

Sixth Form Bulletin 26/02/21

Queen Elizabeth High School Hexham



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Year 12 Notices

- Reminder -The Oxford and Cambridge Student Conference will take place virtually this year, live days are 23rd, 24th and 25th March. This event is essential for anyone considering applying to either university. Find more details at: [Oxford & Cambridge Student Conferences 2021 | Undergraduate Study](#)
- Eversheds Sutherland are inviting two students from QEHS to attend their 'Life of a Lawyer' session this year. If you are interested in a place please register your interest with Joanne on Curriculum@qehs.net before the 1st March. For further details see the work experience section of this bulletin.

Year 11- 13 Notices

- Please see the attached flyer from Jen Ballantyne in the Pastoral Team and email her if you would like to contribute to her appeal to cheer up residents of two local care homes with Easter hampers made up of your creative ideas.

University

Unitasterdays have created a hub of over 100 webinars available on demand. They cover a range of topics about applying to university but also a wide selection of subject webinars, please take a look to see if there are any that would help you to decide what to apply for [university guidance video hub](#)

University College Oxford have opened their applications for their Year 12 Humanities study day [the application form can be found here](#). The deadline for applications is 12 April 2021 at noon. The event will be held virtually on 30 April (15.30-18.30) via Microsoft Teams. If you are interested but concerned about not being able to access the event live (for example, due to limited access to a laptop or tablet) please contact Hannah at access@univ.ox.ac.uk. Students who are offered a place on the event will have the opportunity to hear from current students, receive admissions advice, and to attend two taster lectures. These include:

- English Language and Literature – 'What is Close Reading?'
- History – 'The American Dream'
- Oriental Studies (Egyptology) – 'Social reality in Ancient Egypt'
- Modern Languages – 'Introduction to Czech: Cold War Pop and Politics'*

**This lecture is suitable for students considering any of the languages offered by Oxford. It is also suitable for students interested in beginning a new language from scratch at university.*

Here are further online taster sessions which will allow you to find out more about what it would be like to study a subject at university. Sometimes students refer to the sessions in their university applications as evidence of interest beyond the school curriculum. Unfortunately, if the session you are interested in clashes with a scheduled lesson you cannot attend it but some sessions may be recorded. For more detail on the sessions and to sign up click on the links provided.

- **March 3 @ 11:15 - 12:15** English Literature/Film: The Great Gatsby - 1920s Context and Reinterpretation in Film (KS5) [Find out more »](#)
- **March 4 @ 11:15 - 12:15** Creative Writing: Skills & Insight Workshop with UEA (KS5) [Find out more »](#)
- **March 23 @ 10:30 - 11:30** English Literature: A Streetcar Named Desire - Warwick (KS5) [Find out more »](#)
- **March 25 @ 11:15 - 12:15** Linguistics: How Linguistics aids Language Learning - Glasgow (KS5) [Find out more »](#)
- **March 9 @ 12:45 - 13:45** Film Studies - Experimental Film (1960-2000) - With Nottingham & UEA (KS5) [Find out more »](#)
- **March 19 @ 11:15 - 12:15** TV/Film/Media: Friends & Why It Matters - Reading (KS5) [Find out more »](#)
- **March 11 @ 14:00 - 15:00** Society for Natural Sciences: Carbon Nanomaterials & How The Natural Sciences Could Save Us (KS5) [Find out more »](#) -University of Birmingham

The Northern School of Art are offering the following sessions

- Friday 26th February at 11am - [DISCOVER! Our Creative Degrees at The Northern School of Art!](#) – for Y12-13
- Monday 1st March at 1pm – [Preparing for an Acting Audition](#) – for Y12-13
- Tuesday 2nd March at 10am - [Creative Careers Talk](#) – for Y8-11 looking at the creative jobs market and future opportunities (or watch pre-record here: https://youtu.be/ulYeA_x03G0)
- Tuesday 2nd March at 1pm – [Film & TV: Caris Rianne: Rianne Pictures](#) – Caris will talk about how she set up her own film production company and film festival (pre-recorded)
- Tuesday 2nd March at 3pm – [Film & TV: Volta-Media: Izak Jackson](#) – Izak will talk about his journey towards starting his commercial video production company (pre-recorded)
- Wednesday 3rd March at 1pm – [Creative Degree Insight: COSTUME](#) – for Y12-13
- Wednesday 3rd March at 2pm – [Creative Degree Insight: PRODUCTION DESIGN](#) – for Y12-13
- Wednesday 3rd March at 3pm – [Creative Degree Insight: FASHION](#) – for Y12-13
- Thursday 4th March at 1:30pm- [Creative Careers Talk](#) – for Y8-11 looking at the creative jobs market and future opportunities

Thursday 4th March at 2.30pm – [Animation and Illustration: Dommi Fox](#) – Dommi will take you through her creative journey and offer tips on how to break into the animation and illustration industry (pre-recorded).

Widening Participation (encouraging students from backgrounds who are currently under-represented to apply for competitive courses/more selective universities)

King's College London [MedView and DentView programmes](#) are now open. The programmes are made up of a series of events designed to support students with their applications to medical and dental school, as well as provide extracurricular opportunities to enhance their understanding of careers in the fields of medicine and dentistry. Only 20% of places will be offered to students based outside London. [The application form can be found here](#), and the deadline is 10:00 Tuesday 2nd March 2021. Full eligibility criteria can be found on the [application form](#). Students must have attended a non-selective state school since age 11.

Year 13's Not Going to Uni (this year)

If you would like to study away from home for a year whilst earning before working locally for two years for Northern Rail as an engineer – see the apprenticeship section.

Africa Asia Ventures (AV) are offering to give free advice to Year 13s thinking about volunteering abroad in their gap year. If you would like me to organise an online session where you can ask them questions and listen to their advice about which programmes to consider in the current climate please email ruddick@gehs.net

If you are in Year 13 and would like to join or leave the notgoingtouni Teams group please contact rduddick@qehs.net

Super-Curricular

University College London, Department of Greek and Latin are holding an online event about chariot racing in antiquity on the 3rd March 2021 from 6-7:30pm. There will be three illustrated talks on the *Iliad*, The Roman circus and Why cinema loves a chariot race will be illustrated. Register your interest here

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ucl-greek-and-latin-student-event-chariot-racing-in-antiquity-tickets-141709871039>

Work Experience or virtual careers information events

Reminder- PwC Virtual Insight week offers you the chance to experience different areas of their business and gain some valuable skills, applications close 14th March 2021. Open to Year 12s who are thinking about university/apprenticeships or not sure yet and are predicted to achieve at least 96 UCAS points (CCC/Merit/Merit/Merit or a combination).

If you are interested in a career in Engineering but undecided about the specific area then these talks by Teesside University might help you to understand more about the differences and which you might prefer.

*Careers in Electrical and Electronic Engineering-

https://www.tees.ac.uk/sections/whats_on/events_details.cfm?event_id=12085

* Careers in Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering-

https://www.tees.ac.uk/sections/whats_on/events_details.cfm?event_id=12095

*Careers in Engineering-

https://www.tees.ac.uk/sections/whats_on/events_details.cfm?event_id=12088

*Careers in Aerospace Engineering-

https://www.tees.ac.uk/sections/whats_on/events_details.cfm?event_id=12084

*Careers in Civil Engineering and Construction-

https://www.tees.ac.uk/sections/whats_on/events_details.cfm?event_id=12086

* Careers in Chemical and Process Engineering-

https://www.tees.ac.uk/sections/whats_on/events_details.cfm?event_id=12087

Eversheds Sutherland, Newcastle are organising their Life as a Lawyer event for Wednesday 24 March 2021. Due to the current circumstances, this event will now be held virtually. The day will include a number of workshops and exercises that provide an insight into the role of a lawyer, the work involved in the different practice groups and what it is like to work at Eversheds Sutherland. There will also be a number of Eversheds Sutherland employees present from Partner to trainee level to answer any questions you may have. A local barrister will also speak at the event. It will start at 9.30am and finish around 4.30pm. Students should submit their names to Joanne on Curriculum@qehs.net before the 1st March to be considered for one of the two places on offer to our students.

Year 12 and 13 are invited to join a presentation on Women in Construction on Tuesday 9th March from 10.45 till 11.45am. The presentation will include talks on the different roles within the construction industry and provide information on routes into the industry including apprenticeships & graduate schemes. If you would like details on how to join the presentation please contact Claire Firbank claire.firbank@interserve.com. The session isn't being recorded but if you would like to hear it at an alternative time you could also email Claire regarding this.

GSK (GlaxoSmithKline) are holding an Engineering & STEM Event on Thursday 4th March between 4:30 and 5:30pm. It is a free event open to Years 11-13 and will not only provide an insight into the careers available but talk about their application process and in particular their online tests. Parents are encouraged to join. Places are very limited, to book a place follow this link:

<https://www.research.net/r/GSK-4th-March>

Apprenticeships

Did you know there was a large-scale hazardous testing and research site at Spadeadam which is part of a large multinational company, GL Industrial Services? They construct huge testing rigs and plan controlled explosions. They offer fantastic apprenticeships and intend to recruit two engineering apprentices for a September start, if you are interested in engineering, fire, explosions and safety this could be for you. They are offering to give a presentation to interested QE students so let me know if you would like to attend by emailing ruddick@gehs.net and I will try to arrange a time for the presentation.

Northern Rail are offering an Engineering Apprenticeship, based in Heaton with a starting salary of £15,567 per annum. You must have a keen interest in engineering and the railway and be predicted/have gained 9-4 in your GCSE maths, English and sciences. It is a three-year training programme and the first year will be spent predominantly at Myerscough College, Preston, where your accommodation will be provided for you, after that you will work at your home depot (Heaton). Closing date 1st March 2021. For full details

<https://northern.engageats.co.uk/ViewVacancyV2.aspx?enc=mEgrBL4XQK0+ld8aNkwYmLjCBxjpSYmGY/n2zO6ijy3YSW8SEcPYkMZ4J16Lo2wUde/U+ge7BVOyMNIQ/R5vCqKeIrMkGTII0Ga4ObRRi6ALTTfCBpDrNUi/ZZOIaNVUsgUvc+aCR3jRqLRxRdA==>

National Audit office -Accountancy Apprenticeship based in either London or Newcastle. Starting Salary £18,000. Open to Year 13 students, they are asking for 120 UCAS points (BBB, ABC, DistBC for example) You would need to check if they also accept your enhancement points as part of their offer. They might also make a lower offer to students from a widening participation background. For further details

<https://successatschool.org/jobandcoursedetail/615/NAO-Accountancy-Apprenticeship-2021>

PwC have apprenticeships in both Tax and Audit and you can apply to be based in Newcastle or further afield. Depending on the pathway you choose you will need to have 96-112 UCAS points from three full A Levels or equivalent.

https://successatschool.org/jobscourses?empUniid=241&goal=0_65c6d67e71-79a2337a2e-211849085&mc_cid=79a2337a2e&mc_eid=73243178be

They are holding an online event on the 2nd March, 5pm - 6pm specifically for the North & Yorkshire regions with a focus on their Manchester, Leeds and Newcastle offices. Open to Year 12 & Year 13 students who are interested in business and finance, parents are encouraged to join. There are limited places so apply straight away if you are interested. <https://www.research.net/r/PwC-North>

Easter care homes project

The lower school are taking part in an exciting project to cheer up residents from local care homes (Lowgate and Haydon View) and we wanted to offer sixth from the opportunity to get involved.

We would like you to design and create Easter cards and put together an Easter basket for a resident filled with activities and decorations, such as:

Word searches

Quizzes

Bingo

Crosswords

Bookmarks

Painted rocks

Painted tins / jam jars

Garlands

Salt dough decorations

***No chocolate / eggs please as TESCO are donating loads of these**

These are just ideas; feel free to come up with your own ideas too.

We do not want you to spend lots of money on this, it is more about being creative with what you have at home and school.

You can work in pairs or small groups with your friends – so get creative!

Deadline for Easter baskets & cards to be complete: **Friday 26th March**

If you would like to take part, please see Jen in pastoral.

