

Sixth Form Bulletin 25/09/20

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**.

University/College

BOTH YEARS **Newcastle University** runs a **supported entry scheme** called the PARTNERS Programme. Through PARTNERS, eligible students could receive a **lower offer** (up to **three grades lower**) for a place on their undergraduate courses than the University's typical offer. In addition, the PARTNERS Team provides students with ongoing support to make **informed choices** about higher education, **develop skills** to be successful at university, and **prepare for the transition** from school to higher education. This year the team will host a series of **online Q&A events** that will provide an opportunity to chat to the PARTNERS team, PARTNERS students, and other members of staff from across the University such as Accommodation Services and Student Finance. Acceptance to the PARTNERS scheme requires students to fulfil certain **eligibility criteria** (e.g. one or more of postcode, entitlement to Free School Meals, first to go to university, in care/young carer, disabilities/long-term health conditions; the full list is available on the website) and successful completion of an **Academic Summer School** (provisional for 2021).

The PARTNERS team have recorded their **presentation** that they would have normally given in school, available to watch at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T3pXYiSI1wk>. For more information about PARTNERS including how to apply and full details of the eligibility criteria, see <http://www.ncl.ac.uk/schools/partners/>

YEAR 12 **Oxford University** is accepting applications for their new **supported entry scheme** for students in the North East: 'Aim for Oxford'. The **two-year programme** is free and has a limited number of places available. The programme aims to equip students with greater knowledge and understanding about the **Oxbridge application process**, as well as providing **academic taster sessions** delivered by Oxford staff during Year 12. The first year of the programme culminates in a **four-night summer school** at Oxford University in August 2021, where students work on their own mini research project. There will then be a **programme of support** for students as they enter Year 13 and make their applications to Oxford. The main eligibility criteria for the scheme is academic (strong GCSE grades), but there are additional criteria that Oxford will consider, including postcode scores, eligibility for free school meals, first generation to go to university, and young carers. For more information, see <http://www.st-annes.ox.ac.uk/study-here/undergraduate/working-with-schools/aim-for-oxford/>

YEAR 13 Oxford for North East are also running **admissions tests workshops** free of charge to Year 13 state school students from the North East. All the material covered in the sessions will be delivered by current undergraduates, graduates, tutors, and members of Oxford staff. There will be five workshops overall:

- Thinking Skills and Philosophy workshop: [Monday 12 October 2020](#)
- BMAT/Medicine workshop: [Wednesday 14 October 2020](#)
- Physics/Maths workshop: [Friday 16 October 2020](#)
- Languages workshop: [Monday 19 October 2020](#)
- Humanities workshop: [Wednesday 21 October 2020](#)

The workshops will be delivered digitally and will run from 4.00pm to 5.30pm. The deadline for registering for a place is [5 October 2020](#); see <https://oxford.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/oxford-for-north-east-admissions-test-workshops>

Enrichment

BOTH YEARS The **Society for Natural Sciences** will be running a **Medical Imaging online session** on [Wednesday 21 October 2020](#) (12.30pm – 1.30pm). Dr Chris Brignell, Director of Natural Sciences at the University of Nottingham, will explore the role of **different scientific disciplines in developing medical imaging** while also introducing students to the **interdisciplinary study of Natural Sciences**. Please note that students can only attend live events if they do not have a lesson at the time. For more information, see <https://www.channeltalent.co.uk/event/medical-imaging-natural-sciences-unlocking-the-brain-using-interdisciplinary-science-to-tackle-unsolved-problems-with-dr-chris-brignell-society-for-natural-sciences/>

BOTH YEARS There will also be a 'Think Tank' **online event** called '**UK Health: The Health of Our Nation**' on [Friday 2 October 2020](#) (1.30pm – 2.30pm). The new Think Tank series includes interdisciplinary webinars, engaging **academics from different institutions** and students in debate. The UK Health event features representatives from **Health Sciences at the University of East Anglia (UEA)** and **Pharmacy at the University of Reading**. Topics for debate posed so far includes the privatization of the NHS, the impact of COVID-19 on the level of UK health, the comparison between mental health and physical health, and the impact of health on job opportunities. Please note that students can only attend live events if they do not have a lesson at the time. For more information, see <https://www.channeltalent.co.uk/event/thank-tank-uk-health-the-health-of-our-nation-cutting-edge-university-perspectives-debate-from-3-academic-disciplines/>

BOTH YEARS **Newcastle University** is now accepting bookings for their **Mini Medical School**; a series of lectures (this year held **online**) offering an in-depth look at a **range of medical topics**, including **current research developments** at the University. Previous programmes covered topics such as dermatology, emergency medicine, medical scanning technology, anaesthetics, and sport and exercise science. The online lectures will take place 6pm – 7pm on [Thursday 12](#), [Thursday 19](#), [Thursday 26 November](#) and [Thursday 3 December 2020](#). For more information and to book a place, see <https://www.ncl.ac.uk/medical-sciences/engage-with-us/mini-medical-school/>

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>