

Sixth Form Bulletin 18/12/20

Queen Elizabeth High School, Hexham



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Careers

YEAR 13 WSP, a global firm that provides technical consultancy and engineering services, is now accepting applications for their **2021 Degree Apprenticeship scheme**. Apprentices will study towards a **BEng or BSc** in one of the following subjects:

- Civil Engineering
- Building Services Design
- Chartered Surveying
- Project Management
- Transport Planning
- Environmental Practice
- Rail Engineering

The scheme is designed to provide apprentices with specialist technical training, business and professional skills. The scheme also offers the potential to **continue onto further study** and work towards master's level, as well as the opportunity to become registered with a **relevant professional institution**. Entry requirements are **BBC at A Level** or equivalent with a grade C in Maths. A former QEHS student successfully joined the WSP scheme after Sixth Form; if any interested students would like to talk to her please contact the Curriculum Office (curriculum@qehs.net) and we will put you in touch. For more information about the apprenticeship scheme, see <https://www.wsp.com/en-GB/careers/apprenticeships>

BOTH YEARS GCHQ has released their **2020 Christmas Card Challenge** – an annual event that reflects GCHQ's **use of puzzles as a way to recruit candidates**. Problem solving is at the heart of GCHQ's work to help protect the UK as it faces increasingly complex issues and threats to national security. Through the design, creation, and solving of puzzles, GCHQ teams are able to **constantly develop their skills** in thinking differently and discover new and inventive ways of approaching problems. Could you be what GCHQ are looking for? Have a go at <https://www.gchq.gov.uk/news/christmas-card-2020>

YEAR 13 Reminder: The **Year in Industry (YINI)** is a **gap year** option that gives students the opportunity to gain **first-hand knowledge and experience of working** within one of the following industries: Science (particularly Physics), Engineering, Technology/Electronics, Maths, Business, Finance, IT, HR, or Marketing. The scheme provides **paid work experience** and skills that will benefit students during their further studies and into employment. YINI students make key contacts for the future with some students offered **company sponsorship, paid holiday work** and in some cases alternative routes into their chosen career, for example **the offer of an apprenticeship**. Students can register now for a **September 2021** placement; for more information go to <https://www.etrust.org.uk/the-year-in-industry>

Enrichment

BOTH YEARS The organisation that runs Year in Industry also runs a scheme for all Sixth Form students called **Insight into University** (formally known as Headstart). Headstart used to be a residential event but Insight into University is a comprehensive **online course**, making it more accessible. The course allows students to experience **STEM** (science, technology, engineering and maths) **studies at university** and the **career opportunities** that these subjects lead to. It will provide access to information on university and student life, STEM projects and activities set by leading UK universities and global STEM companies, first year undergraduate lectures, live interactive sessions with academics, admissions tutors, employers, and current students. **It is a fantastic opportunity to include in a personal statement!** Applications for summer 2021 are now open; for more information see <https://www.etrust.org.uk/insight-into-university>

University/College

BOTH YEARS In lieu of on-campus events, UniTasterDays has produced a wealth of **online resources** for Sixth Form students:

- **UniTaster Videos:** an online hub of almost **100 university guidance videos**. Topics include everything from an introduction to different subjects at university to more general content such as student finance. <https://www.unitasterdays.com/ut-tuesdays.aspx>
- **Online Events Hub:** an online search platform listing **hundreds of online university events**, from online subject tasters to virtual masterclasses. The events are offered by universities from all over the UK – although we would recommend to **not worry too much about which university is presenting** and focus more on the **subject** you'd like to know more about, as it will be a great way to find about more about specific subjects.
<https://www.unitasterdays.com/search.aspx>