



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

Year 13

Forensic Psychology / Criminology / Sociology Talks, Monday 24th January, P4&5

Robert Mason, a prison officer at high security prison Frankland, is coming into school on Monday to deliver a talk and run a Q&A session for Psychology and Sociology students. This will provide you with some realistic information about the work of a prison officer and the running of a prison housing high-risk long-term offenders. Frankland has housed many notorious prisoners such as Harold Shipman, Ian Brady and the Yorkshire Ripper in recent years and now holds many other well-known category A prisoners. It also has a new wing dedicated to dealing with extremist offenders. Rob has worked there for 30 years so has a huge amount of experience. His sessions should be highly enlightening and informative.

The sessions will be on **Monday 24th January in periods 4 and 5. Period 4 is allocated to Year 13 students and period 5 to Year 12 students.** Please ask permission from your teachers to attend and ensure you catch up with any work missed.

Year 13

University Choices and Offers

You have until May to respond to your university offers. Please take your time before deciding your firm and insurance choices. Anecdotally, it would appear this year is a particularly competitive year, so waiting until after your mock exams so that you can review your predicted grades is advisable. When assemblies resume in the main hall, Rebecca will talk to you about some of the factors to consider when making your final choices.

Wednesday 16th February – please keep this date free if you are planning to take a gap year, work, or you are not sure what you want to do next year. Rebecca and Ms Platts will be hosting a day for you to hear from ex-students about their experiences and sharing lots of ideas and examples of things you could apply for.

Year 11

Options Discussions

Appointments started this week and continue until the 18th February. If you are planning to return to QEHS for Sixth Form please take the time to read the prospectus [Choosing 6th Form Options](#), carefully consider the course content, the entry requirements and whether the combination of subjects you wish to study fits in the option blocks.

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Oxford University Talks

A representative from Oxford University is coming to school on **Monday 7th February**. There will be a talk for Year 12 on 'Super curricular' during registration and a talk for Year 11 on 'Why Oxford' and making choices 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

Durham University's Sutton Trust Summer Schools Programme

In last week's [bulletin](#) we advertised the Sutton Trust Summer Schools Programme. Applications for the **2022 Durham University Sutton Trust Summer School** are now open, which is for students from under-represented backgrounds.

What is the Durham University Sutton Trust Summer School Programme?

The programme is designed to give bright students from underrepresented backgrounds the opportunity to experience what it's like to be an undergraduate at Durham. Talented students in Year 12, who successfully apply to the programme, will be invited to take part in a six-day summer school. They are currently planning for face-to-face delivery. However, they will follow government and university guidelines, to ensure the correct decision is made for the students' health.

During the summer school, students will live in one of the 17 Durham colleges, partake in academic sessions, explore a variety of extra-curricular activities and have the opportunity to meet current Durham students. Additionally, you will have access to high-quality, targeted application support, and information, advice, and guidance on topics that may include things like student finance, research skills or moving away from home.

Students who successfully complete the programme will receive an alternative conditional offer, likely two grades below the standard offer, should you apply to Durham University in Year 13. Please note that unlike previous years, students **do not** have to complete an assessed academic project to receive the ST offer. Instead, they will be measuring engagement with a number of key components of the programme activity.

New last year, students on Sutton Trust programmes, and a number of highly eligible near miss applicants, will gain access to Sutton Trust Online (STO). Run by the Sutton Trust, it is a platform designed to help students, beyond the summer school week into Year 13, with their university choices and applications. It has a wealth of resources produced by the Sutton Trust, their university partners and other higher education support organisations (TAP, Causeway Education).

How can you apply?

You can apply online directly on the Sutton Trust website: <https://apply.suttontrust.com/>

The deadline for student applications is **9 March**, with the teacher verification closing on **14 March**.

For the most up-to-date information and dedicated teacher support, you can visit the Durham University or Sutton Trust websites:

- For details of the academic strands on offer, visit: <https://summerschools.suttontrust.com/university-partners/durham-university/>
- For further details, visit: www.dur.ac.uk/sutton.trust/
- If you have any questions or would like to check your eligibility, email: sutton.trust@durham.ac.uk

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.

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'Meet A Linguist' hosted by Northumbria University

A free online event for A Level students (of any subject)

Friday 21 January 2022 at 1-1.30 pm or 5-5.30pm (this is the same session, delivered twice)

This is a free online interactive session where you will meet at least one linguist from Northumbria University and take part in some interactive tasks investigating aspects of linguistics.

The session will consider some of the ways in which linguists, including university students, develop and evaluate investigations.

It will consider how investigations begin, how we assess methods to investigate them, and how we assess findings.

There will also be an opportunity to ask us questions about linguistics at university or more broadly.

Please email Billy Clark to register and for the link to join: billy.clark@northumbria.ac.uk

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Are you interested in working as a Nursing Associate?

Please see **Appendix I** for a flyer for a webinar discussing careers in Nursing Associate roles across the region. The session is aimed at young people or adults of any age who may be interested in pursuing a role as a Nursing Associate at some point in the future.

In order to access the webinar, please use the following Microsoft Teams link.

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Date and time: **Tuesday 8th February, 2pm - 3pm:**

Note: You may not miss lessons to attend, but a recording of the webinar will be available afterwards. Please contact the Curriculum Team if you would like a copy of the recording.

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

Nursing

- **February 2 @ 14:00 - 15:00** insight4me Nursing: End of Life Care: Developing, Preparing & Supporting Nurses - Surrey & Solent (KS5) *The importance and skill required to deliver End of Life care in very diverse circumstances and settings cannot be understated. Naturally, however, it is a highly demanding role for nurses. On 2nd February we are joined by Caroline Nicholson, Professor of Palliative Care and Ageing from University of Surrey, and Nimrod Taabu, a Mental Health Nursing Lecturer from Solent University, who will bring their wealth of knowledge and experience to discuss developing, preparing and supporting nurses to deliver this vital care. This will be an invaluable and sensitively delivered insight.* [Find out more »](#)

English

- **January 27 @ 10:30 - 11:30** English Language/Literature: Skills & Insight - Approaches To Analysing Previously Unseen Texts with Goldsmiths (KS5) *Dr Carole Sweeney and Dr Deirdre Osborne will lead an interactive skills and insight workshop for students on Approaches To Analysing Previously Unseen Texts, with the time evenly split between prose and poetry.* [Find out more »](#) **(Updated from previous information)**

- **February 1 @ 12:00 - 13:00** English Literature: Regeneration by Pat Barker - Ethics & Narration – Reading (KS5) Dr Neil Cocks will consider 'The Relationship Between Ethics & Narration' in Regeneration, introducing observations and insight into the representations of mental health in the novel. [Find out more »](#)

History

- **February 2 @ 13:00 - 14:00** Humanities/History/Languages: Fleeing National Socialism - An Eyewitness Account – Aberystwyth (KS4 & KS5) We are looking forward to a truly compelling, essential and increasingly rare eyewitness account of escaping from National Socialism. Renate Collins, born Renate Kress in 1933 Czechoslovakia, fled as a five year old from Prague to South Wales on a Kindertransport. 64 members of her family, including her parents, were murdered in the Holocaust. Renate is looking forward to telling her story and hearing the thoughts and questions from students and teachers. The session will be introduced by Dr Andrea Hammel from the Department of History at Aberystwyth University. [Find out more »](#)
- **February 9 @ 16:15 - 17:15** History: The Unexpected History of the Pink Pound - Goldsmiths (KS5) [Find out more »](#) **The Pink Pound could be a good EPQ project idea.**

Computer Science

- **February 10 @ 15:35 - 16:35** Computer Science: The Weirdness Of The Internet with UEA (KS5) Richard Harvey, Computer Science Professor and Associate Pro-Vice-Chancellor at UEA whilst also holding the post of Professor of IT at Gresham College (Phew!), will, on 10th February, tell the story of the 'weird' internet. Richard will examine how the internet has evolved and the consequences of this evolution and exponential growth, including the emergence of the dark web. The session will be very enlightening, entertaining and directly relevant to the Network/Networking fields of study in A Level (and equivalent) curricula. [Find out more »](#)

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/>

Newcastle University's Public Lecture Series continues:

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■ **Thursday 10 February, 5.30pm**

Darwin Day Lecture with the North East Humanists

[The handshake: a gripping history... and a biological one](#)

Ella Al-Shamahi, palaeoanthropologist, evolutionary biologist and stand-up comic

■ **Friday 18 February, 5.30pm**

[LGBT+ History Month Lecture](#)

E-J Scott, Curator and Founder of The Museum of Transology

■ **Tuesday 22 February, 5.30pm**

[Neuroblastoma: A master of disguise and a challenge to cure](#)

Professor Deborah Tweddle, Newcastle University

■ **Tuesday 1 March, 5.30pm**

British Academy Lecture

[For a reparatory social science](#)

Professor Gurminder K Bhabra, University of Sussex

Are you interested in a career in the Creative Industries?

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The UK Visual Effects industry is booming and leading studios are actively looking for the next generation of young talent to get involved, whether interested in studying Film, TV, Art, VFX, Computer Animation, IT or even Data Science.

Higher Education Provider 'Escape Studios' is bringing a **FREE VFX Virtual Roadshow**, funded by ScreenSkills*, direct to your screen.

The **expert VFX tutors** will be joined by **industry professionals** from the likes of **Industrial Light & Magic**, the company behind **Star Wars, The Mandalorian, Loki** and **Space Jam**, to introduce and inspire about the industry and all the opportunities it holds.

Date: **Tuesday 1st February, 9:45am – 2:45pm**

For full details and to book, click [here](#).

Note: You may not miss lessons to attend so if you are interested and it clashes with lessons, please contact them to ask if there will be recordings of any sessions.

Looking at different post-16 options?

Year 11

Newcastle College

Open Events: These are back on campus and face-to-face! All Covid protocols are being followed to make the events as safe as possible. They really are a great opportunity for pupils to visit the campus, meet with teaching staff and get help applying too! Open Events are usually on the first Wednesday of every month. **The next Open Event is on Wednesday 2nd February 4.30pm to 7pm** and people can register via this [link](#).

Virtual Parents' Information Evenings: These offer an overview of Newcastle College and provide general advice and guidance to students, parents and guardians. These hour-long evening sessions are a great opportunity to find out more about the support available at college and get answers to all manner of different questions. Coming up, there is an event on **Wednesday 16th February (4-5pm and 6-7pm)** and then **Wednesday 18th May (4-5pm and 6-7pm)**, and you can register via this [link](#). Please see flyer in **Appendix 2**.

Applications: If you have applied, you will receive an e-mail offering you a place on their chosen course. You need to click through to accept their place. **Following this, Newcastle College will be keeping in touch with you throughout the rest of the year and will be inviting students in for face-to-face open events, virtual question and answer sessions and Summer Schools.** If you have applied, keep an eye on your email inbox, check your spam folders and do attend activities you are invited to. All of these events are designed to make it easier and less daunting when you make the transition.

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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STEM Apprenticeships

Below is a link to a careers fair organised by the STEM Ambassador programme that is tailored towards apprenticeships. There are both level 3 and degree apprenticeship on offer in:

- Aerospace & Manufacturing
- Energy & Travel
- Services & Personnel
- Engineering & Construction
- Property & Construction
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[Apprenticeships: Earn While You Learn Virtual Careers Fair - STEM Learning \(exhibition.app\)](#)

The website is 360° so scroll all around to visit the different sectors.

TNA Webinar
Tuesday 8 February 2022, 2pm to 3pm



Would you like to know more about Nursing Associates and what they do? Are you interested in finding out about how you could become one?

Come and join us to find out more. If you are a college student, a graduate, someone working in health and social care, someone looking for a career change or an employer looking to support a colleague in the North-east and Yorkshire come along! All welcome.

You will receive:

- What is a Nursing Associate
- information on how to become a Trainee Nursing Associate and the different training route options
- tips on what to do next.
- An explanation on the programme and what it includes

Any questions about the event please email Nursing.North@hee.nhs.uk

VIRTUAL PARENTS' INFORMATION EVENINGS.



WE KNOW THINGS ARE A LITTLE DIFFERENT AT THE MOMENT BUT WE'RE STILL HERE TO OFFER ADVICE AND GUIDANCE TO STUDENTS, PARENTS AND GUARDIANS.

With this in mind, we're hosting Virtual Parents' Information Evenings so you can find out more about the courses we offer and the support that is available to students as well as get the answers to any questions you may have.

DATES AND TIMES:

Wednesday 16 February 2022 (4-5pm and 6-7pm)
Wednesday 18 May 2022 (4-5pm and 6-7pm)

BOOK YOUR PLACE:

To find out more about our Virtual Parents' Information Evenings and book your place visit www.ncl-coll.ac.uk/events