

# Sixth Form Bulletin 23/04/21

Queen Elizabeth High School Hexham



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**We ask students and their parents to research fully any opportunities advertised in the bulletin to ensure they are happy with the organisation they are linking with and its value for money if there is a cost.**

## Year 13 Notices

This term Year 12 students are researching their options after Sixth Form and beginning their applications. If you are a Year 13 student who is still considering your options you are welcome to join any of the sessions relating to gap years, employment or university. Please use this link to register for any of the sessions that interest you.

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=iweWTAZG7km2yjj7\\_FSi608qZYejg9tFtKKFj9-OkqxURUhXWIIsvklaWjl2WUFQVjFPWFpGVVJZSSQIQCN0PWcu](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=iweWTAZG7km2yjj7_FSi608qZYejg9tFtKKFj9-OkqxURUhXWIIsvklaWjl2WUFQVjFPWFpGVVJZSSQIQCN0PWcu)

## Year 12 Notices

Project Trust has offered to run a session for any student who is considering overseas voluntary work during their gap year. They offer 8-12 month projects around the world in: Primary and Secondary Teaching, Youth Work, Outward Bound and Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TESOL). They prepare the 300 students on their projects well, the selection process is on the Isle of Coll and students are expected to fund raise in the advance of their gap project as part of the experience. Past students who have taken part in their projects have gained so much from their experiences, including developing new language skills as well as leadership and confidence skills.

Please email Curriculum@qehs if you would like to join the meeting which will take place from 2:20pm to 3pm on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June, letting Joanne know whether you would like to attend from home or school.

Cultural Care Au Pair are a company who match students to American families wishing to host an Au Pair. They are going to talk to a small group of Year 13 students who are keen to explore this option in their gap year, as it offers them a weekly stipend, links to other Au Pairs so that they can experience American Culture together and a bursary towards studying course module(s) in an American College or University. We do not have any experience of this gap year but if you are interested in finding out more please let Joanne know on [curriculum@qehs.net](mailto:curriculum@qehs.net) and we will send you the meeting link so that you can join from home. The meeting will take place on Wednesday 12 May at 4pm.

## University

The University of Sunderland is offering a Medical Summer school, follow this link for <https://www.sunderland.ac.uk/open-days/medicine-summer-school/>

## Taster Sessions

- **April 29 @ 14:15 - 15:15** Music Technology: Production & Editing - Digital Audio Masterclass with Surrey (KS5) [Register](#) Dr Russell Mason, a Senior Lecturer in the Institute of Sound Recording (IoSR) at Surrey, will present **Digital Audio – Facts & Myths**, exploring what we actually mean by “digital audio” and why and how

we convert a signal from analogue to digital. Russell will present practical examples to demonstrate the process and the variation of errors that can be made.

- The Northern College of Art are hosting the following talks by industry experts:

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2pm Industry Speaker: Lizzie Lovejoy: Artist of Change at ARC**

Lizzie Lovejoy is a graduate of our Illustration for Commercial Application degree and has recently been appointed the Artist of Change at arts centre Arc in Stockton.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/14857055531>

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 3pm Industry Speaker: Bettie Hope: Textiles Artist**

*\*PLEASE NOTE\* - This talk is advised for ages 16+ due to some themes within the work.*

Bettie Hope is a textiles artist based in Hartlepool! After studying with us on the Textiles & Surface Design degree, Bettie has gone on to have a successful career as a freelance textiles artist, creating a range of work and also setting up different collectives and events.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/148568246625>

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 12.30pm Industry Speaker: Bobby Benjam: Artist & Curator**

Bobby Benjamin is an artist, exhibition curator and co-founder of Middlesbrough's Pineapple Black art gallery and also art collective Picasso Baby.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/148883615903>

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2pm Industry Speaker: Empty Shop: Arts Organisation**

Established in Durham City in 2008 to provide much needed accessible platforms, we work with artists of all levels and backgrounds to produce, exhibit and promote their work.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/150468002847>

- Newcastle University are running several live, online events for prospective students.. If you have any questions, you can email [outreach@ncl.ac.uk](mailto:outreach@ncl.ac.uk)

Medical Sciences

They are also running several events with contributions from current students from different courses including: Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy, Psychology, Biomedical and Nutritional and Sport Sciences **Book your place now** Join Newcastle University for our Careers Carou-Cell, to learn more about the careers available to you in Medical Sciences! With so many degrees and careers out there, you may have found yourself a bit stuck as to what to choose, and what you want to do. **sign up form**

On the 28<sup>th</sup> April at 16:00-17:00 explore what it's really like to study the following subjects at Newcastle University: English Literature, Linguistics, English Language and Creative Writing. **Book your place here**

Architecture & Urban Planning Date/Time: 27<sup>th</sup> April, 16:00-17:00

Explore the subjects of Architecture and Urban Planning! What are they? What's it like to study them? How do you become a professional Architect? How to go into an Urban Planning Career? **Book your place here**

On the 29<sup>th</sup> April from 16:00 -17:00 discover their Geography degrees. Learn about the different ways you can study Geography. Explore the opportunities available to you, and discover your career options. **Book your place here**

University College Oxford are accepting applications for their virtual Medical Sciences Study Day 2021.

*Timing and location:* 9 June (16.00-19.00) Microsoft Teams

*Deadline for applications:* Thursday 20 May, Noon.

*Application link:* <https://bit.ly/3sCdIdE>

This day is appropriate for any Year 12 student considering applying to study Psychology, Biochemistry, or Medicine at a selective university such as Oxford.

Students will have the opportunity to choose two lectures to attend from the following:

- Lecture 1: “DNA origami: how do you fold a genome?” OR “Psychology of Mind Wandering”
- Lecture 2: “The Pharmacology of Recreational Drugs” OR “Dying to Breathe – Pleural Disease and the Lung”

To find out more about our study days and our selection criteria, please [see our website](#).

### Oxford’s Digital Access Awards

Oxford is aware that the switch to online events has not made them more accessible for everyone. They are therefore offering Digital Access Awards to students who have limited or no access to the equipment necessary to effectively take part in a Univ study day. Awards can include items such as noise-muffling earphones, computer tablets, or limited data packages depending on an individual student’s needs.

Students who are eligible for such awards generally meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Currently/in the past six years received Free School Meals
- Receive the 16-18 Bursary Fund
- Are currently in/were previously in local authority care for more than three months

When applying for a place on a study day, students will be invited to express their interest in applying for a Digital Access Award. This will have no impact on their chances of being offered a place on the study day.

**Widening Participation** (some of the criteria universities use to assess eligibility are; household income, receipt of free-school meals/sixth form bursary, first generation in a family to attend university and living in an area with low progression rates to university). Schemes often result in students receiving a slightly lower offer from the university.

If you think you might meet the criteria to be a candidate for Northumbria’s widening participation scheme please see their message at the end of bulletin. It gives details of the imminent deadlines for applying to the scheme, as well as links to a video to find out more about the scheme.

See Oxford’s Digital Access Awards above, it may be that other universities are offering similar bursaries.

### **Super-curricular**

See the letter from Cambridge below and their Caius Explore super-curricular initiative.

### **Not Going to Uni straight after sixth form**

**Please make sure your notifications are still turned on for the TEAMS group Chat – as you start to finish your courses it is important we can still let you know of opportunities or sessions you might be interested in.** If you wish to leave the group please let Joanne know on [curriculum@qehs.net](mailto:curriculum@qehs.net).

For university applications for 2022 see the main notice section.

Cultural Care Au Pair meeting for QE students interested in Au Pairing in America has been arranged on Wednesday 12 May at 4pm. A link to the meeting will be sent through the Teams group Chat.

From 2:20pm to 3pm on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June Project Trust are talking about their gap year projects. Because of the preparation needed to apply for a project this will only be of interest if you are thinking of taking a gap year after art

foundation or taking two gap years. Please let Joanne know if you are interested and we will send you the meeting link.

## Student Finance

Please find attached a link to the Student Loan Company's video on student finance <https://www.unitasterdays.com/ondemand/webinar/32/student-finance-and-loans>

**Apprenticeships** (remember to check <https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/> regularly and any employers, such as the NHS, who you are particularly interested in working for). Here are examples of recently added ones on the government's apprenticeship website.

\* ESH Group is advertising four apprenticeship positions in: Engineering, Groundwork, IT Support and Quantity Surveying. Follow this link for more information [Vacancy details](#)

\* Apprenticeships with DNV GL have been advertised earlier this year but we would like to draw your attention to the new specialist explosives apprenticeship role they have added. They are an international company, with a site in our area, working on fascinating research and development. Please take the time to look closely at them if you are interested in engineering and science. <https://www.uwtsd.ac.uk/apprenticeships/ome/>. You can find out more about Spadeadam at [www.Spadeadam.com](http://www.Spadeadam.com)

### Year 13 degree Apprenticeships

A fully funded Degree Apprentice position will allow students to work towards a career as a Dosimetrist in the Radiotherapy Department at Freeman Hospital, Newcastle. Whilst studying, students will be employed by Newcastle Upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and receive an attractive salary and benefits.

If you are an A level / BTEC student who has a keen interest in science, and you are expected to meet the entry requirements for the BSc Hons Healthcare Science (Radiotherapy Physics) degree delivered by University West of England (UWE) Bristol. **A-level subjects:** Grade C in a Science subject. Subjects that meet the Science requirement for this course are: Biology, Human Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, Physics, Psychology. Applicants with other Science subjects who have a strong academic profile will be considered on an individual basis. **BTEC** - they are asking for a 6 unit qualification but you may be able to apply with a 4 unit qualification and evidence of further science from other A Levels such as PE and geography for example.

Attached to this email are the full details of the posts and how to apply, including a job description and person specification. If you are not sure if you meet the A Level (or equivalent) entry requirements, contact the university admissions or [Michele.Wilkinson@nhs.net](mailto:Michele.Wilkinson@nhs.net) who is promoting the apprenticeship if you still would like more clarification. If you would like help applying for this apprenticeship contact [curriculum@gehs.net](mailto:curriculum@gehs.net) and explain which element of the application form you would like help with.

The North East Solicitor Apprenticeship (NESA) is now open for applications. Organisations with apprenticeship vacancies for a 2021 (September start) include:

- \* Muckle LLP
- \* Ward Hadaway Law Firm
- \* Sintons Law
- \* BHP Law

Students will need to be academically strong (able to achieve 128 UCAS points), able to work full-time whilst studying and must want to qualify and practice as a Solicitor. The deadline for applications is **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May** and students must be available for an Assessment Centre on **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June**. They advise that students who are not available for the Assessment Centre need not apply. Details of the apprenticeship can be found [here](#). An information event will take place (virtually) on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May**. This event will allow students to receive an overview of the Solicitor Apprenticeship programme and hear from existing apprentices. They will also be able to learn about the recruitment and application process. **Details of how to register for this event are available [here](#)**. If you have any questions regarding the Solicitor Apprenticeship, please email [degree.apprenticeships@northumbria.ac.uk](mailto:degree.apprenticeships@northumbria.ac.uk)

### **Northumbria University – NU Entry Scheme**

Our applications for this year's supported entry scheme, **NU Entry**, are closing soon, with the deadline for students to complete applications being **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April at 17:00**. We thought it would be useful to highlight that **most students who have applied have so far only partly completed their applications**. Most students have completed part 1 of their application with part 2 still outstanding. **Part 2, the reflective piece, is a compulsory element and must be submitted by 17:00 on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April**, so students have just under two weeks left to complete these!

With the deadline fast approaching, this **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 17:00**, we are running an **online top tips and Q&A session to support students with completing part 2 of their NU entry application**. We will provide some top tips on getting started with the reflective piece, content, and structure and be on hand to answer any questions students may have. If any of your students would like any extra support with their application, please do encourage them to attend this session. They can access this session using this link: <https://eu.bbcollab.com/guest/8fbb632580294c9b94f20536736808fd>

More details of the scheme and how to apply can be found on our [website](#). To get started, students and staff can [visit our NU Entry webpage now](#) and watch the introductory video, and if eligible, students can start their application! Thanks again for your continued support with NU Entry.