



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

For the remainder of this term the year groups referred to in the bulletin are:

**Year 11** - outgoing Year 11 who have are currently taking their GCSE exams

**Year 13** - new Year 13 who are starting to look at their plans for after Sixth Form

**Year 14** - outgoing Year 14 who are currently taking their A Level /BTEC exams

### Year 13

Students should now be booking university open days to help with choosing a course and university.

Open days and virtual events help you refine which university to apply to and can give you inspiration if you're struggling to choose a course, you will be able to listen to talks about different courses, visit departments and chat with professors. You'll get a feel of the departments' teaching styles to help narrow down your course options, and there are often subject talks too. Taster events give an even deeper insight than open days.

### What to look for

- Is there enough of a practical element for you?
- What's the proportion of teaching time vs. independent study?
- Will teaching be online, in-person, or a mixture of both?
- How will you be assessed

The following website is not exhaustive but is a good place to start <https://www.opendays.com/calendar/>

### Years 11, 12 & 13

#### Youth Advisory Group

The Careers & Enterprise Company has been running a [Youth Advisory Group](#) for over a year, enabling young people from across the country to have their voices heard and influence the direction of their work.

They are looking to recruit a new cohort of young people to join them. They welcome applications from anyone aged 14 – 25 with experience in state secondary schools, colleges or further education, specialist provision (such as PRU or SEND schools), homeschooled, T-Levels, apprenticeship programmes and other training.

For more details, please click [here](#)

### 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 14****UCAS**

The first deadline for replying to offers has passed for students who received their offers earlier this term. If you're still waiting to hear back, or are planning to apply before the 30 June cut-off point, you should know the outcome of your application by **14 July** – and will have to make your mind up by **21 July**.

If you need a little help deciding what to do, Newcastle Uni have an excellent blog which can be read [here](#).

**Year 13****Confirmation and Clearing 2022 Key Dates**

UCAS have published a list of key dates. Please click [here](#) to view.

If you are starting to thinking about clearing please follow the link below to a very clear explanation from UCAS about how it works <https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/results-confirmation-and-clearing/what-clearing>

**Years 11, 12 & 13****Channel Talents Talks****Chemistry**

Dr Joseph Wright, Associate Professor in the School of Chemistry at University of East Anglia, will discuss moving away from fossil fuels and the nature and vital role of hydrogen gas in a more sustainable future.

- **June 16 @ 15:35 - 16:20 Chemistry: Toward a Hydrogen Economy - UEA (KS5)** [Find out more »](#)

Dr Tharin Blumenschein, Associate Professor in Biomolecular NMR Spectroscopy representing Society for Natural Sciences, will cover the basic physical principles of nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectroscopy, the information that can be obtained using NMR spectroscopy, and how it is applied to biological molecules.

- **June 21 @ 15:35 - 16:20 Society for Natural Sciences: NMR Spectroscopy - How Chemists Can Use Physics To Understand Biology (KS5)** [Find out more »](#)

Finally, with a focus on organofluorine 'forever' chemicals, Professor Cris Halsall, Director of Natural Sciences at Lancaster University, will explore the interdisciplinary science used to understand chemicals used in certain pesticides and industrial chemicals that are very persistent in the environment and pose a health risk to humans and wildlife. Cris will also examine the role of interdisciplinary science to improve global chemical-use policy.

- **July 6 @ 13:00 - 13:45 Society for Natural Sciences: Persistent Organic Pollutants (KS5)** [Find out more »](#)

**Music**

Tim Shephard, Professor in Musicology from the Department of Music at The University of Sheffield, will deliver an interactive masterclass in which he will consider how and why music education has come to view certain musical elements as important, and what musicologists do when faced with music where those elements aren't so important after all. This session will offer excellent enrichment and extension for groups and individual Music students alike.

- **June 22 @ 15:35 - 16:35 Music: Identifying & Describing Musical Elements Masterclass with Sheffield (KS5)** [Find out more »](#)

**Transition to Uni**

Supporting Year 12s/Level 3s in their decision making, preparation and adjustment, there are two excellent sessions from UEA and Sheffield. Both sets of speakers, each with a slightly different focus, will provide an invaluable guide to university readiness from the university perspective.

- **June 21 @ 13:00 - 13:45 HE Guidance: One Year to Go - The Transition to University with UEA (KS5)** [Find out more »](#)
- **June 27 @ 12:45 - 13:30 HE Guidance: Developing Your Skills & Experience For Post 18 Applications - Sheffield (KS5)** [Find out more »](#)

Then, for all students, and their parents, considering Clearing this year, there is Clearing in Five Easy Steps with Alix Delany, Head of Admissions at UEA. Covering perhaps the most daunting aspect, the session will also include a mock clearing call.

- **July 25 @ 18:00 - 18:45** HE Guidance: Clearing In Five Easy Steps with UEA (KS5) [Find out more »](#) **[NEW]**

## Year 11

### Summer Preparation Programme - Lucy Cavendish College, Cambridge

The Summer Preparation Programme is designed to bridge the gap between GCSE (National 5/equivalent) and A-Level (IB/Scottish Highers and Advanced Highers/equivalent) study by providing students with a **month-long programme of academic enrichment tailored to their stage of the curriculum**. The programme will consist of study skills workshops on a range of important themes such as time management and essay writing, university readiness sessions to support **Year 11** students as they plan their next steps to top Universities like Cambridge, and substantive knowledge sessions, designed to supplement students' foundational academic knowledge so that they can hit the ground running when they start their post-16 studies.

The Summer Preparation Programme 2022 will build on the success and feedback of [last year's pilot programme](#), following which 96% of students felt more confident about starting their post-16 studies:

- *'[The SPP] really inspired me and gave me a huge boost of motivation and excitement for sixth form'*
- *'[The sessions] allowed me to see how subjects were studied at a higher, university-level which has really helped me understand what I need to do at A-Level to develop skills'*
- *"I have been able to have serious conversations about going to Oxbridge... what would initially seem a daunting experience has been made easy, accessible, and understandable."*

The programme will take place entirely online and will run over the summer holidays for four weeks, from **Monday 8th August to Wednesday 31st August**. Following the Summer Preparation Programme, all students will be invited to participate in the Academic Enrichment Programme 2022/23, which will provide continuous academic support to students throughout Year 12.

These sustained programmes will give students the best chance of achieving their full potential.

More information about the Summer Preparation Programme, its eligibility requirements and how to apply can be found here: <https://www.lucy.cam.ac.uk/summer-preparation-programme>. The application deadline for students is **Monday 13 June**.

## Year 13

### UCAT 2022 - Registration Now Open

Registration opened on 24 May 2022. Candidates can create a UCAT web account book their test once booking opens on 20 June. Testing takes place between 11 July - 29 September 2022. We strongly encourage candidates to sit the test at their earliest convenience.

For more information, please click [here](#)

## Year 13

### Northumbria University Taster Days

#### REVEAL Show Thursday 16 June- Saturday 25 June

The REVEAL Degree Show is back between Thursday 16 June and Saturday 25 June. To find out more information, please go to <https://www.northumbria.ac.uk/reveal>

#### English Language Taster Day for A Level Students- Wednesday 29 June 09:45-15:45

The English Language team are hosting a taster day for A Level students on Wednesday 29 June between 09:45-15:45. For bookings and enquiries, please contact Billy Clark at [billy.clark@northumbria.ac.uk](mailto:billy.clark@northumbria.ac.uk)

### Chemistry Experience Taster Day- Wednesday 13 July

There will be a Chemistry Experience day on Wednesday 13 July. There will be two sessions, one between 09:30-12:00 and one in the afternoon between 13:00-15:30. Please be aware that there are only 40 places per session due to lab sizes and students only need to pick an AM or PM session. For more information, click [here](#)

**Year 13**

### On-Campus Taster Days at Manchester Met

Manchester Met are hosting a range of [subject taster days](#) for Year 12 students in July. The taster days provide an opportunity for students to gain a better understanding of some of the wide range of subjects offered at Manchester Met. During the days students will take part in interactive sessions delivered by academics, working in small groups to explore the subject area. They will also get the chance to speak to current students about what it is like to study that subject at University.

Tasters are offered in the following subject areas:

- Acting/Drama and Contemporary Performance
- Cyber Security
- Degree Apprenticeships
- Education/Early Years Childhood Studies/Education Psychology
- Law
- Life Science
- Mathematics and Computing
- Music and Sound Design
- Sociology and Criminology
- School of Digital Arts (SODA)

For more information, please click [here](#)

**Year 13**

**Year 14**

### HE Progression - The University of Sheffield

#### Taster Sessions

Sheffield Uni have recently added a number of additional subject taster sessions to their schedule which students are able to [register for online](#). These give students the opportunity to experience university level teaching, explore subject in more depth and build valuable content for their personal statement.

#### Open Days

As students conduct their research and start to shortlist Universities, on-campus open days are taking place on **Saturday 25 June and Saturday 9 July**. Booking on one of these events can be done [here](#).

#### Sheffield Live

On Wednesday afternoons, 5pm-6pm, Sheffield host [live sessions](#) to allow prospective students to find out more about their University and the student experience at Sheffield.

#### Video Competition

To recognise the increase in learners from all subject areas having had to get a lot more comfortable with using video over the course of the pandemic, the University of Sheffield launched an exciting competition: The Innovative Use of Technology in Humanities Learning.

- Open to any students between the ages of 11 and 18

- Closing date 12pm (BST), Monday 20th June
- Prizes up to £300
- For further details visit: [www.sheffield.ac.uk/research-services/researcher-development/kroto/prizes](http://www.sheffield.ac.uk/research-services/researcher-development/kroto/prizes) or get in touch at [thinkahead@sheffield.ac.uk](mailto:thinkahead@sheffield.ac.uk)

**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 11**

**Year 14**

### Local Apprenticeship Opportunities

#### **Level 3 Teaching Assistant Apprentice - Ovingham Middle School**

To work under the direct supervision of teaching/senior staff, usually in a classroom with a teacher, to support access to learning for pupils and provide general support to the teacher in the management of pupils in the classroom.

Closing date **12 Jun 2022**

For more information, click [here](#)

#### **Level 3 Apprentice Office Administrator/Business Administration**

Sealed Tight Solutions Limited in Prudhoe are looking for someone who can put their hand to a variety of tasks, from picking and packing in the warehouse to general administration duties and dealing with clients.

For more information, click [here](#)