



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 13

Northumbria University will be delivering a short presentation as part of your assembly next Tuesday (the 19th).

Year 12 & 13

Are you interested in studying Law or a career in the legal profession?

Sign up for the Mock Trial Competition. This is a national competition with specially written cases, which you would prepare and deliver in a courtroom in front of a judge and try the law against peers in courts around the UK. Young people play all the key roles involved in a criminal trial, from lawyers to witnesses. If you are interested please speak to Miss Smith in CB4

Year 12 & 13

Debating Society! Come to CB4 on Monday lunchtime when we will debate the motion: "This house believes every child should receive free school meals".

University: Super-curricular

You may be interested in these upcoming events.

Year 13

Applying to Cambridge?

There are a brand new series of webinars, running from October to early November 2021, designed to assist applicants and those supporting applicants through the process of applying to Cambridge. Full details here: <https://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/applicant-webinars>

Wednesday, 20 October (17:00-18:00)	Parents and Supporters: Supporting a Cambridge applicant	Book online
Wednesday, 3 November (17:00-18:00)	At-interview assessments	Book online
Tuesday, 9 November (17:00-18:00)	Preparing for interview: Arts and Humanities	Book online
Thursday, 11 November (17:00-18:00)	Preparing for interview: Sciences and Maths	Book online

Cambridge University Interview Preparation Workshops

Lucy Cavendish College at Cambridge University are running interview preparation workshops on the **8th and 10th November**, for any student with a forthcoming Cambridge interview. For more information and to sign up, go to: <https://www.lucy.cam.ac.uk/webinar-series>

Lucy Cavendish College are also hosting an online session with **'Last Minute Top Tips'** on **Monday 29th November and Wednesday 1st December, 5-6:30pm** on Zoom.

In this session, they will cover what to expect from your interview, last-minute interview preparation ideas and how to stay calm during the interview itself. They hope that this talk will help ease any final nerves and there will be the opportunity to ask any remaining questions you might have about the interview process. To sign up, go to: <https://www.lucy.cam.ac.uk/webinar-series>

Interview Preparation Videos

Cambridge University have produced two videos to help you prepare for your interviews:

- Preparing for your online interview: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iw3zCAZk4dM>
- What to expect at your online interview: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=goTD0_P-vC8

Year 12 & 13

Studying Law at University?

Cambridge University are hosting a free online course specifically designed for 16-18 year-old students who may be considering studying Law at a UK university, on demand from the **18th October**.

<https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/exploring-law-studying-law-at-university>

Year 12 & 13

Reminder: Skills North East and Yorkshire Fair

This will take place digitally on **20 October 2021**. This is a school day so you may not miss lessons to attend, but can attend in your non-contact time.

If you would like to attend (online), please register using this link <https://skillsengland.vfairs.com/>, before 19 October.

Once registered, you will be able to access the digital exhibition on 20 October between 9:30 - 4:30 pm, communicate one-to-one with exhibitors and download content to your own personal 'swag bag'.

You will be able to log in at any time up to 30 days after the event to access your downloads and see content they missed on the day.

A full list of exhibitors can be found on the [website](#).

You don't need to download anything: vFairs can be accessed on a laptop, PC or tablet. Technical support will be available on the day should you need it.

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Medicine and Dentistry

Newcastle University's Pathways to Medicine provides academic and sector-specific support for Y12 students who are interested in pursuing a career in medicine.

Through skills sessions, admissions support, mentoring and meeting industry experts, you will have the opportunity to explore whether medicine is the right path for you, and build the essential knowledge, skills and confidence required to go on to higher education and the world of work. Students will also have access to a student mentor and a clinical mentor throughout the duration of the programme.

Application deadline is **30th November 2021**. [Students can apply here](#).

Sign up to the STEM newsletter to receive the monthly newsletter detailing all opportunities at Newcastle University. **You can sign-up [here](#)**. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Reminder!

This is just a reminder that in our 16th September bulletin ([here](#), on page 4), we advertised various other sessions that Newcastle University are running – refer back if you missed it then but think these would help:

- MaD Days (Medicine and Dentistry Days)
- Medicine and Dentistry Interview Workshops
- Mini Medical School

Year 12 & 13

London School of Economics (LSE)

To help you support you through the university application process, LSE will be delivering a range of virtual and in-person events this year, including regular LSE [Discovery sessions](#) and their [Virtual Open Day](#) for those students interested in applying for entry in 2022. Year 12 and 13 students are welcome to visit the LSE campus, to take a self-guided [LSE Explorer](#) tour of the campus. Please see the [Meet, Visit and Discover LSE](#) pages for details of these and other events over the coming months.

Eligible students can apply to their [travel fund](#) for reimbursement of travel expenses for attending selected on-campus events later this year, including the Open Days and Offer Holders' Day.

Year 12 & 13

Newcastle University Public Lectures

Lectures will be available to watch on YouTube, begin at 5.30pm and last for approximately one hour, including time for questions. You can submit a question for the speaker in advance by sending an email to public.lectures@ncl.ac.uk or during the event using YouTube Live Chat or via Twitter @InsightsNCL. For further details the autumn 2021 programme, please visit the [INSIGHTS Public Lectures Website](#).

These lectures are taking place online in half term:

- **Tuesday 26 October, 5.30pm**
[Rethinking the future of housing worldwide: Favelas as a sustainable model?](#)
Dr Theresa Williamson, Executive Director, Catalytic Communities
- **Thursday 28 October, 5.30pm**
[Do we need the fossil fuel industry to help in the transition towards net zero?](#)
Climate Change Panel Discussion

Year 12 & 13

Online Talk – you may find this of interest next week:

Monday 18th October: Dr Helen Leggett from the School of Biological Sciences at UEA presents *The Causes & Approaches To Tackling Antibiotic Resistance*.

This interactive tutorial is supported by a Headliner 20-minute recording which sets the scene by exploring the discovery and down-fall of antibiotics, and what we can do to combat antibiotic resistance. Helen will discuss the multifaceted ways to tackle the problem of antibiotic resistance – how to reduce our need for them and to discover sustainable, evolution-proof new therapies, engaging students in a tutorial style discussion.

- **October 18 @ 15:35 - 16:20** Biology: Causes & Tackling Antibiotic Resistance - Tutorial - UEA (KS5) [Find out more »](#)

Year 11

Are you in Year 11 and thinking about applying to a top university when you finish school?

Christ's College at Cambridge University want to make sure that all students are able to make informed choices for their A-Levels (or equivalent qualifications) so that they can make competitive applications to top universities in the future.

They are hosting an online session is for UK students in Year 10-11, which will cover an introduction to university and will provide advice on what subjects and combinations of subjects to choose to be competitive for a variety of courses at Cambridge and other selective universities.

This is on **25 October at 15:00** - [click here to book](#)

Year 11**Thinking about Languages at A Level and beyond?**

Trinity College at Cambridge University are running a year-long online **Languages Masterclass**, which is designed to bring language learning to life, build confidence and make learning a language exciting for young people. Last year's programme was a resounding success: 84% of the 2020/21 cohort are now studying a modern language at A Level (in 2021, 3.1% of A Level entries were MFL)! The programme was also featured in [The Linguist](#), the professional journal of the Chartered Institute of Linguists. The deadline for applications is the **1st November**. To find out more, go to: <https://www.trin.cam.ac.uk/access/programmes/love-languages/>

Year 11**Are you a female student thinking about Maths at A Level and beyond?**

Trinity College at Cambridge University are running a year-long online programme designed to **inspire female students to continue Maths at A Level and beyond**. The aim is for them hear about and engage in all things Maths, alongside other girls in Year 11. Last year's programme was a resounding success: 94% of the female or non-binary 2020/21 cohort are now studying A-Level Mathematics (in 2021, 4.8% of female A Level entries were Mathematics)! The deadline for applications is the **1st November**. To find out more, go to: <https://www.trin.cam.ac.uk/access/programmes/easy-as-pi-women-in-maths/>

Work Experience / Volunteering**Year 12 & 13****Tyne Valley Community Rail Partnership – Volunteering or Work Experience Opportunities**

Tyne Valley Community Rail Partnership was delighted to attend our 6th Form Freshers' Fair. It is not too late to talk to them about **volunteering opportunities**, which they can tailor to your skills and interests. Have a look at <https://tvcrp.org.uk/news/495-volunteering-for-young-people> and email their officer on fiona@tvcrp.org.uk

See their leaflet in **Appendix 1!**

They are happy to provide individual **work placements** for Year 12s and have been registered on the Futurework system at Gateshead College. In 2019, they devised and hosted a placement for a local student, built around his interests and expectations. They are happy to come into school to talk to interested students at a later date.

Year 12 & 13**Healthwatch Northumberland**

See **Appendices 2 and 3** for a poster outlining the benefits of volunteering with **Healthwatch Northumberland** and current **volunteering opportunities** for those of you who may be considering a career in health or social care. This poster was produced by a volunteer who has extensive experience of supporting students with applications to study medicine.

There is also have a page dedicated to volunteering on their website: [Get Involved - Healthwatch Northumberland](#)

They are always looking to hear from young people about their experiences of health and social care: [Have Your Say - Healthwatch Northumberland](#)

Gap Year Opportunities

Year 13

BUNAC, who are experts in work abroad, have a range of opportunities coming up.

Visit their website <https://bunac.org/> or click the links below for more information.

Summer Camp USA

Grab a slice of Americana as a Camp counsellor in a USA summer camp - 9 weeks at camp, \$2k in wages and 30 days travel post placement. Read more [here](#).

Work America

Hey students! How about three months in the USA - work, live then explore all that the US has to offer. Start your application now. Read more [here](#).

Work Canada

Canada is snow and ski right? Well yes, but also home to some stunning beaches and an incredible place to spend your summer. Read more [here](#).

If you've got more time...

Why not try... a US Internship?

A professional internship in the USA will not only be great professional work experience but will elevate your resume to the top of the pile. [Read more](#)

Thinking further afield? Why not Japan?

The Work Japan program provides you with the opportunity to live and work in Japan, and provides employment opportunities for English speakers, without needing to speak or understand Japanese. [Read more](#)

Global Travel Advice

As usual you can also view up-to-date Travel Advice on other BUNAC Work Abroad destinations including Canada [here](#).

Virtual Event – Thursday 21st October, 6pm

USIT Travel and BUNAC, two of the main providers of work and travel summer experiences in the UK and Ireland, are hosting a very special virtual evening this Thursday, Oct 21st at 6pm. If you are thinking about spending summer 2022 in the US then you won't want to miss this event that will include:

- a panel of past participants on hand to give you the real low-down on a summer US visa experience whether it's as a camp counselor or on a J1
- special guest employers from both J1 and Camp to discuss their current open positions and also what you can expect from the programmes (and maybe even some tips on getting hired)
- a live Q&A - so come prepared with your burning questions

You can join the event via the details below on the evening:

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 813 1433 1131

Passcode: 030907

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).

Years 11, 12 & 13

Jaguar Land Rover Apprenticeship

A Jaguar Land Rover retailer apprenticeship is a perfect opportunity to work for a highly prestigious car brand whilst gaining valuable skills, knowledge and experience in the automotive industry.

The Jaguar Land Rover retailer apprenticeship programme are currently looking for apprentices all across the UK to become part of the team.

All apprentices will be employed full time in a local retailer. Apprentices will also receive a combination of on the job and off the job training. On the job training will include having an experienced mentor who will provide help and support with work completed in the retailer. In terms of off the job training, apprentices will have both face to face classroom-based training in one of our state-of-the-art training academies and online training through virtual classrooms.

The Jaguar Land Rover retailer apprenticeship programme offers both technical and commercial roles:

[Service Technician apprentice](#) – 3 year technical programme

[Customer Service Advisor apprentice](#) – 1 year commercial programme

[Parts Advisor apprentice](#) – 1 year commercial programme

[Sales Executive apprentice](#) – 1 year commercial programme

To join the Jaguar Land Rover Retailer apprenticeship programme, applicants must have achieved or be predicted to achieve GCSE grades 9-4 (A-C) or equivalent in English, Maths and two other subjects.

To find out more and to apply, go to: <https://www.jaguarlandroverretailerapprenticeships.co.uk/>

If you have any questions, contact Jaguar Land Rover on:

Phone: 020 3897 3889


Email: raadmin@jaguarlandrover.com


You're invited to [RateMyApprenticeship's Virtual Event](#) on **20th & 21st October**.

Featuring 15 of the best apprenticeship employers in the UK, this is your opportunity to:

 Meet:

- Abrdn
- Aldi
- AstraZeneca
- BDO
- Centrica
- CMS
- Deloitte
- DLA Piper
- KPMG
- Mazars
- PwC
- Siemens
- The Dyson Institute
- University of Law
- Vodafone
- and more!

 Ask any questions you have about apprenticeships

 Get exclusive application advice

 PLUS win prizes! (5 x £100 vouchers will be given out during the event!)

Spaces are limited, so register NOW to avoid missing out at this [link](#).

Note: You may not miss lessons to attend, but can attend in your non-contact time. Join any time between 12-6pm, or catch up at a time that suits you. (All of the presentations will be recorded and shared with you after the event.)



Volunteering opportunities for young people

Volunteering has many benefits for you. Developing and learning new skills, as well as a something to include on your CV that will get the attention of prospective employers. We have lots of volunteering opportunities; why not get involved?

In addition, if you have a great idea to help us promote sustainable rail travel or rail safety we would love to hear from you.

If you are interested in *creative design, art, graphic art...*

- Design a logo for our education offer

- Create short films for social media on a range of topics

- Design a leaflet for our education offer (text available)

Interested in *environmental studies, geography, maths, engineering?*

- Design an activity for Year 4/5 children on sustainable issues to do when they come on our education trips

Or interested in *drama?*

- Create a small piece of theatre to get across the rail safety message

If you are over 18 years old... would you like to help deliver rail promotion/safety sessions to local youth groups?

Would you like to know more? Contact our officer, Fiona fiona@tvcrp.org.uk and she will arrange a call/meeting to discuss further.

Placements, internships, apprenticeships and careers in the rail industry

There is so many opportunities for careers—not just for train drivers, conductors and station staff. Engineering, administration, human resources, finance, community engagement, timetable planners, marketing, signalling staff and the list goes on and on.

Find out more about at tvcrp.org.uk/home/young-people



Tyne Valley Community Rail Partnership is accredited by the Department for Transport and works with rail industry partners and our community.

tvcrp.org.uk

@tvcrp



Thinking of a career in health or social care?

Here are some of the ways volunteering with Healthwatch Northumberland could help you:

- demonstrate initiative and 'outside the box' thinking for your personal statement
- learn about current health and social care issues
- improve communication skills, both written and verbal
- contribute as part of a diverse team of people
- champion health issues affecting young people
- get involved in patient centred research
- speak up for more vulnerable members of society



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Volunteering with Healthwatch Northumberland during the Coronavirus Pandemic

Volunteers play a vital role in our team, helping us reach and speak to as many people as possible about health and care services across Northumberland. Our work has continued throughout the coronavirus pandemic and the Healthwatch Northumberland team is currently home-based. All our volunteer roles have been redefined to reflect the current situation and our volunteer recruitment process is online too! If you're interested in joining our friendly and dedicated team to make a difference in your community, then please read on...

Volunteers are highly valued members of the Healthwatch Northumberland team, and we strive to make sure they are informed and included in all aspects of our work. New volunteers are invited to attend a short online induction session and are provided with role specific training. We run regular social events that the whole team can join in with.

Here are some of the ways you could benefit from volunteering with us:

- ✓ **Meet new people** and have fun
- ✓ Develop new **skills and experiences**
- ✓ A useful **stepping stone** to employment
- ✓ **Be involved** in something positive and **make a difference!**

Our current volunteering opportunities...



Community VoluntEARS

Could this be you?

- ✓ Do you know what's going on in your community?
- ✓ Would you like to make a positive difference to NHS and care services in your area?
- ✓ Do you enjoy talking to people and hearing their stories?

What is involved?

Community VoluntEARS are the 'eyes and ears' of communities, be those geographical or social. VoluntEars alert us to the emerging issues that people are having with health and care services, both what's going well and what could be done better. They do this by having conversations with other people, by seeing feedback on social media, or by being involved with community organisations.

Outside of lockdown, VoluntEARS also help distribute our information to venues such as community groups, GP surgeries, community halls, local shops etc.

How much time will it take?

This is a flexible role. Ideally you will be able to give a minimum of one hour per month.

Do I need any special skills or experience?

A good knowledge of your local community would be extremely helpful for this role.



Community Engagement Volunteer

Could this be you?

- ✓ Would you like to make a positive difference to NHS and care services in Northumberland?
- ✓ Do you enjoy talking to people and listening to their stories?
- ✓ Could you help signpost people to care services in their local area?

What is involved?

Our Community Engagement Volunteers talk and listen to people over the phone and/or on virtual platforms, e.g. Zoom. They record people's experiences using a simple online form and signpost people to relevant care services when needed.

Outside of lockdown, our Community Engagement Volunteers speak to people at local events and make sure that our posters, leaflets and forms can be found in community venues.

How much time will it take?

Ideally you will be able to give a minimum of five hours per month. However, this is a flexible role and one that it is possible to dip in and out of.

What skills and experience do I need?

You need to be friendly, approachable and enjoy talking and listening to people. This role involves talking to the public - either via online platforms such as Zoom or by phone - so you need to be polite and presentable. A good knowledge of your local community would be helpful.



Marketing Support Volunteer

Could this be you?

- ✓ Are you organised and good at research?
- ✓ Could you help us map the places where our posters, leaflets and forms will be seen?
- ✓ Could you make links with organisations and help build our online events diary?

What is involved?

Our Marketing Support Volunteers help us reach as many people as possible. From mapping the places where our promotional materials will be seen, to building our diary of online events to attend, this is a varied and interesting role where no two days are ever the same.

How much time is involved?

Ideally you will be able to give a minimum of two hours per week.

What skills and experience are needed?

You need to be organised, enjoy desk-based research and be happy to work remotely as part of a small team. In this role no two days are the same, so you will need to have a flexible approach and enjoy varied opportunities.



Digital Support Volunteer

Could this be you?

- ✓ Would you like to help remove barriers to digital inclusion?
- ✓ Have you got IT/digital skills that you could share with others?
- ✓ Could you help our team build their skills using online platforms?

What is involved?

This is a new volunteer role that reflects our move to online working and digital engagement during the pandemic. We know that not everyone in Northumberland finds accessing the online world easy and we want to help with this. Our Digital Support Volunteers will work with us to develop training and support to help others get online. They will also help us learn how to use our online platforms - Zoom and Microsoft Teams - more effectively.

How much time is involved?

Ideally you will be able to give a minimum of four hours per month on a flexible basis.

What skills and experience are needed?

You will need strong digital skills and experience in a range of online platforms, e.g. Zoom, Microsoft Teams etc. Experience of training others would be helpful but is not essential as you will be volunteering alongside other members of the team.

Contact us now to find out how to register:

03332 408468 **healthwatchnorthumberland.co.uk** **info@healthwatchnorthumberland.co.uk**