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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

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Year 12 Option change requests to be submitted on Monday 26 September 9am. Before requesting an option change you should: sample a lesson of the subject you are considering requesting to change into, make sure you meet the entry requirement for the course and research a back-up option or decide if you would stay in your current option should your first choice have no space.

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- If you have now decided on the degree area you wish to apply for please come to the Sixth Form office asap so we can talk to you about a draft personal statement and allocate you a referee.
- This edition of the bulletin contains some excellent webinars on a wide range of subject areas which would be very useful for anyone who needs more evidence of super-curricular to strengthen their personal statement.
- If you are uncertain of what career or course area you wish to apply for after Sixth Form please email sixthform@qehs.net so we can make an appointment for you this term.
- You should be signing up for open days if you haven't already. Open days only happen at the start of the autumn term and form an important part of the decision-making process for you. You can learn much from attending local universities' open days: listening to subject talks, understanding the differences between campus and city universities and types of accommodation etc.
- Any student applying for a degree which requires an external admissions test should have established whether it is administered at school or through another examination centre. Please make sure you apply for the test before the deadline.
- We have been supporting students who have made us aware they are applying for an early entry course (with a deadline of the 15 October) since the summer term. If you have now decided to apply for Oxford, Cambridge, dentistry, medicine or veterinary and have not made the Sixth Form team aware of this please come to the office asap.

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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Channel Talent Webinars

Please see below for details of upcoming Channel Talent webinars:

On 21 September, Chris Philo, Professor in the School of Geographical and Earth Sciences at University of Glasgow, and Dr Dan Hammett, Senior Lecturer in the Department of Geography at The University of Sheffield, will discuss The Global Commons.

- **September 21 @ 16:15 - 17:15 insight4me Geography: Global Commons with Glasgow & Sheffield (KS5) [Find out more](#) » [NEW]**

Starting on 26 September, Liberal Arts & Natural Sciences at University of Birmingham is offering a 3 part problem solving skills and critical thinking workshop for KS4 and KS5 which aims to develop the thinking skills, resourcefulness and resilience of students of all abilities and subject interests.

The sessions run on 26th September, 3rd and 10th October, all starting at 15.45. Details of the opening session are available below where you can then follow the links to sessions 2 and 3.

- **September 26 @ 15:45 - 16:30 Liberal Arts & Natural Sciences: Interdisciplinary Problem Solving - Session 1 - Birmingham (KS4 & KS5) [Find out more »](#) [NEW]**

On Thursday 29 September at 16:15, the first Think Tank of the term will take place. We will discuss the critical issue of **Food Supply & Inflation** and will be joined by Andrew Fearne, Professor of Value Chain Management at Norwich Business School, and Peter Moffatt, Professor of Econometrics in the School of Economics at UEA.

- **September 29 @ 16:15 - 17:15 Food Supply & Food Inflation – Interdisciplinary University Perspectives & Debate – UEA (KS4 & KS5) [Find out more »](#)**

On 5 October, you will have the opportunity to consider the latest research in the understanding and tackling of diabetes with Dr Rebecca Cusack from University of East Anglia.

- **October 5 @ 11:15 - 12:15 Biology: Understanding & Tackling Diabetes - What The Latest Research Tells Us - UEA (KS5) [Find out more »](#)**

On 6 October, Professor Roddy Vann from the Society for Natural Sciences/University of Leeds will be tackling one of today's most challenging issues, the Energy Crisis.

- **October 6 @ 12:30 - 13:15 Society for Natural Sciences: Energy Crisis, Fusion & Studying Natural Sciences (KS5) [Find out more »](#)**

Modern Languages Events

On 28 September, Dr John McKeane discusses the term 'extreme' and maps out the relative importance of extremism and of centrism in France, encouraging students to share their own perspectives on extremism, terrorism, and radicalism. John sets the scene for the live event in a headliner video available now on the event page (link below) which can be watched in advance.

- **September 28 @ 15:35 - 16:20 Modern Foreign Languages/French: Extremism in France - Tutorial – University of Reading (KS5) [Find out more »](#) [NEW]**
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Then there is a Spanish book club discussing **Como Agua Para Chocolate** and a German Film Society exploring **Good bye, Lenin!** both of which will be shaped by students' pre-submitted and live questions/arguments and led by Raúl Marchena Magadán and Dr Claire Ross respectively.

- **October 12 @ 16:15 - 17:15 Spanish: University Book Club – Como Agua Para Chocolate with University of Reading (KS5) [Find out more »](#) [NEW]**
- **November 22 @ 16:15 - 17:15 German: University Film Society – Good bye, Lenin! with University of Reading (KS5) [Find out more »](#) [NEW]**

English - University Events this Autumn

There are a fantastic selection of English lessons lined up for this term including two 'Book Clubs', a format shaped by students' questions and thoughts and for which the feedback last term was excellent:

Teacher: 'Loved it. Very impressed by host and both speakers. Really well-pitched, helpful and directed to all students' concerns.'

Student: 'It was very relevant as we are doing Frankenstein in English literature and I love book clubs and discussions of different readings and interpretations and I learnt a lot. Thank you so much.'

- **September 21 @ 09:10 - 10:10 English Language/Literature: Methods of Language Analysis - Grammatical Analysis/Parsing - Reading (KS5) [Find out more »](#) [NEW]**
- **October 5 @ 16:15 - 17:15 English/Drama: University Book Club – Othello with University of Reading (KS5) [Find out more »](#) [NEW]**
- **October 6 @ 10:30 - 11:30 English: Accessing Shakespeare - Shakespeare, Poems & Remaking Texts - UEA (KS5) [Find out more »](#) [NEW]**
- **November 7 @ 16:15 - 17:15 English Literature: University Book Club – The Great Gatsby with Goldsmiths (KS5) [Find out more »](#) [NEW]**

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Aim for Oxford

Aim for Oxford is a two-year-long programme, which supports over 50 high-achieving state school students from the beginning of Year 12, through making strong applications for, and then arriving at, Oxford.

In 2019-20, 37% of full programme participants who went on to apply to Oxford received an offer.

The programme is completely free for Year 12 students attending state schools in the North East of England (**Darlington, Durham, Gateshead, Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Newcastle upon Tyne, North Tyneside, Northumberland, Redcar and Cleveland, South Tyneside, Stockton on Tees and Sunderland**).

Applications for the third cohort are now open and will close on **5th November 2022**, with teacher references due by **18th November 2022**.

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

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Oxford for North East Admissions Tests Workshops September 2022

These workshops are aimed at students considering applying to Oxford for 2023 entry, and the materials & discussion will focus on Oxford's Admissions Test. They will take place 4-5pm next week:

20 September - MAT, PAT, BMAT

21 September - HAT, ELAT, MLAT, OLAT, CAT

22 September - LNAT and TSA

Please sign up here if you'd like to attend: <https://oxford.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/oxford-for-north-east-admissions-tests-workshops-2022>

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 **Access to Leeds**

Access to Leeds is an undergraduate widening access programme. It could offer you the chance to study an undergraduate degree with lower entry requirements than listed on our course pages.

If you participate in the scheme you will take part in a study module and you will benefit from support and events to help prepare you for university.

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

Careers and Work Experience

Year 12 **NHS Allied Healthcare Work Experience 2 October**

Health Education England has recently completed a discovery report on virtual work experience programmes, that concluded that these programmes are a valuable adjunct to in-person work experience, especially in our current climate where in-person experiences remain extremely limited.

The NHS Allied Healthcare Work Experience successfully invited 12,000 students to participate in the last academic year, making it the largest programme for students who are specifically interested in the following careers:

- Nursing
- Midwifery
- Paramedicine
- Physiotherapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Dietetics
- Radiography
- Prosthetics and Orthotics
- Speech and Language Therapy
- Pharmacy

Applications for this programme are now open, and they will be open throughout this academic year, with the first programme taking place on the **2 October**.

Students can enrol here: <https://alliedhealthmentor.org/product/live-virtual-work-experience-programme/>

Year 12 **What's On 4 Me**

Saturday 1 October 10am – 3pm Torch Centre, Hexham, NE46 1QS

With workshops by Core Music, Cycling Minds and Minerva Arts, this event is ideal for those seeking volunteering and career opportunities in the health/social care and education sectors. Bring along your CV.

To book your place, please email : elizabeth.thomas@mencap.org.uk or pwadamson2020@gmail.com.