

Sixth Form Bulletin 23/10/20

Queen Elizabeth High School, Hexham



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Enrichment

YEAR 12 The **University of Leeds Widening Access to Medical School (WAMS)** scheme is holding a **virtual taster day** on Saturday 7 November 2020. WAMS Taster Days are designed for any students interested in a **career in medicine** and feature **workshops** covering topics such as communication skills, ethics, work experience and basic life support. There will also be an opportunity to talk to **medical students** and the **admissions team** to gain an insight into studying medicine, entry routes, and alternatives to Medicine. The deadline for applications is 29 October 2020. For more information and to apply see <https://www.wanttobeadoctor.co.uk/copy-of-contact-us>

YEAR 12 **Newcastle University** run 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 date for the Dentistry event will be confirmed shortly. For more information, see <https://experience.ncl.ac.uk/medicinemadday>

YEAR 13 The **University of Sheffield** are running online taster sessions for Year 13 students interested in finding out more about what it's like to study **History and Archaeology** at university:

- **Archaeology Taster Session:** Tuesday 10 November 2020. Professor John Moreland will take students through the fascinating story of Sheffield Castle, where a team of university archaeologists are involved in an exciting project to excavate the remains of the castle. <https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/undergraduate/visit/taster-days/archaeology-taster-day>
- **History Taster Session:** Thursday 12 November 2020. The session will explore British society and culture in the 1960s, including topics such as the impact of affluence and consumerism on class and gender, the emergence of a national youth culture based around music and fashion, and the heated debates about immigration and race. <https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/undergraduate/visit/taster-days/history>

The sessions are aimed at Year 13 students who have not yet submitted their UCAS form, and therefore are not holding any offers with the University already.

BOTH YEARS The **University of Sunderland** is holding a **three-part online law taster session series**, where students will have the opportunity to **practice a client interview** and take part in a **simulated criminal trial**. During the trial, students will be able to take on the role of a judge, barrister, witness or member of the jury, experiencing law 'in practice' while developing legal knowledge and understanding. The series will take place Monday 9 November – Friday 13 November 2020. For more information, see <https://www.sunderland.ac.uk/events/event/law-the-trial-of-toni-smith-part-1-1032>

BOTH YEARS Teesside University are running online taster sessions in **Health and Life Sciences subjects**. Upcoming sessions include:

- **Operating Department Practice:** 28 October 2020 (2pm – 3pm). ODP is a diverse and progressive career working alongside surgeons and anaesthetists.
https://www.tees.ac.uk/sections/whats_on/events_details.cfm?event_id=11787
- **Paramedic Practice:** 28 October 2020 (noon – 1pm). A paramedic will discuss the various incidents that paramedics encounter on shift and how they deal with a range of emergency situations. https://www.tees.ac.uk/sections/whats_on/events_details.cfm?event_id=11792
- **Chiropractic:** 30 October 2020 (10am – 11am). Chiropractic is a healthcare profession focused on the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of mechanical disorders of the musculoskeletal system.
https://www.tees.ac.uk/sections/whats_on/events_details.cfm?event_id=11760
- **Nursing (all pathways):** 4 November 2020 (1pm – 2pm). The session will explore the fields of adult nursing, mental health nursing, child nursing and learning disabilities nursing.
https://www.tees.ac.uk/sections/whats_on/events_details.cfm?event_id=11755
- **Sport:** 18 November 2020 (noon – 1pm). Teesside offers sports and exercise science and sport therapy and rehabilitation degrees.
https://www.tees.ac.uk/sections/whats_on/events_details.cfm?event_id=11799

Due to the lack of work experience available at the moment, students will be able to miss a lesson (if they need to) to attend the session. More dates for the above sessions are also available throughout November and December.

BOTH YEARS The **British Sociological Association** (BSA) is now accepting applications to their **national A Level competition**, where students can submit **essays and short videos** to win an Apple iPad Mini and £500 for the school. The essay question is ‘The Corona Generation: Using your sociological imagination, examine how Covid-19 may change young people’s lives’. Linking the question to modules that students have studied, or are about to study, they can submit a **2000-word written piece** or a **10-minute podcast or video clip**. For more information, see <http://www.discoversociology.co.uk/The-Sociology-Teacher-Magazine/competition.htm>

BOTH YEARS The **School of Modern Languages and Culture at Durham University** has invited QEHS students to take part in a webinar on Wednesday 11 November 2020 (4pm – 5.30pm). During the event students will be able to hear from **fourth-year undergraduates** about their experiences of studying languages, as well as talk to some **students currently abroad**. The session will cover what it’s like to study languages at university, as well as the **employability opportunities** open to language graduates. Durham would like to know how many participants there would be, so interested students should **contact the Curriculum Team** (curriculum@qehs.net) and we can then pass on the webinar details.

BOTH YEARS Channel Talent’s next ‘Think Tank’ event will **tackle ‘Pollution, Creation and Management of Waste’** on Friday 6 November 2020 (1.30pm – 2.30pm). The interdisciplinary university event follows a Question Time format where academics from the **University of East Anglia** and the **University of Glasgow** will address pre-submitted and live questions from the audience on any issues related to pollution and the creation and management of waste. Students will be able to

experience how **academics from different disciplines** think about and debate pressing and complex issues. For more information, see <https://www.channeltalent.co.uk/event/thank-tank-pollution-cutting-edge-university-perspectives-debate-from-glasgow-earth-sciences-uea-biological-sciences/>

University/College

BOTH YEARS The **University of York** has a **new undergraduate degree** course for 2021 entry: BA (Hons) **Business of the Creative Industries**. The course gives students the opportunity to develop leadership and entrepreneurial skills to manage and inspire the UK's creative industries, combining **advanced business knowledge** with **practical production and insight into film, television, theatre and interactive media**. The course includes modules such as Content Development; Business for Screen; Creative Business Methods: Finance, Planning and the Law; and Brands and Marketing. A typical offer for the course will be **ABB**. For more information, see <https://www.york.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/courses/ba-business-creative-industries/>

BOTH YEARS The **University of Strathclyde** are hosting a series of **Virtual Visits**, giving students the opportunity to find out more about study and life at the University. The online sessions include:

- A live presentation overview of the university, including information on undergraduate courses
- Information about university facilities and the Strathclyde student experience
- Online chat with the Student Recruitment team and student ambassadors
- Virtual campus tour and Campus Tour podcast
- Virtual accommodation tour

They also have **Virtual Open Days** coming up on 28 October and 14 November 2020. For more information, see <https://www.strath.ac.uk/studywithus/undergraduate/virtualvisits/>

BOTH YEARS The **University of Stirling** has a **Virtual Open Day** on Saturday 24 October 2020, between 11am – 1pm and 3pm – 5pm. The day features five areas with a mix of presentations, videos and live chat. It provides an opportunity for students to learn about student finance, **studying in Scotland**, and to chat to students and academics about all of Stirling's 220+ undergraduate courses. For more information, see <https://www.stir.ac.uk/study/visit-us/undergraduate-open-days/>

BOTH YEARS **Aberystwyth University** are holding a session called '**HE Guidance – Parents' Guide to Higher Education with Aberystwyth**' on Wednesday 4 November 2020 (6pm – 7pm). The session, run by two members of the Student Recruitment team, will discuss university applications and finance as well as addressing COVID and the student experience, value for money, and safety. For more information, see <https://www.channeltalent.co.uk/event/he-guidance-parents-guide-to-higher-education-with-susan-stokes-chapman-and-lily-wearden-from-aberystwyth-university/>

Careers

YEAR 13 **Eversheds Sutherland**, the global law firm with offices based in Newcastle, is hosting a **Virtual Legal Insight Evening** on 17 November 2020 (5.30pm – 7pm), designed for students who would like to **gain insight into a legal career**. To book a place (the deadline is 31 October 2020), see <https://www.apply4law.com/eversheds-sutherland/>

YEAR 13 Eversheds are also now recruiting for their **Legal Apprenticeship programme** that commences in September 2021. The **six-year programme** allows apprentices to **fully qualify as a solicitor while earning a salary with no tuition fees**. It also offers a chance to secure a **long-term career** at one of the world's largest law firms. In conjunction with BPP University Law School, apprentices will have paid time off to attend classes one day a week, and will spend the rest of the time working at Eversheds producing a work-based assessment portfolio. Entry requirements for the scheme are at least **120 UCAS points** (BBB). For more information, see <https://www.eversheds-sutherland.com/global/en/where/europe/uk/overview/careers/legal-apprenticeship.page>

BOTH YEARS **Reminder: 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/>

FORMER STUDENTS **We have included this opportunity in case it could be relevant for any ex-QEHS students who are job hunting after finishing university!**

Bellway, one of the UK's largest home builders, is now recruiting for their next cohort of **Graduate Programmes** for a September 2021 start. The programme is a **two-year scheme** where participants will be predominantly based within the department linked to a chosen specialism, but time will also be spent within key areas of the business as a whole. The graduate roles currently available include Land, Planning, Commercial, Technical, Construction, Finance, and more. The entry requirement for the scheme is a **2:2 degree or above** in a relevant degree. For more information, see <https://www.bellwaycareers.co.uk/graduate-programme/>