.uk/>

BOTH YEARS **Aberystwyth University** are hosting a **Politics webinar** on Wednesday 8 July 2020 (10.30am – 11.30am): '**Contemporary Issues in US Politics**'. The webinar will explore some of the important questions that shape American political life, particularly amid current political, economic and social tensions. The webinar will also include quizzes, debates and discussions to generate ideas and thinking that will enrich A Level studies and give a taster of university-level approaches to study. For more information, see <https://www.channeltalent.co.uk/event/politics-contemporary-issues-in-us-politics-with-dr-warren-dockter-dr-jenny-mathers-from-aberystwyth-university/>