



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

Year 12

Work Experience

Work experience should be completed during holiday periods wherever possible to make the most of teaching next half-term. A request to attend work experience in school time should be kept to the absolute minimum number of days and would require a leave of absence form to be completed:

<https://www.qehs.net/index.php/attendance-and-absence/>

However, it is unlikely that school will be able to authorise the absence in the next half-term, not because we don't value work experience but because there is not sufficient lead time for the necessary risk assessment and insurance checks to take place which are required for us to authorise it. To complete the necessary checks can take around 6 week for an in-county placement and 10 weeks for an out of county placement. Checks are carried out by Future Works. Students need to download and complete with their parents a Work Experience Placement Form: <https://www.qehs.net/index.php/work-experience/>

University: 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.

Year 11 (or above)

Interested in applying to Medical School? The process starts earlier than you may think!

[AIMS.Guide](#) (Access Into Medical School Guide) is a group of Medical students committed to making medicine more accessible to everyone and helping those from every background to get into medicine. There are three main strands to what they do to help:

1. [Mentoring scheme](#)
2. [Guide to the application](#) and [blog posts](#) from role models
3. [Admissions calculator](#)

See full info at the website and end of this bulletin.

University: Super-curricular

Year 12

You may be interested in these events taking place next week and beyond:

Lancaster University: Science and Psychology Taster Lectures

Experience a university level lecture in your chosen subject and hear more about what studying that subject is really like. Take the opportunity to also ask current students and staff your questions about Lancaster and life as a student. Taster lectures provide an insight into a subject and help with the process of narrowing down the array of course options available for study at university.

Science Taster Lectures

Monday 24th May, 4:15pm - 5:30pm

- Biotechnology - Biomedicine <<https://gro.cmail19.com/t/j-l-fyktdyd-iiqtipkt-u/>>
- Experience Chemistry <<https://gro.cmail19.com/t/j-l-fyktdyd-iiqtipkt-o/>>
- Experience Mathematics <<https://gro.cmail19.com/t/j-l-fyktdyd-iiqtipkt-b/>>

Tuesday 25th May, 4:15pm - 5:30pm

- Engineering <<https://gro.cmail19.com/t/j-l-fyktdyd-iiqtipkt-n/>>
- Sports and Exercise Science <<https://gro.cmail19.com/t/j-l-fyktdyd-iiqtipkt-p/>>

Psychology Taster Lectures

Tuesday 25th May, 7:30pm-8:30pm

- The neuroscience of hearing <<https://tinyurl.com/3wx4suz3>>

Tuesday 1st June, 7:30pm-8:30pm

- Online Fraud: Professor John Towse on the role of psychology in cyberspace.
<<https://gro.cmail19.com/t/j-l-fyktdyd-iiqtipkt-c/>>

Tuesday 15th June, 7:30pm-8:30pm

- Babies Know Who to Ask: Dr Marina Bazhydai discusses how babies seek information from others.
<<https://gro.cmail19.com/t/j-l-fyktdyd-iiqtipkt-q/>>

Click here to explore all upcoming Science Taster Lectures <<https://gro.cmail19.com/t/j-l-fyktdyd-iiqtipkt-x/>> and Psychology Taster Lectures <<https://gro.cmail19.com/t/j-l-fyktdyd-iiqtipkt-a/>>

Online Summer Schools

The Lancaster University Year 12 Online Summer Schools for students from widening participation backgrounds are now open for applications. They offer Summer Schools in a range of subjects and they provide students the opportunity to engage with the University through a range of subject sessions, interactive webinars and an academic assignment working with our staff and students. Click here to find out more about the Lancaster Online Summer Schools <<https://gro.cmail19.com/t/j-l-fyktdyd-iiqtipkt-f/>>

Interested in studying Engineering at University?

There is a new Higher Education provider, NMITE, who specialise in a **3-year engineering Masters Degree**. There will be an insight evening for students who are considering studying Engineering at university to hear about the different opportunities that NMITE can offer.

An Introduction to NMITE: NMITE is an innovative Higher Education Institution set up to educate a new generation of engineers to think – and work – differently. They've redesigned the whole learning process – from curriculum to classroom, admissions to assessments, industry partnerships to internships. Whether you are thinking about work, university or an apprenticeship, you should check out NMITE. Their MEng in Integrated Engineering will provide all the tools you need to be a work-ready engineer in just 3 years.

Webinar Details:

- **Thursday 27th May, 5pm - 6pm**
- Learn about NMITE and its innovative new MEng programme
- Meet the NMITE team and ask them questions
- Hear more about the financial support available to every student who joins the September 2021 Pioneer Cohort (**£4,000 cash bursary for all students, regardless of income**)
- Flexible entry requirements – we want to hear from applicants from all backgrounds

Application Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/NMITE>

Work Experience

Year 12

Vodafone have a virtual Innovators' Work Experience Programme running between the 2nd and 6th August 2021. This week-long programme has a series of live webinars, panel discussions and workshops to develop industry focused skills, valuable experience and an insight into working life at Vodafone. Details at: <https://careers.vodafone.co.uk/work-experience>

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Considering a Veterinary Degree? The University of Nottingham has virtual vet work experience. You'll get insight into the reality of life as a vet. You'll learn about the structure of veterinary practice and the different governing bodies, as well as discover the day to day challenges a vet might face. For more details and to sign up, visit: <https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/vet-school-application-support>

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Considering a degree or career in Psychology or mental health? There is a 5-day virtual work experience placement with the REACH (**R**esilience, **E**thnicity and **A**dolescent **M**ental **H**ealth) Study based at King's College London. Each day will cover a new topic: Introduction to the REACH Study/Introduction to Psychology/Introduction to Mental Health/Introduction to Research Methods/Public Engagement in Research. More details and to sign up at: <https://www.thereachstudy.com/virtual-work-experience.html>

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@gehs.net.

Year 13

Danielle's Bistro in Hexham has a vacancy for a front-of-house gap year student, to work part-time over the summer and build up to more a full-time position in September. Typically, full-time would mean four days a week (split shift) and one evening. Past students who have worked there have found them to be a flexible employer who understands that at some point later in their gap year they may be away for a month or two to travel etc. Please send a letter of interest to the owner (Ricky) letting him know why you are interested in the position, if you have any prior experience and your availability. Letters could be taken in person or emailed to daniellesbistro@sky.com

Student Finance

Year 13

Applications for student finance are open for those of you wishing to start a degree course in September. It is advisable to start early! Link to the application process here:

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-online-for-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.

Years 11, 12 and 13

Apprenticeship	Entry requirements	Apprenticeship level	Location	Earnings	Closing date
Three available: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welder/Fabricator General Engineering (Mechanical) Explosives Technician 	Grade 6 or above in Maths, English & Science. (For the Explosives Technician Apprentice, it is advisable to have an A Level in Chemistry, Physics and/or Maths and the candidate would need to be prepared to physically attend the University of Wales.)	Level 3 with potential to go up to degree level	Brampton, Carlisle (DNV)	TBC	31 st May
Please see the informative video presentation from DNV on their local engineering apprenticeships, starting in September. They will provide excellent training with a global company. All information and application process in this video: https://youtu.be/NP2P6BWgbe0 The application information is at 25:20 in the video.					
Early Years Practitioner	Desired 5 GCSEs grade 9-4, including Maths and English	Advanced Level 3 (A Level)	Near Stocksfield	Weekly wage £159.10	31 st May
This is a unique opportunity for an Apprentice Early Years Practitioner to join the Meadows Nursery, established in the beautiful Northumberland countryside. The employer is looking for someone who is wanting to start a career in childcare and will provide all the necessary training required to gain the qualification. Duration: 18 months More info and to apply: https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeship/-594963					
Business Systems Analyst	Desired A Levels or equivalent in ICT/Business/Computing	Higher (Level 4)	Newcastle	Annual wage £16,000	17 th June
The successful Business Systems Analyst apprentice will play a pivotal role within the global IT team. The team are currently responsible for delivery of IT services to approx. 1900 users, across 19 offices worldwide. The role covers a number of delivery areas including Technology, Finance, HR, Payroll and Training. More info and to apply: https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeship/-605448					

Apprenticeships featured last week – see last week's [bulletin](#) for full details and how to apply

Apprenticeship	Apprenticeship level	Location	Earnings	Closing date
Spire Nursing Apprenticeship Programme	Degree (Level 6)	Washington (Spire Hospital)	Annual wage £18,000	24 th May
Optical Assistant	Intermediate Level 2 (GCSE)	Hexham (Specsavers)	Weekly wage £206.25	31 st May
Mechanical/Electrical Technician	Advanced Level 3 (A Level)	Hexham (Go North East)	Weekly wage £163.40	28 th May

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Agricultural Technician	Advanced Level 3 (A Level)	Hexham (John Deere)	Weekly wage £172.00	31 st July
Field Technician (IT)	Advanced Level 3 (A Level)	Hexham (Centurion Computers)	Annual wage £8,385.00	29 th June
NHS: Multi-skilled Engineer with Electrical Bias	Level 3	Gosforth or Gateshead	Annual wage £10,476	30 th May
NHS: Medical Electronic Engineer	Level 3	Newcastle	Annual wage £10,476	30 th May
NHS: Multi-skilled Engineer with Mechanical Bias	Level 3	Newcastle or Gateshead	Annual wage £10,476	30 th May
Customer Service (Telesales/Business Developer)	Intermediate Level 2 (GCSE)	Hexham (Howdens Joinery)	Annual wage £10,500	23 rd May
Merchant Apprentice	Intermediate Level 2 (GCSE)	Hexham (J.T. Dove)	Weekly wage £326.92	25 th May
Hairdressing	Intermediate Level 2 (GCSE)	Corbridge	Weekly wage £161.25	6 th June
Equine Groom	Intermediate Level 2 (GCSE)	Near Corbridge	Weekly wage £129.00	28 th May

Not Going to Uni? Local Job Opportunities

Years 11, 12 and 13

The **North East Autism Society** (www.ne-as.org.uk) has a number of vacancies for **Care Support Assistants** to join them in their new supported living service in **Hexham**. You would be working as part of a team to support autistic and neurodivergent adults in all aspects of their everyday living, providing practical, physical and emotional support. You will also assist in the delivery of outdoor activities and independent living skills. Full details [here](#). These roles are permanent and full time, with a salary of £17,142. **The closing date is Sunday 23rd May.**

Information from AIMS.Guide

AIMS.Guide (Access into Medical School Guide) is a group of Medical students committed to making medicine more accessible to everyone and helping those from every background get into medicine.

There are currently three main strands to what we do to help get people into medicine:

- **[Mentoring scheme](#)**: Applicants (mentees) will be matched with medical students (mentors) of similar backgrounds and will be enrolled in our mentoring scheme which will build transferable skills as well as allow those from WP backgrounds to build a network. We have a formal mentoring scheme for those entering year 12 in September but we will support anyone applying at any stage.
- **[Guide to the application and blog posts from role models](#)**: We publish [blog posts](#) from medical students and doctors of all backgrounds to show readers that those from widening participation backgrounds can succeed. We also publish [guides](#) on the application process. All content is available for free on our website and no account is required.
- **[Admissions calculator](#)**: We have developed a free tool that any direct school-leaver can use to simplify the application process. Users input their grades, admissions test scores, and social demographic information (including postcode, GCSE/A-level institutions, household income, refugee status etc.). The calculator will then sort UK medical schools by the user's eligibility, returning respective minimum entry requirements and highlighting any contextual adjustments offered (i.e. grade reductions).

How we can help:

- All resources we have are free for anyone to use. Please enjoy!
- Anyone who is entering Year 12 in September is eligible to enrol in our formal mentoring scheme. This is a 2-year mentoring scheme where you will receive 1:1 support for every step of the application.
- Anyone who is not entering Year 12 in September, we will endeavour to support in any way we can. Please feel free to get in touch and we will work out how we can support you depending on the stage you are currently at.

If you would like to join us, have any feedback for us or have any questions, please feel free to get in touch through any of our social media platforms or email us directly at: robbiebain@aims.guide.

Best wishes,

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AIMS.Guide Co-founder.