

Sixth Form Bulletin 11/09/20

Queen Elizabeth High School, Hexham



Sixth Form Notices

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

The Curriculum Team launched this Instagram page during lockdown to pass on **relevant information, notices, and resources for progression**. We will also regularly **highlight opportunities that have been advertised in the Sixth Form Bulletin**.

Careers

BOTH YEARS **WECAN**, a **Hexham-based** charity that supports **young people and adults with additional needs**, has vacancies available for part time **Support Workers** to work on term time Saturdays, during the Easter holidays, and during the summer holidays. Support Workers aid children and young people to access a wide range of leisure activities and local events during WECAN's term time Saturday Clubs and school holiday sessions. This position would provide valuable work experience and training for any students looking to work in healthcare or childcare related fields. For more information, see <https://www.wecanenable.co.uk/vacancies/> or contact Hayley Armstrong, Service Manager, on 07741 480188 or hayley@wecanenable.co.uk

BOTH YEARS **UK University & Apprenticeship Search** are holding a **virtual fair** on Wednesday 11 November 2020 (12 noon – 6pm). The virtual fair will feature a wide range of exhibiting universities, colleges, and **apprenticeship providers**, allowing students to explore their **regional and local post-18 options**. During the event students will be able to visit exhibition stands and chat to representatives, view information and videos, download prospectuses, and take part in live webinars in a virtual auditorium. For more information and to register for a place, see <https://ukunisearch-north.vfairs.com/>

University/College

YEAR 13 UK University and Apprenticeship Search are also running a new virtual event on Wednesday 7 October 2020 for **students looking to attend a Russell Group university**. The event will feature all 24 Russell Group universities, and students will be able to **chat directly** to university representatives, download documents and take part in **12 live webinars**. To register for a place, see <https://russellgroup.vfairs.com/>

There will also be two **pre-event webinars** to help students prepare for the event, and to support students working towards the **October UCAS deadline**:

- Wednesday 23 September 2020 (12 noon): [Applying to Oxford and Cambridge](#)
- Wednesday 30 September 2020 (12 noon): [Applying to Russell Group universities](#)

Students who register for the above webinars will be sent a link to the **recorded version** after the live session.

YEAR 13 This is the time of year that **universities/colleges** usually run an intensive programme of **open days**, offering students the chance to experience that institution before submitting UCAS applications. These events have now moved **online**, but institutions are working hard to provide a huge amount of information and insights to replicate what students would have experienced on a campus open day. Open days are still an **extremely important** opportunity to investigate institutions as every one is different, and offer the chance to speak to staff regarding courses and, perhaps more importantly, current students regarding accommodation, atmosphere, costs and social activities. It is worth noting that **it is possible to send your UCAS form off with two choices and then add your other three after you have researched other universities** (as long as it's before 30 June 2020 and you have not accepted or declined your other offers), so open days do not need to delay the most important step of your application. Some upcoming open days include:

- The **University of Leeds** is running virtual open days with a **series of live talks** from 21 September to 3 October 2020:
https://www.leeds.ac.uk/homepage/59/undergraduate_open_days
- The **University of Sheffield**: online open day on Saturday 12 September 2020
<https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/undergraduate/visit/open-days>
- The **University of Manchester**: virtual open day on Saturday 3 October 2020
<https://www.manchester.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/open-days-visits/open-days/>
- **Manchester Metropolitan University** will be running a **series** of virtual open days in October
<https://www.mmu.ac.uk/study/open-days/undergraduate>
- The **University of Durham**: virtual open day on Saturday 3 October 2020
<https://www.dur.ac.uk/study/ug/visit/vvregistration/>
- **Newcastle University**: virtual open day on Saturday 19 September 2020
<https://www.ncl.ac.uk/study/meet/virtual-open-day/>
- **Lancaster University**: online open day on Saturday 12 September 2020
<https://www.lancaster.ac.uk/study/open-days/undergraduate-open-days/>
- **Northumbria University** is holding **virtual** open days on 30 September and 7 October 2020. They are also planning to hold **on-campus open days** on 24 October and 21 November. Additionally, they are running **on-campus tours**; currently these are limited to 9 September, 16 September, and 23 September 2020. <https://www.northumbria.ac.uk/study-at-northumbria/coming-to-northumbria/northumbria-undergraduate-open-days/>

See each institution's website for details or visit www.opendays.com to see all the dates of all UK open days.

YEAR 13 A number of competitive universities and courses have an **admissions test** in addition to your A Levels as a requirement for the course. Some of these are sat under exam conditions **through school** but some are **independently run**. Please **check carefully** with your chosen universities. The tests that can be sat through school are:

Admissions Test	For	Test date	Results released
BioMedical Admissions Test (BMAT)	Several UK universities	4 November 2020	27 November 2020
English Literature Admissions Test (ELAT)	University of Cambridge and University of Oxford	4 November 2020	11 January 2021
Philosophy Test	University of Oxford	4 November 2020	
Classics Admissions Test (CAT)	University of Oxford	4 November 2020	
Modern Languages Admissions Test (MLAT)	University of Oxford	4 November 2020	
Oriental Languages Admissions Test (OLAT)	University of Oxford	4 November 2020	
Mathematics Admissions Test (MAT)	University of Oxford, Imperial College London and University of Warwick	4 November 2020	
Test of Mathematics for University Admission (TMUA)	Several UK universities	5 November 2020	30 November 2020
Economics Admissions Assessment (ECAA)	University of Cambridge	5 November 2020	
Engineering Admissions Assessment (ENGAA)	University of Cambridge	5 November 2020	
Natural Sciences Admissions Assessment (NSAA)	University of Cambridge	5 November 2020	
Cambridge Test of Mathematics for University Admissions (CTMUA)	University of Cambridge	5 November 2020	
History Aptitude Test (HAT)	University of Oxford	5 November 2020	
Physics Aptitude Test (PAT)	University of Oxford	5 November 2020	
Thinking Skills Assessment	University of Cambridge and University of Oxford	5 November 2020	11 January 2021

If you need to sit one of the above admissions tests in school, please **email the Exams Office** on exams@qehs.net. The deadline for entries is **25 September 2020**.

If you need to sit one of the **independent tests** (such as the **UCAT**) please make sure that you know your deadlines and that you have booked your tests in time.

For more information on admissions tests in general, see

<https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/applying-university/admissions-tests>

YEAR 13 **Reminder: UCAS** are holding **virtual exhibitions** for specific subject areas. The list of exhibitions includes:

- Business, Law, and Finance: 29 – 30 September 2020
- Biological and Physical Sciences: 16 October 2020
- Social Sciences, Humanities, and Teaching: 23 – 24 October 2020
- Maths, Engineering, and Computing: 2 – 3 November 2020
- Creative Subjects: 13 – 14 November 2020

At an UCAS virtual exhibition, students can speak directly to **subject and admissions specialists**, listen to **seminars**, pick up **digital prospectuses** and other information. For more information, see <https://www.ucas.com/ucas/events/find/scheme/virtual-and-digital/type/exhibition>

Enrichment

BOTH YEARS Channel Talent are hosting a number of **webinars** over the next two months. The sessions often include **two or more universities** and explore aspects of **applying to university**, **subject-specific degrees**, and a new ‘think tank’ format that invites 2/3 university academics from different disciplines to discuss pressing issues. Webinars such as these allow students to hear from a **variety of universities in one session**, and show how the **same course can be very different** between universities. Please note that students can only attend live events if they do not have a lesson at the time; some sessions may be recorded. Upcoming events include:

- **Personal Statements** with the University of East Anglia (23 September 2020, 12.45pm – 1.45pm) <https://www.channeltalent.co.uk/event/he-guidance-tips-for-personal-statements-with-uea/>
- **Psychology Degrees** with UEA and Goldsmiths (24 September 2020, 2pm – 3pm): <https://www.channeltalent.co.uk/event/right4me-psychology-studying-psychology-for-a-degree-with-goldsmiths-uea/>
- Society for Natural Sciences: **Astrobiology and Studying Natural Sciences** (29 September 2020, 1pm – 2pm) <https://www.channeltalent.co.uk/event/right4me-psychology-studying-psychology-for-a-degree-with-goldsmiths-uea/>
- **General Engineering vs a specialism** with the University of Nottingham (30 September 2020, 1.30pm – 2.15pm) <https://www.channeltalent.co.uk/event/engineering-general-engineering-vs-an-engineering-specialism-how-do-i-choose-with-nottingham/>

For the full list of events, see <https://www.channeltalent.co.uk/events/list/>

YEAR 13 Fifteen **Scottish universities** have collaborated to produce a ‘**Study in Scotland**’ **webinar series**, where they discuss the opportunities available at Scottish universities. The next webinar will be taking place on 23 September 2020, at either 1pm or 7pm (both webinars will have the same content). The webinars will be staffed by a **variety of different universities** and will feature a **Q&A** running through the full hour. To register for a place, see <https://app.geckoform.com/public/#/modern/FOEU024eVIC76BBv>