

Sixth Form Bulletin 07/05/21

Queen Elizabeth High School Hexham



Opportunities from the bulletin also feature on our Instagram: @qehs_sixth_form

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.

Notices

Years 11/12/13 The British Exploring Society have places available on their 'Landmark Scottish Highlands' expeditions. 2-14 Aug or 16-28 August. The application deadline is the 7 June. During the expedition, you may choose to explore some of the islands on 15-mile-long Loch Tay by canoe, making camp on its shores. You may choose to trek around or over some of the local Munros (mountains over 3,000 ft / 914m). You may choose to lead on a biodiversity project studying local flora and fauna. Or you may choose to do all three – with no set itinerary, you can shape your adventures during this programme. Led by experts, the expedition has been designed to take you out of your comfort zone in a challenging yet safe environment, with a real focus on the skills and personal development you will gain from the experience. [Explore more](#)

Year 13

If you are in Year 13 and intending to apply to university for a 2022 start please email curriculum@qehs.net with the broad subject area you are interested in, so we know to include you in any more specific advice sessions we offer later in the term.

May 12 @ 17:00 - 18:00 HE Guidance: Clearing and Adjustment 2021 with Goldsmiths (KS5) [Find out more »](#)

Year 12

Apologies again for the issues with Newcastle University's talk, they have offered to record the session for students next week and we will email students when it is available and put the recording on the school website. We were delighted however, with the apprenticeship session led by ASK Apprenticeship and one of our ex-students, Jess Clark from WSP. A reminder that next week's progression sessions take place on Monday and Thursday afternoon and students will be taught online both days.

Year 11

Newcastle University are offering a series of bridging sessions to Year 11 students intending to study maths in Sixth Form. Students in sets 1 to 3 were asked in their lesson on Friday to register their interest. This list will be sent to Newcastle University to register their interest but their place will only be secured if they **also sign up with this link directly with Newcastle University**. Places are limited and so students who are keen should act immediately. <https://forms.ncl.ac.uk/view.php?id=11317906>

Kirkley Hall Open Event -Saturday May 15th 10am- 12am

University

Year 11/12/I am sure Year 13s who haven't applied yet would also be welcomed

Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths

Additional places are now available on the [Insight into University](#) course and the application deadline has been extended until 31 May 2021. This is a unique course for Year 11 & 12 students by leading UK universities and global STEM companies.

Newcastle University have a number of sessions coming up for students who are thinking of applying to Medicine and Dentistry:

- 'Medisense Does Medicine': the doctor's guide for getting into Medicine. www.medisense.org.uk
- A Personal Statement session (15th June) – Booking Link: <https://forms.office.com/r/rMn8dG615J>
- UCAT Preparation sessions please follow this link for booking form link: <https://forms.office.com/r/xt6fp6VWCP>

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.

Durham University offer a wide range of foundation courses for students from backgrounds who do not typically apply to university. Students who successfully meet the standard by the end of their Year 0 will automatically progress onto Year 1 of the degree programme. Here is a very small selection of the extensive range of subjects available:

V501	Philosophy with Foundation
L101	Economics with Foundation
L700	Geography with Foundation
L691	Health and Human Sciences with Foundation

Follow the link for more details [Foundation programme](#)

Super-curricular

[Dr Carlene Cornish](#) from UEA will present: **When racism, poverty, power and prestige collide in Education**: A case study of a working class, 'Mixed' race female student studying at a prestigious 'White' university in South Africa. Carlene will then be followed by [Dr Vicki Harman](#) from Surrey who will deliver an interactive talk on **'Mothers on Display: Lunchboxes, Social Class and Moral Accountability'**.

- **May 13 @ 11:15 - 12:15** insight4me Sociology - Focus on Identity with Surrey & UEA (KS5) [Find out more »](#)

Hexham Book Festival is taking place in July this year. You should not underestimate how powerful attending one of these talks can sound on a personal statement to university, if you can reflect on how it challenged your thinking or encouraged you to pursue an area of interest further. For example, there are talks on politics, economics and history as well as authors talking about their novels and creative writing workshops.

<https://www.hexhambookfestival.co.uk/>

Work experience

On Wednesday 12 May between 5 and 6:30pm the Berkeley Group are hosting an Insight to Careers in Property Development. Throughout the evening they will be talking about the main components of their business: Property Development, Construction, Architecture, Interior Design. Berkeley Group are a publicly-owned FTSE 100 company listed on the London Stock Exchange and they have built more than 19,200 homes in the last five years. <https://www.research.net/r/Berkeley-Group-Event>

On Thursday 13 May between 5 and 6pm IBM are hosting an event with some of their top business and technology leaders, who will talk about what it's like working for one of the world's largest tech companies. Hear about some of the exciting projects they are working on as well as their school leaver opportunities, summer insight days and gap year placements. Application link: <https://www.research.net/r/IBM-Insight-Evening>

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.

Reminder from previous bulletins:

Applications are still open for [Year in Industry Placements](#) 2021/22 – this is a fantastic way to test drive a future career if unsure whether to continue into HE or go straight into employment. It offers a paid gap year before an apprenticeship or studying a degree at university.

Project A Actor Training Company is a year-long, full time, actor training company for young people aged between 18 & 25, delivered by and at Newcastle Theatre Royal. www.theatroyal.co.uk/project-a

To sign up for the Cultural Care Au Pair session (America) on the 12 May at 4pm please sign up asap using this link: <https://efedu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZErcuitqjgtGNMsyRkx-zNPhM1QO2KZ2sM6>

NatWest is delivering free money management education for anyone interested in improving their foundational understanding of finance. The full package will be delivered over two workshops, which are between 90 minutes and 2 hours depending on group experience. The workshops are most suited to young adults new to the world of work and moving into the world of work. If you are interested in these workshops please email curriculum@qehs.net – we will need a group of 8 to run the session.

Student Finance (Year 12 and 13)

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.

Cumbria, Northumberland, Tyne & Wear (CNTW) NHS Foundation Trust is offering a new, five year **registered nursing degree apprenticeship programme opportunity** as an alternative to a traditional university route. Successful applicants will meet the minimum entry requirements of the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) of 112 UCAS points and will be earning an annual salary of £18,005 in the first year, rising to £19,737 years 2-5 Inc. over the five years of study.

The two career pathways could be either via a mental health or learning disability route. We are working in close partnership with Sunderland University. All university fees are paid by CNTW, adding to the attractiveness of achieving a first level degree and leading to professional registration at zero cost to the individual. Please see below for link to the advert on the NHS Jobs website:

- <https://www.jobs.nhs.uk/xi/vacancy/916500382>

Here is their official announcement: <https://www.cntw.nhs.uk/news/trust-launches-apprenticeship-for-aspiring-nurses/>

To give interested individuals the opportunity to further discuss and ascertain more details in regards to this programme, please join their virtual Q&A. More details can be found here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/registered-nurse-degree-apprenticeship-virtual-qa-event-with-cntw-academy-tickets-151961120803>