

Sixth Form Bulletin 06/11/20

Queen Elizabeth High School, Hexham



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University/College

YEAR 12 Please can any Year 12 students interested in studying **Medicine or Law at university** come and see Miss Smith on Monday (9 November 2020) after school in V1.

BOTH YEARS Hannah Snell from **St Anne's College, Oxford** is running a **virtual evening for QEHS parents/carers and students** to talk about applying to Oxford and Cambridge universities. The evening will cover:

- Why Oxford or Cambridge?
- Similarities and differences between Oxford and Cambridge
- The teaching and courses
- The collegiate system
- Finance
- The application process including:
 - Entry requirements
 - What tutors are looking for
 - Personal statements
 - Admissions tests
 - Written work
 - Interviews

The evening will take place on Tuesday 10 November 2020 (6pm – 7.30pm) and will be hosted on Zoom. Year 12 students and parents/carers should have received an email with the link to the event, however, if there are any **Year 13 students and parents/carers** that would like to join please contact the Curriculum Office (curriculum@qehs.net).

BOTH YEARS **Reminder:** The **University of Manchester** is running 'Manchester Live' **webinars** for any **students thinking of applying to the university**. During the webinars, students will be able to hear from university staff and current students about all things relating to Manchester and studying at university. Topics covered include choosing what and where to study, study skills, student finance, and student life. There are also a number of **subject-specific talks** available as well. Some webinars are held live but there are also recordings to watch of previous sessions. For more information, see <https://www.manchester.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/manchester-live/>

BOTH YEARS The **School of Digital Arts at Manchester Metropolitan University** is holding an **online roadshow** on Monday 30 November, Wednesday 2 December and Friday 4 December 2020. During the session, students will be able to hear about the School and the **courses** available, including animation, film, photography, games, future media production, sound and web/UX. Staff from the School will be on hand to answer any questions, and will provide an insight into **how courses will run**, what it's like to study at the School, and **careers** in the creative digital industries. For more information, see <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/school-of-digital-arts-roadshow-for-year-12-and-year-13-pupils-tickets-126381110303>

YEAR 13 The University of Goldsmiths are running a webinar on **'Finishing Your Personal Statement – The Edits that Matter'** on 10 November 2020 (2pm – 3pm). Elizabeth McCullough, the Interim Head of Student Recruitment at Goldsmiths, will focus on the changes that can make a substantive difference to a personal statement. She will discuss what to include and exclude, phrasing and vocabulary, opening and closing sentences, and assessing the overall balance of the personal statement. <https://www.channeltalent.co.uk/event/he-guidance-personal-statements-making-the-edits-that-matter-with-elizabeth-mccullough-from-goldsmiths-university-of-london/>

We also provided a **number of resources for students on university applications** before the summer holidays; students can re-watch our **'Writing a Personal Statement' talk** via our website: <https://www.qehs.net/index.php/next-steps/> (see the 'Videos' section).

BOTH YEARS UCAS Futures are offering the only official **personal statement workshops** dedicated to **creative arts subjects** on Friday 13 and Saturday 14 November 2020. During the workshop, personal statement experts will be live every hour to share their advice and tips, and there will also be the chance to speak to **over 100 universities, employers, and more**. **Live seminars** will also cover topics such as progression routes, a day in the life of creative arts students, and conservatoires. Selected universities will also be showcasing their **students' performances** in various disciplines. For more information, see <https://www.ucas.com/events/ucas-futures-creative-arts-376186>

Careers

BOTH YEARS WSP, a global firm that provides technical consultancy and engineering services, is running a series of **virtual work experience placements** to give students the opportunity to explore **career opportunities in the field of engineering**. WSP employers will discuss project work, their day-to-day tasks, and the skills that are valued in a workplace. The selected dates for 2021 are:

- 4 February 2021 (in conjunction with Euston Station)
- 22 March 2021 (in conjunction with MWJV Ltd.)
- 7 June 2021 (partnership TBC)

The virtual work experience will take place over **one week**, and students will participate in different modules focusing on the various engineering disciplines. At the end of the week, students will receive a **certificate of completed virtual work experience**. Interested students should give their names to the Curriculum Office (email curriculum@qehs.net).

YEAR 13 / **SCHOOL LEAVERS** PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) is currently accepting applications for two of their **school leaver programmes based in Newcastle**:

- **School Leaver Programme: Tax and Compliance Services**. Participants will gain practical, on-the-job training while studying for a professional qualification with the Association of Tax Technicians. Working with the Compliance Services team, participants will have the opportunity to work with PwC's high-profile clients on their expatriate tax returns. Entry requirements are 96 UCAS points, and the programme will start in Spring 2021. <https://www.careersschools.pwc.co.uk/ShowJob/Id/908797/School-College-Leaver-Tax-CS-Private-Client-Newcastle-Spring-2021/>
- **Accounting 'Flying Start' degree programme at Newcastle Business School**. Students will be able to experience the full-time student lifestyle but with integrated paid placements at PwC, and potentially a full-time job with them upon graduation. The programme lasts four

years and will fast-track students' careers in Business and Accounting, with 80% of qualifications completed for the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales. Entry requirements are 136 UCAS points and applications must be made through UCAS. <https://www.careersschools.pwc.co.uk/ShowJob/Id/908306/Accounting-Flying-Start-degree-programme-Newcastle-University-Business-School/>

BOTH YEARS **Reminder:** Amazing Apprenticeships, the communications channel commissioned by the **National Apprenticeships Service**, has published their **October Parents' and Carers' Pack**. The pack features the latest **apprenticeship information and advice**, with features this month on dyslexia support, apprenticeships in engineering, the top 100 employers, traineeships, and many more. To download a copy, see <https://amazingapprenticeships.com/resource/parents-pack-october/>

Enrichment

YEAR 13 The **University of Sheffield** is running **taster sessions** aimed at Year 13 students who have **not yet submitted their UCAS form**. There are **19 subjects** to choose from, for example Adult Nursing ('The kidneys – why they're so great!'), Automatic Control and Systems Engineering ('Robotics: how to control robots and how they will shape our future'), Human Geography ('Food insecurity: from farm to fork'), Mechanical Engineering ('Sensing the world with sound'), Politics and International Relations ('Can torture ever be justified?'), and many more. For more information, see <https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/undergraduate/visit/taster-days>

Sheffield are also running **UCAS-themed twilight sessions** every Wednesday from 4pm to 6pm, covering topics such as personal statements, choosing your course and university, applying to Russell Group universities and competitive courses, and the UCAS process as a whole. For more information, see <https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/study/explore/support>

BOTH YEARS Channel Talent has two upcoming **Business-related online events**:

- **Business webinar**, Monday 9 November 2020 (noon – 12.45pm): 'The Challenges of 2030: Business – Rise of the Machines'. Dr Ian Harris from Aberystwyth University will explore the 'rise of the machines' and how Amazon's robot revolution conquered its competition. <https://www.channeltalent.co.uk/event/the-challenges-of-2030-business-rise-of-the-machines-how-amazons-robot-revolution-destroyed-its-competition-with-dr-ian-harris-from-aberystwyth-university/>
- **University skills-based masterclass**, Thursday 12 November 2020 (11.10am – 12.10pm): 'Business Decision Making', by Dr Kevan Williams from the University of East Anglia. <https://www.channeltalent.co.uk/event/business-a-business-decision-making-masterclass-with-uea/>

BOTH YEARS There are also webinars for students interested in **Mathematics and Computer Science**:

- 'The Challenges of 2030: **Computer Science – Bioinformatics and Genomic Information**' with Aberystwyth University (Monday 16 November 2020, noon – 12.45pm). Dr Amanda Clare will explore how new technology is digitising biology, discussing its potential and ethical implications. <https://www.channeltalent.co.uk/event/the-challenges-of-2030-computer-science-bioinformatics-our-genomic-information-with-dr-amanda-clare-from-aberystwyth-university/>

- ‘The Challenges of 2030: **Mathematics – Quantum Computing**’ with Aberystwyth University (Monday 23 November 2020, noon – 12.45pm). Staff from the Department of Mathematics will introduce the mathematical principles of quantum computing, and discuss the impact of quantum information science on emerging technologies.
<https://www.channeltalent.co.uk/event/the-challenges-of-2030-quantum-computation-the-underlying-mathematics-applications-to-emerging-technologies-with-dr-alexander-pitchford-dr-rolf-gohm-dr-jukka-kiukas-from-aberystwyth-university/>
- ‘**Mathematics/Actuarial Science: Driverless Cars – Design and Risk**’ with the University of East Anglia (Wednesday 2 December 2020, 11am – noon). Dr Robert Whittaker will look at how mathematicians can contribute to the development of existing and emerging industries, by examining how mathematics can help ensure a smoother ride when a self-driving car needs to come to a halt. <https://www.channeltalent.co.uk/event/mathematics-actuarial-science-from-driverless-cars-to-risk-free-journeys-with-dr-robert-whittaker-esther-glover-from-university-of-east-anglia/>

Newcastle University has a number of **medicine/dentistry events** coming up:

- **YEAR 12 Medicine and Dentistry (MaD) Days**, designed to give students the opportunity to explore the worlds of Medicine and Dentistry. For 2020 these days are held **online**; students can choose their desired subject area and hear in detail about the **application process** as well as experience an **interactive virtual clinical demonstration**. The Medicine event will take place on 23 November 2020 (5pm – 7pm) and the Dentistry event will take place on 9 December 2020 (5pm – 7pm). The deadline for booking is 19 November for Medicine: <https://experience.ncl.ac.uk/medicinemadday> and 4 December for Dentistry: <https://experience.ncl.ac.uk/dentistrymadday-0>
- **BOTH YEARS 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 <https://www.ncl.ac.uk/medical-sciences/engage-with-us/mini-medical-school/>
- **YEAR 12 Applying to Medicine and Dentistry Workshops** on Monday 30 November, Tuesday 12 January and Monday 8 February 2020 (5pm – 6pm). Held on Zoom, these workshops are aimed at Year 12 students who would like to find out more about the application process for Medicine and Dentistry. Current Medical and Dental students will be available to talk about their experiences as well.
<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=yRJQnBa2wkSpF2aBT74-hz7mz6raf8FPrQkL1FPGiSVUNFBVMDBUSjVYSUNYQVQxTIJTMkhVQzRXUCQIQCN0PWcu>
- **YEAR 12 Sutton Trust Pathways to Medicine** programme. The programme aims to widen access to the medical profession and enables students to decide **whether medicine is the right path for them**, while building **knowledge and skills** relevant for higher education and the world of work. The 2020-2022 Pathway will initially take place **virtually** until face-to-face sessions can be delivered safely; **Newcastle University** are one of the four institutions delivering the programme. Please note that there are **eligibility criteria**. The deadline for

applications (for Newcastle) is 20 November 2020. <https://www.suttontrust.com/our-programmes/pathways-to-medicine/>

BOTH YEARS The Faculty of **Science, Agriculture and Engineering** at **Newcastle University** are continuing their '**Ask our Experts**' video series, where they interview scientists, engineers and mathematicians and ask questions submitted by students. Upcoming interviews include epidemiologists, microscopists, chemical engineers, physicists, and lab technicians. Previous videos are available to watch on their website and include astrophysicists, biologists, and marine biologists. For more information, see <https://www.ncl.ac.uk/sage/stemoutreach/askourexperts/>

BOTH YEARS **Newcastle University** are also hosting a webinar series for **Nutrition and Dietetics** called 'Food for Thought'. Running through **November and December**, the series will cover a number of topics including introductions to both areas, careers, 'Shaking Off Diabetes', 'Carrots and Cancer', and 'Food for your Bones'. All sessions will take place 4.30pm – 5pm. For more information and to book, see <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=yRJQnBa2wkSpF2aBT74-hz7mz6raf8FPrQkL1FPGiSVUN0IRT0JYQUs3Sk90TVBYQTZLV0ZOSTRZNYQIQCN0PWcu>

BOTH YEARS The **University of Lancaster** have upcoming **arts and languages** webinars:

- **Architecture Taster Day:** Saturday 7 November 2020 (10.30am – 1pm). Students will have the opportunity to work with staff at the Lancaster School of Architecture to envision the city of the future. The day will also include talks on the culture and learning environment at Lancaster and what to expect from their Architecture degree. <https://www.lancaster.ac.uk/study/connect/events/architecture-and-the-digital-world-taster-session>
- **Studying Languages at Lancaster:** Tuesday 10 November 2020 (4pm – 5pm). The Department of Languages and Cultures will talk about the various degree programmes available, how the degrees are structured, how the international placement year works, and what to include in your UCAS personal statement. <https://www.lancaster.ac.uk/study/open-days/visit-us-events/studying-languages-and-cultures-at-lancaster>
- **Linguistics and English Language webinar – 'A war, a tsunami or a fire?':** Wednesday 18 November 2020 (2pm – 2.45pm). Professor Elena Semino will discuss metaphors for COVID-19, and why they matter. <https://www.lancaster.ac.uk/study/connect/events/linguistics-and-english-language-webinar-a-war-a-tsunami-or-a-fire-metaphors-for-covid-19-and-why-they-matter-by-professor-elena-semino>

BOTH YEARS **Teesside University** are holding an online taster session for **Environmental Science, Geography and Geology** on:

- Tuesday 17 November 2020:
https://www.tees.ac.uk/sections/whats_on/events_details.cfm?event_id=11902
- Tuesday 1 December 2020:
https://www.tees.ac.uk/sections/whats_on/events_details.cfm?event_id=11903
- Tuesday 15 December 2020:
https://www.tees.ac.uk/sections/whats_on/events_details.cfm?event_id=11904

Peter Beveridge, the course leader for Earth Sciences at Teesside, will talk more about the subject areas of environmental science, geography and geology, and how a degree in these subjects can lead to rewarding careers.

BOTH YEARS The **National Health Careers conference** will be taking place virtually on Saturday 7 November 2020. The event features a range of organisations such as Health Education England, the General Medical Council, the General Dental Council, British Medical Association, British Veterinary Association, Royal Colleges and universities. The day will feature keynote talks and panels, virtual workshop hubs where students can learn about their health career of interest, an interactive virtual exhibition, and much more. For more information, see <https://healthcareers.live/>