



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

#### UCAS – Update on course changes

Contrary to the announcement in assembly last week, UCAS apologise, but they have repealed the offer to allow students to change a course choice after 14 days. If you decide you wish to change a course inside 14 days (including if you are rejected by a university) you would need to contact UCAS to make this change for you. If extenuating circumstances arise, like needing to study closer to home for personal reasons, you can come to the Curriculum Office and we will write to UCAS on your behalf to request that you be allowed to make a change to your courses beyond the 14 days.

### Year 11

#### Year 11 Options Assembly

Next Friday, 10 December, Year 11 students will have an assembly about your options for taster day. Your tutor will tell you where to go for this assembly depending on how you answered the question about your plans for after Sixth Form.

### Year 13

#### Change to Newcastle College Foundation Art Diploma Application Process

As you may know, Newcastle College offers the **Foundation Art Diploma** for art and creative students moving on Sixth Form. This one-year course helps students to build upon their skills and knowledge in different art disciplines and develop their portfolio before progressing onto the higher education course of their choice.

**In a change to previous years**, they will not be interviewing applicants for this course in school or in college. Instead they will be accepting applications through the college website and offering conditional places to those students who are expected to meet the entry criteria (*Level 3 or above in Art and Design plus GCSE English and maths grade 4 or above; or 1 x A-Level at grade C or above in Art plus GCSE English and maths grade 4 or above*).

Later in the academic year, all applicants will be invited in to take part in a Meet and Greet event to find out more about the course, see the facilities and studios, and to meet with the tutors.

The Meet and Greet sessions for those who have applied will take place at **10am or 1.15pm** on:

- **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2022**
- **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2022**
- **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2022**

Click [here](#) for a video of the Foundation Diploma Showcase and [here](#) for a link to more information about the course.

## University: Super-curricular

### You may be interested in these upcoming events.

**Please note:** We have been asked by the universities to share their outreach activities with you. To find out more about a university use university league tables and to research the course area you are interested in at a specific university use <https://discoveruni.gov.uk/> where the views from the most recent graduates on their degree experience have been sought.

#### Year 12

### Northumbria University 'NU Entry'

Northumbria University are pleased to announce **applications are now open for NU Entry, a supported entry scheme for students in year 12.** NU Entry is a two-year scheme designed to support students on their journey to university. The first year of the programme focusses on supporting exploration of university choices, development of key skills for undergraduate study and application preparation. The second year of the programme continues the application support and is designed to support the transition to university. Students who complete the first year of NU Entry will **earn 16 NU Entry points, which are equivalent to UCAS tariff points when applying to Northumbria University.**

**What does NU Entry involve?** In the first year, you will need to complete any combination of 2 online webinars/activities or faculty events from the programme, attend the NU Entry conference on campus in July and complete a research essay on your chosen subject area of interest, to earn NU Entry points. In the second year you are then able to benefit from an optional programme of support throughout the year.

**How to apply? Applications are now open!** First visit the website for further information and to check eligibility: <https://www.northumbria.ac.uk/study-at-northumbria/information-for-schools-and-colleges/supported-entry-schemes/northumbria-university-supported-entry-scheme>

Interested students should then complete the online application form: <https://data.heat.ac.uk/event/apply/northumbria/nu-entry-2021-22>. Applications close **Friday 21st January 2022 at 17:00.**

**How to find out more?** To find out more about the programme, [please visit their website](#) or get in touch on [bc.numentry@northumbria.ac.uk](mailto:bc.numentry@northumbria.ac.uk).

#### Years 11, 12 & 13

### King's College London Medicine and Dentistry Lecture Series

Applications for the **free** online and national King's College London [Medicine and Dentistry Lecture Series 2022](#) close in one week! This programme is for students across the UK in **Year 11, 12, and 13** who have only attended non-selective state schools since age 11 and are currently studying biology or chemistry.

Over the course of the 13 lecture programme students will hear from speakers working in varied specialities and at different career stages in healthcare. Last year's lectures included topics such as cardiology, prosthodontics, renal transplant, as well as the medical student experience. The lecture series is designed to give students an understanding of the range of opportunities in medicine and dentistry and the realities of being a healthcare professional.

Students will also learn about the different elements of the application process, such as the UCAT, personal statements, and interviews.

Lectures will be held on Tuesday evenings at 6-7.15pm and will run in blocks of three throughout 2022. The first three lectures will take place on the 1<sup>st</sup> February, 8<sup>th</sup> February, and 15<sup>th</sup> February. The remaining three blocks of lectures will take place in Spring and Summer.

For more information and to apply, [students should follow this link](#). The deadline to apply is **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021**.

## Economics Competition

**Years 11, 12 & 13**

The Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) invites UK students to write about the biggest economic challenges facing their generation, **with a chance of winning £250.**

It's for students in years 10 to 13 (in England and Wales, or equivalent in Scotland and Northern Ireland) interested in economics. You do not need to have studied economics to take part.

To enter, submit your response to 1 of these 2 questions:

- **What economic policies should governments around the world use to economically empower women and girls?**
- **What economic policies should the UK government use to facilitate a fair transition away from fossil fuels globally?**

**Deadline: 12<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

To find out more, visit: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/fcdo-next-generation-economics-competition>

## Art & Design Workshop, University of Dundee

**Years 12 & 13**

**Preparing a Portfolio with Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art & Design, Wednesday 1 December, 6pm – 7pm, online.**

An online portfolio advice session for potential applicants of Art & Design degree programmes.

Join to hear from academic and admissions staff as well as from students who have recently been through the process. You will come away with some helpful hints and tips for creating your portfolio as well as a behind the scenes look at the application process and scoring criteria. There will also be an opportunity to ask any questions you may have.

Sign up to attend: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/preparing-a-portfolio-with-duncan-of-jordanstone-college-of-art-design-tickets-210400151517?ref=estw>

## Maths Workshop (Online), University of Dundee

**Years 12 & 13**

**Thursday 2 December 2021, 16:00 - 16:30**

Are you studying maths at school and thinking about your future?

Did you know that maths graduates:

- earn more (on average) than graduates from almost all other disciplines
- have a wide range of career options
- learn about a wide range of interesting topics?

This interactive talk, led by one of Dundee's maths lecturers, is an opportunity to learn more about:

- maths related careers
- going to university
- how studying maths at uni compares to taking maths at school
- The session includes a taster of what it's like to be taught by a university lecturer, during which we will explore the mathematics of chaos and the insights it gives into real world problems such as weather forecasting and climate.

Click this link to register: [Discover Maths BSc \(Hons\) workshop | University of Dundee](#)

**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).

**Year 13**

**Year 14**

### **PwC Degree Apprenticeship, Newcastle**

The PwC Accounting Flying Start degree programme lasts four years and will fast track your career in Business and Accounting. During the programme you'll have three paid work placements. They're built into the university's academic year and last for just one term in each year, so you'll still have the whole summer off to enjoy. The programme will put you on track to becoming an ICAEW Chartered Accountant – you'll complete 80% of your ICAEW exams on the degree, and will be just over a year away from the full qualification once you graduate. For full details of the programme, see this [link](#).

**Year 13**

**Year 14**

### **Newcastle Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust: Degree Apprenticeship in Healthcare Science (Radiotherapy Physics)**

***Degree Apprenticeship based in Newcastle Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust: BSc Hons Healthcare Science (Radiotherapy Physics) degree delivered by University West of England (UWE), Bristol, starting in Sept 2022***

This fully funded Degree Apprentice position will enable students to work towards a career as a Dosimetrist in the Radiotherapy Department at Freeman Hospital, Newcastle. Successful completion of the degree course will also lead to a permanent full time position as a dosimetrist.

Whilst studying, students will be employed by Newcastle Upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and receive an attractive salary and benefits.

Interested applicants are welcome to attend an open event early January 2022, where they can find out more information about the role and meet with current students who will provide them with an overview of their experiences of the course.

The advert will be posted on NHS Jobs shortly at <https://www.jobs.nhs.uk/> and the closing date for applications will be **16<sup>th</sup> January 2022**. Interviews will be held on February 15th and 17th 2022.

If you are interested in attending the open day event, please email [curriculum@gehs.net](mailto:curriculum@gehs.net) by **Wednesday 8th December**.

Details in **Appendix 1**, and see also:

- [Dosimetrist Job Description](#)
- [Admissions Information](#)
- [UWE Healthcare Science Overview](#)

**Years 11, 12 & 13**

## **Nissan Apprenticeships, Sunderland**

Nissan are hosting an Apprenticeship Open Evening to kick-start this years' recruitment campaign, and would like to invite anyone considering starting an apprenticeship next Autumn.

Details:

- Date: Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December
- Time: Entry from 6.30pm
- Location: Nissan Sports and Leisure Centre Sports Hall (SR5 3NS)

There are a host of opportunities available across manufacturing, maintenance & business administration.

Please see **Appendix 2** for the flyer.

Attendees must register for e-tickets via the QR Code on the poster. Capacity is limited and tickets will be allocated on a first-come-first served basis.

## Appendix I

The Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust is one of the most successful teaching NHS Trusts in the country. We offer the second highest number of specialist services than any other group of hospitals in the UK. With around 14,000 staff, the Newcastle Hospitals is one of the region's major employers. We have a long-standing reputation for high quality clinical care with our staff's commitment to excellence reflected in our consistent performance at the highest level. We are committed to being an "employer of choice" offering our staff superb benefits, looking after their wellbeing, and providing access to high-quality education, training, career progression and support which enables them to provide "Healthcare at its best with people at our heart".

### Apprenticeship Healthcare Science Practitioner (Dosimetry)

We are looking for an aspiring person to join the Dosimetrist team as a Degree Apprentice.

This post is for someone educated to A-Level standard in a scientific discipline, wishing to study towards a career as a Dosimetrist within a radiotherapy department. As part of the Degree Apprenticeship, you will be in full-time professional employment, learning in the workplace in a structured delivery pattern, supported by both the university and the Trust. You will complete a funded degree at University of West of England (UWE) as part of a level 6 apprenticeship resulting in a B.Sc.(Hons) in Healthcare Science (Radiotherapy Physics). <https://www.uwe.ac.uk/courses/degree-apprenticeships/current-degree-apprenticeships/healthcare-science-practitioner-medical-physics#section-2>

The practical aspects of the training will be delivered at Freeman Hospital, Newcastle Upon Tyne.

The training is for a three year period starting September 2022 to August 2025. Successful completion of the degree course will lead to a permanent full time position as a dosimetrist.

#### What's a Degree Apprenticeship?

Degree apprenticeships are a new type of programme offered by some employers and universities. Whilst employed, students can achieve a full bachelor's or master's degree as part of their apprenticeship, funded by the employer. The programmes are developed by employers, universities, and professional bodies working in partnership, and offer a fantastic opportunity for students to earn and learn without the debt from the traditional university route. Degree apprenticeships combine working with studying part-time at a university. Apprentices are employed throughout the programme, and spend part of their time at university and the rest with their employer.

#### About the Department...

Radiotherapy Physics is one of the Healthcare Science disciplines at Freeman Hospital. The Dosimetrist group provides the clinical dose planning service at the Northern Centre for Cancer Care, which is one of the country's leading cancer treatment facilities located in a purpose built centre at The Freeman Hospital in Newcastle. It provides a therapy service using complex equipment and software for the treatment of cancer. Staffing in Radiotherapy is a mix of physicists, dosimetrists, engineers, radiographers, consultant oncologists and clerical staff working as a multidisciplinary team. The radiotherapy department at Newcastle benefits from state of the art equipment which includes a dedicated planning MRI scanner, 2 Siemens CT scanners with 4D capability, access to a PET/CT facility, 2 TomoTherapy treatment units, 2 Varian TrueBeam STx linacs with stereotactic capability, 5 Varian TrueBeams and a high dose rate Flexitron afterloader. The dose planning section comprises of a team of 14 WTe Dosimetrists / clinical technologists. Since the introduction of Raystation treatment planning system into clinical use the section is responsible for VMAT planning for the majority of disease sites. Future developments include the evaluation of organ contouring using artificially intelligent software and implementation of ProKnow contour and plan review software. The Centre is committed to delivering a high quality service, maintaining the highest specification equipment and contributing to radiotherapy research and development.

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### **What we're looking for...**

We are looking for an enthusiastic individual who is keen to learn, and possesses the qualifications suitable to enroll with University of West of England (UWE) for this course:

GCSE Grade C or above in English Language, Mathematics and Double Science, plus A-level Grade C or above in Chemistry or Biology, and a pass in another science subject. Interested candidates should be able to demonstrate an aptitude for the role, and be able to commence the role from 31<sup>st</sup> August, in order to meet the University course dates. Students currently undertaking A-Level examinations are encouraged to apply indicating their predicted grades. In these instances, a conditional offer may be given subject to actual grades. Candidates MUST be able to commence in post by 30th August 2022 at the latest.

For further information on requirements, please refer to the Job Description.

For further details or to arrange an informal visit please contact:

[Michele.Wilkinson1@nhs.net](mailto:Michele.Wilkinson1@nhs.net)

Due to the high volume of applications we receive, NUTH reserves the right to close this advert prior to the closing date.

### **Benefits**

You will become an integral part of the team, within which we will support your personal and continued professional development through the funding of the BSc (Hons) Degree programme via the Apprenticeship.

The NHS also offers one of the most competitive benefits package with regards to Annual Leave, Pensions and a comprehensive range of NHS Discounts.



# APPRENTICE OPENING EVENING

16TH DECEMBER, STARTING AT 6.30PM AT THE  
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