

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

Monday 17 January

- **Year 12 and 13:** You are completing the work set from home on Monday.
- **Year 11:** Taster Day is on Monday and it is a non-uniform day.

Year 12

Year 11

Oxford University Visit

Oxford University will be coming into school on February 7th to talk to:

- Year 12 in registration
- Year 11 at lunchtime

More details to follow.

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 12

Year 13

Are you interested in applying for Medicine and would you like to be mentored 1:1?

Over the last year, a national programme called **In2MedSchool** has been created, which is a **FREE MENTORING** initiative for students from widening participation backgrounds who want to/are thinking of applying to study Medicine.

So far, there are 2,400 mentors, all of which are doctors or medical students and ready to offer 1:1 mentoring sessions to Year 12 students. To date, they have **matched 1000 students**. In order to ensure the safety of students, they have carried out DBS/PVG checks on all mentors. All of their mentors have agreed to follow the Code of Conduct, which can be found on the website, www.in2medschool.com.

If you are an aspiring medic and would like to join the programme, you can apply at: <https://bit.ly/I2MS-Mentee>

The application form above must be filled out **by the student**. It will ask you about what you intend to gain from the programme and whether you fit their widening participation admission criteria. After submitting the form, both you and your **parent/guardian will receive a permission slip** which must be returned to them before you can be matched.

Whilst they primarily offer a mentoring service, they also run events open to all students who would like to learn more about **life as a doctor/medical student, tips and tricks, UCAT/BMAT/exam support and much more**. You can find more information on their website: www.in2medschool.com.

The criteria to be eligible are:

- Must be a current Year 12 (S5) or Year 13 (S6) student
- Must be considering an application to Medicine

- From a **Widening Participation** background
Student applying to be a Mentee must fulfil at least one of the following:
- Neither parent has attended university
- Recipient of free school meals
- Have been in care
- Are a young carer
- Estranged from both parents or guardians
- Have a disability
- Are a forced migrant
- Are Black African or Black Caribbean
- Attended a non-selective state school for GCSE/A-level or SQA Highers/Advanced Higher
- Do not have a parent in a skilled profession
- Live in a neighbourhood with low progression to higher education (Please check POLAR/Acorn data)
- Speak English as a second language

Note: Please make sure that you are happy with the safety aspects of this should you be matched with a mentor.

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 11

Year 12

Interested in Medicine?

To help students get back on track with Medicine applications, there is a free online webinar covering the following:

- Medicine Application Timeline
- Medical Work Experience
- How to Get Work Experience
- Reflection
- Key Deadlines/Dates to note down
- Choosing a Medical School - Making Choices

Every attendant will also receive multiple frameworks, templates and other materials they can use on their journey to Medical school.

Webinar Name: Medicine Application: Getting Back On Track

Date: Wednesday, January 26

Time: 7pm

Location: Online - Zoom

Admission: Free

Suitable for: Students in Year 10,11 and 12

You can book your free space here: educationprojects.co.uk/project/medicine-application-getting-back-on-track

The spaces are limited so book as soon as possible.

Applications to the Sutton Trust 2022 University and Apprenticeship Summer Schools are now open. Read on to find out:

- What the different programmes entail
- How students can apply
- How they are able to support a further 10,000 students this year

What are the Summer Schools?

Sutton Trust Summer schools offer students a week-long residential at one of their thirteen partner universities. Their Summer Schools increase confidence, raise aspirations and equip students with the necessary skills to navigate the Higher Education system. Upon completion of their programme, students also gain access to our outstanding alumni community.

All costs including travel, accommodation, food and activities are covered by the Trust and their partners which means it is completely **free of charge** for students to attend.

You can watch a short video [here](#) that features students and programme alumni to give you a taste of what Sutton Trust Summer Schools are like.

What is the Apprenticeship Summer School?

The Apprenticeship Summer School is focused on building an understanding of degree apprenticeships, what they involve and whether a degree apprenticeship is the right choice. Students will hear from current apprentices, experience networking opportunities, attend sessions hosted by employers and learn the different application processes employers use.

How can students apply?

To apply for the programme, students must:

- Be in Year 12
- Have always attended a UK state-funded secondary school/college (non-fee-paying)

More information and the application form can be found [here](#). Additional eligibility information is [here](#).

The application deadline is **Wednesday 9th March**. They are unable to accept any late submissions so please apply soon.

On their [website](#), you can find a poster and postcard to share with students and parents. Here they have also uploaded an assembly presentation.

Sutton Trust Online

Finally, on top of the **3000 places** across our Summer Schools, they will be able to **support another 10,000 students** who meet the grades threshold and one of their social mobility criteria. Through the Sutton Trust Online platform, students will be able to delve into their library of resources at any stage to help them explore, apply, prepare and succeed at university or as an apprentice. This will be available to students throughout their last two years of school or college, so please do think about applying.

“Attending the summer school was one of the best things I have done in my education - it helped me realise that I really wanted to study my subject and that I wanted to go to university” Summer School Student 2020

" I was given unique insights from employers and apprentices and on a personal level I was pushed beyond my boundaries. I am so glad that I took this opportunity and would highly recommend it to those considering the apprenticeship route."
Apprenticeship Summer School Student 2020

Year 12

Year 13

Cyber Security Event

Free online event, January 19th 2022, 10:00-11:00am

In a world where the bad guys are getting smarter and cyber-attacks are on the rise, it's more important than ever that security experts bring their A-game. A career in cybersecurity means that every day you work to keep the people of the UK safe, often without them even knowing you're there. Find out more about cyber security and just how important it is to our day-to-day lives.

Join the TeenTech Innovation Live session with industry experts in the field of cyber security. They will talk about routes into working in the cyber security industry and look in detail at hacking and security exploits. They will look at ways people can learn information about you (social engineering). They will also set a challenge for students to help tackle cyber security issues, and raise awareness of the issues covered during the session.

<https://teentech.com/event/teentech-innovation-live-cyber-security/>

Note: You may not miss lessons to attend these talks but if you are interested and unable to attend owing to lessons, please contact them to see if you could access a recording.

Years 11, 12 & 13

You may be interested in these **online talks** in the coming weeks:

Psychology

- **24th January 2022 @ 14:30 - 15:30** insight4me Psychology: Psychopathology with UEA & Goldsmiths (KS5) [Find out more »](#) Dr Nicholas Walsh, Lecturer in Developmental Psychology in UEA's School of Psychology, will discuss a systems approach for understanding psychopathology, which employs ideas from other disciplines such as engineering.

Social Sciences

- **26th January 2022 @ 10:30 - 11:30** insight4me Criminology: Crime Scene to Courtroom with Surrey & I Uni TBC (KS5) [Find out more »](#) Dr Emily Setty from University of Surrey will explore the interface between **Crime, Criminal Justice, and Technology**. Emily will outline the ways in which technology is being used within criminal justice (forensic evidence), its reliability and potential for overturning and creating miscarriages of justice, and the role criminology plays in determining how technology should be used.

History & Politics

- **25th January 2022 @ 15:35 - 16:20** Politics: Is the UK Parliament Fit for Purpose? - Tutorial – Surrey (KS5) [Find out more »](#) Dr Nicholas Kitchen from the Department of Politics at University of Surrey will engage students in a debate about whether the **UK Parliament is fit for Purpose**, having provided some guiding thoughts in his Headliner scene setting.

Theatre, Film, TV, Media, Journalism, Business

- **18th January 2022 @ 16:15 - 17:00** Theatre & Performance: Hedda Gabler - Contemporary Resonance & Staging – Tutorial – Aberystwyth (KS5) [Find out more »](#) Dr Gareth Llŷr Evans, a Lecturer in Theatre and Performance at Aberystwyth University and theatre critic for *The Guardian*, will discuss the relevance and resonance of Ibsen's **Hedda Gabler** with students, who are invited to consider their own staging of the play, creating new meaning and interpretation.

Note: You may not miss lessons to attend these talks but if you are interested and unable to attend owing to lessons, please contact Channel Talent to see if you can obtain a recording of the talks. The contact form is on their website: <https://www.channeltalent.co.uk/>

Year 12

Year 13

Northern School of Art

If you'd like to find out more about their Creative Degree courses, there are two scheduled Teams talks on the following:

- Friday 14th January at 11:30am ([access 11:30am talk here](#))
- Monday 17th January at 2pm ([access 2pm talk here](#))

They are also giving dedicated talks about their Foundation Diploma (delivered at our Middlesbrough campus).

Note: You may not miss lessons to attend these talks but if you are interested and unable to attend owing to lessons, please contact them to see if you could access a recording of the talks.

Work Experience / Volunteering

Year 12

Law Work Experience

Muckle are a leading Law Firm. They have a work experience programme providing young people with an exciting week of opportunities which will help them understand the wonderful world of law in more detail. Successful applicants will gain:

- Insight into life at a law firm
- Practical hands on experience

They will also meet new people and have fun!

Work experience will take place **w/c 21 February** at their Newcastle office

Deadline for applications is today: 14 January 2022. Apply [here](#).

Year 13

Volunteering at Kielder Observatory – Open Day Saturday 5 February, 13:00-14:30

For students aged 18+

Have you ever thought about volunteering at the award-winning Kielder Observatory? Well... Now's your chance! They are one of the fastest growing and most unique tourist attractions in the North of England and are always looking for people to join their group of enthusiastic volunteers. This open day will give you the chance to see the Observatory and meet the team so that you have the opportunity to ask any questions you may have about helping them deliver their fantastic range of events. No knowledge of the night sky or previous experience is necessary as all training will be provided; all that they ask is that you are reliable and have a willingness to learn. They even cover the cost of travel expenses for volunteers! Note: At the time of writing, there are only 4 places left on the Open Day.

<https://kielderobservatory.org/our-events/all/volunteer-open-day-7?layout=event>

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).

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Accountancy Apprenticeships at BDO

Would you like to bypass university, begin your career – and earn while you learn?

BDO are one of the UK's largest Accountancy and Business Advisory firms. They provide Audit, Advisory, Tax and Business Services & Outsourcing services to clients across the UK and the globe. They provide a platform for young people to jump start their career, discover the best use of their skills, and reach their potential.

Opportunities in accountancy at BDO

School leavers at BDO can truly make an impact from day one - with early client exposure and the kind of complex, challenging problems that will really make the most of your skills. Their four-year School Leaver Programme is an exciting way for ambitious individuals to earn while they learn.

School leavers can join in either Audit, Advisory, Tax or Business Services & Outsourcing departments ('streams') where you'll study for your professional qualifications. Within four years, you'll be a qualified accountant as well as achieving a Level 7 Accountancy/Taxation Professional Apprenticeship.

If you'd like to find out more information about the opportunities available at BDO, please contact earlyincareer@bdo.co.uk