

Sixth Form Bulletin 04/12/20

Queen Elizabeth High School, Hexham



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Careers

YEAR 13 The Civil Service will shortly be accepting applications for their specialist degree apprenticeship scheme and the only **degree-level economics apprenticeship** programme in the UK: the Government Economic Service Degree Apprenticeship. Apprentices will work in a **central government department or agency** while studying a **degree in economics** with the University of Kent. Successful completion of the apprenticeship therefore offers **four years' paid work experience** in the Civil Service, a **fully funded Economics degree** with no student loans to pay, and a **salary of at least £27,000** (after graduation). Applications will open on 14 December 2020. In the meantime, for more information on the programme see <https://amazingapprenticeships.com/vacancies/employer/government-economic-service/details/>

YEAR 13 A number of companies are currently advertising their **apprenticeships and trainee positions**:

- **PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC)** are recruiting for their school leaver programmes and their 'Flying Start' degree programme that includes a fast track to becoming a Chartered Accountant and paid work experience with PwC every year.
<https://www.pwc.co.uk/careers/student-careers/school-careers.html>
- **BT** is recruiting for a number of different apprenticeships in Customer Service, Cyber Security, Digital, Engineering, and Sales, some of which are degree apprenticeships.
<https://www.bt.com/careers/early-careers/apprentices/our-programmes>
- **IBM** are accepting applications for their gap year programmes – IBM Technology Futures Placement and IBM Business Futures Placement. The programme offers a year's paid internship (salary starting at £18,000), working in relevant areas across the company. At the end of the scheme participants can then go on to university or apply for an apprenticeship with IBM. <https://www.ibm.com/uk-en/employment/entrylevel/#jobs> (scroll down to the 'Futures 12 Month Placement Scheme' section)
- The **National Audit Office** are recruiting for their Chartered Accountancy Training Apprenticeship Scheme. The programme offers participants varied and wide-ranging work experience, the Chartered Accountancy qualification and membership to the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales. Starting salary for apprentices is £18,000.
<http://naoaccountancyscheme.co.uk/>

YEAR 13 **EGGER** is accepting applications for their **2021 apprenticeship vacancies** at their plant in **Hexham**. Apprentices at EGGER undertake a comprehensive **four-year training programme**, with a combination of on-the-job training and off-site education. The positions available for 2021 are:

- Business Administration Apprentice
- Electrical Apprentice

- Mechanical Apprenticeship
- Production Apprenticeship

EGGER is hosting a **virtual open event** on Tuesday 15 and Wednesday 16 December 2020 to provide more information about their apprenticeships. For more information and to register for the virtual open event, see https://www.egger.com/shop/en_GB/career/apprenticeship/locations

Enrichment

BOTH YEARS Northumbria University have added another two sessions to their extensive virtual subject-specific event programme (see **Sixth Form Bulletin 30/11/20** for the list of other sessions):

- **Chemistry:** An Introduction to Chemistry at Northumbria University (Monday 14 December 2020, noon – 1pm). <https://app.geckoform.com/public/#/modern/FOEU0125bAR1a0S6>
- **Food Science and Nutrition:** An Introduction to Food Science and Nutrition at Northumbria University (Tuesday 15 December 2020, 1pm – 1.30pm) <https://app.geckoform.com/public/#/modern/FOEU0125uk5OCjAS>

These sessions would be a very good **enrichment** example for UCAS statements of independent learning and pursuing external resources to explore topics in further depth and at a higher level outside of lessons.

BOTH YEARS Teesside University have a number of **Science/Geography** related online taster sessions in December:

- **Environmental Science, Geography and Geology** (Tuesday 15 December 2020, 11am – noon). 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.
- **Biomedical Sciences** (Tuesday 8 or Tuesday 15 December 2020, 1pm – 2pm). Working in partnership with clinicians and other healthcare professionals, biomedical scientists are at the forefront of the NHS and private healthcare services, undertaking a broad range of clinical laboratory investigations in cancer, toxicology, pathology, immunology and infectious disease control.
- **Computer Digital Forensics** (Tuesday 8 December 2020, 11am – noon). The session will provide an introduction to digital evidence and forensic investigations, exploring how experts in computer and digital forensics have a key role to play in investigating, preventing and detecting crime, and countering terrorist threats.

To browse the full list of events offered by Teesside University, and to book places on the above sessions, see https://www.tees.ac.uk/sections/whats_on/events.cfm

YEAR 13 Reminder: The **University of Sheffield** is running **taster sessions** aimed at Year 13 students who have **not yet submitted their UCAS form**. There are **15 subjects** to choose from, for example Aerospace Engineering ('Aerospace Engineering: from Kites to Satellites'), Biomedical Science ('Cancer – where do cancer cells go wrong?'), Economics ('Discussing inequality in an unequal world'), Human Geography ('Food Insecurity: from farm to fork'), Psychology ('The science of procrastination'), 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 Lancaster University has a huge amount of upcoming **online events**. A selection includes:

- ‘Tattoos, Motherhood and living at the margins of society: Social Work Online Taster Session’ (Saturday 5 December 2020, 10.30am – noon)
- ‘Smart Polymers from Nature and the Lab’ (Monday 7 December 2020, 5pm – 6pm)
- ‘Discover Engineering: Particles and Engineers’ (Wednesday 9 December 2020, 4pm – 5pm)
- ‘An Atom’s Eye View: Understanding the Chemical Structures of Materials’ (Thursday 10 December 2020, 5pm – 6pm)
- English Literature Taster: Studying Jane Austen at University (Saturday 12 December 2020, 10am – 11am)
- Space Architecture Taster Session (Saturday 12 December 2020, 10.30am – noon)

This is just the tip of the iceberg – there are **many more events** on offer covering History, Business, Creative Writing, Politics, Linguistics, and English Language. To see the full list, go to <https://www.lancaster.ac.uk/study/connect/events/>

University/College

BOTH YEARS Lancaster University are also now accepting applications to their **Lancaster Access Programme**. Open to both Year 12 and Year 13 students, the scheme is designed to help students **develop skills to help with their studies and enhance university applications**. Participants will have access to a dedicated online Lancaster University OpenLearning platform, including a range of workshops and activities that can be completed flexibly alongside school studies. Students will **earn credits** for each activity they complete. Successful completion of the programme earns eligibility for a **lower offer** (of up to a two A level grades lower or equivalent) to study at Lancaster University. The deadline for applications is Sunday 10 January 2021. For more information, see www.lancaster.ac.uk/lap

YEAR 12 The **Sutton Trust US Programme** is now open for applications. The programme is specially designed to give UK **Year 12 students a taste of life at an American university**, with Harvard, Yale and MIT examples of previous host campuses. It is **free** to take part in as all costs are covered by the Sutton Trust. The programme includes a **week-long visit** to the US, two virtual residentials, **support** from the Sutton Trust advisers on applications and financial aid, in-depth **admissions test preparation** and guidance for parents/carers. The Sutton Trust does have quite strict **eligibility criteria** looking at academic achievement, household income and similar conditions, so it is worth thoroughly researching the programme to be aware of these requirements. The deadline for applications is Sunday 17 January 2021. For more information and to apply go to <http://us.suttontrust.com/>

BOTH YEARS The **University of Dundee** is holding an **Interactive Open Evening** on Thursday 10 December 2020 (6pm – 8pm). The evening features a welcome presentation and a number of

interactive sessions delivered by academic staff. Subject-specific sessions include Architecture and Urban Planning, Business, Art and Design, Education and Social Work, Geography and Environmental Science, Humanities, Law, Life Sciences, Nursing, Psychology, and Science and Engineering.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/university-of-dundee-interactive-open-evening-tickets-130780625371>