

## Sixth Form Bulletin 09/10/20

Queen Elizabeth High School, Hexham



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### Careers

**BOTH YEARS** The **Royal Air Force** have produced a new **recruitment video/presentation**, designed to provide an introduction to life and work in the RAF. For more information, see <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sl9e9xMrzug&feature=youtu.be>

### University/College

**YEAR 13** **Reminder:** 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. 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 2021 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. Upcoming open days include:

- Sheffield Hallam University virtual open day: Saturday 10 October 2020  
<https://www.shu.ac.uk/campaigns/open-day/undergraduate-open-day>
- UWE Bristol virtual open day: Saturday 10 October 2020  
<https://www.uwe.ac.uk/courses/open-days>
- Teesside University online open day: Saturday 10 October 2020  
[https://www.tees.ac.uk/sections/whats\\_on/events\\_details.cfm?event\\_id=11501](https://www.tees.ac.uk/sections/whats_on/events_details.cfm?event_id=11501)
- Manchester Metropolitan University have grouped their virtual open days by faculty, with events taking place Monday 12 October – Tuesday 24 November 2020  
<https://www.mmu.ac.uk/study/open-days/undergraduate>
- Northumbria University is holding subject-specific 'Learning Experience virtual events' on 14 and 21 October 2020 – check the website to see which subjects feature on which days  
<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](http://www.opendays.com) to see all the dates of all UK open days.

**YEAR 12** **Reminder:** **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. The deadline for applications is midnight on 11 October 2020. For more information, see <http://www.st-annes.ox.ac.uk/study-here/undergraduate/working-with-schools/aim-for-oxford/>

## Enrichment

**BOTH YEARS** Channel Talent is hosting an **'insight4me Politics' webinar** on 11 November 2020 (2pm – 3pm). During insight4me webinars, **two universities** will deliver a **topic-based 'micro' talk**, providing an insight into the teaching of that topic at university while giving students the chance to talk to different universities and make informed comparisons about how Politics is taught in different institutions. The overall theme of the session will be 'Is the UK Parliament Fit for Purpose?' and the two universities present will be **Goldsmiths, University of London**, and **University of East Anglia (UEA)**. 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.unitasterdays.com/events/event/62157/is-the-uk-parliament-fit-for-purpose-with-uea-and-goldsmiths>

**BOTH YEARS** There will also be an **'insight4me Linguistics' webinar** on 15 October 2020 (12.45pm – 1.45pm). During the webinar, **University of Nottingham** and **University of Reading** will each have roughly 30 minutes to deliver their topic-based 'micro' talk within an overall session theme of **Child Speech Development**. The representatives from the universities will be:

- Dr Helen Buckler, Assistant Professor in Psycholinguistics and Second Language Acquisition from the University of Nottingham. Dr Buckler will discuss the earliest stages of language acquisition during the first year of a baby's life.
- Dr Fraibet Aveledo from the Department of English Language and Applied Linguistics at the University of Reading. Dr Aveledo will discuss how children start to expand their sentence repertoire and produce more complex syntactic structures.

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/insight4me-linguistics-child-speech-development-with-reading-nottingham/>

**BOTH YEARS** **London South Bank University** is hosting a series of online events called **'Choosing your course'**, focusing on different subject areas. Upcoming events include:

- Engineering (12 October 2020)
- Business (14 October 2020)
- Health and Social Care (26 October 2020)
- Arts and Creative Industries (26 October 2020)
- Law and Social Sciences (27 October 2020)

The sessions will discuss the aspects students should be thinking about **before they choose a university course**, with specific reference to that particular subject area and **all related courses**. For more information and to see the full list of events, see <https://www.lsbu.ac.uk/whats-on>