



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 11

REMEMBER: Tuesday 17 January, you will be sixth form students for the day! You should not wear school uniform. You should go to your normal tutor for registration and to collect your timetables.

Students who are going to explore Level 2 courses at college should attend registration to collect their timetable, which will also include the details of the apprenticeship session.

Students spending the day at QEHS will be using the Wintergardens for break and lunch.

Year 12 Year 13

REMEMBER: Year 12 and Year 13 students will not be in school on Tuesday 17 January unless you have an exam. You will have set work to do on this day in place of your lessons.

Year 12 students who are still to secure work experience, this is a great opportunity for you to research organisations and contact them.

Year 11 Year 12 Year 13 Hexham Debates

The 16th series of Hexham Debates begins on Saturday 21 January at 11am.

Dates for your calendar include: February 11th; February 18th - follow up event in St Mary's Church Hall; March 18th 2pm -3pm; March 25th - follow up event in St Mary's Church Hall; April 22nd; April 29th - follow up event in St Mary's Church Hall; May 13th; June 10th.

Topics to be debated include: The Ukraine War, Housing Crisis: a Vision for the Common Good?, 'Level or Not?' Why the provision of general practice in England is unfair, Climate action after COP27, 'No Safe Passage to Safety.' The need for a review of the UN's definition of a Refugee, Truth & Integrity in International Politics.

For more information, 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 12 **Year 13**

University College Year 12 Study Days – Oxford University

Are you considering social sciences, law, PPE, classics, English, history or medical sciences at university? University College Oxford is offering a range of study days for 60 Year 12 students. The days will include lectures and workshops from University's tutors and graduate students. Each day will be a valuable opportunity to help you choose a subject for university, as well as engage with subjects you are interested beyond your school curriculum. Alongside this, you'll get the opportunity for an insight into life at University College through College tours with undergraduates and lunch in our dining hall.

Application note: One section of the form entails submitting a name and email address of a teacher who will support your application for this day. Please check your teacher is happy to do this before submitting their details.

Law and PPE Study Day – applications now open

Date: Wednesday 9 March

Applications: to apply, fill in an online application form available [here](#)

Application deadline: **Tuesday 31 January**

Classics, English and History Study Day – applications now open

Date: Wednesday 22 February

Application deadline: **Wednesday 20 January**

Medical Sciences Study Day – applications now open

Date: Wednesday 1 March

Application deadline: **Tuesday 31 January**

Year 12 **Year 13**

Engineering AI: Machine Learning – Latest Developments – University of Surrey

Monday 23rd January 2023

12.45pm-1.30pm

Dr Frank Guerin from the Department of Computer Science at University of Surrey will run an interactive talk for students on the latest developments in machine learning. Introducing Artificial Intelligence, Frank will explore what is still hard to achieve and project forwards to consider when we are likely to achieve AI as it is depicted in the movies.

The session is open to groups and individual students and teachers, offering an excellent enrichment and insight activity for students of computer science, physics, engineering and other related subjects.

To reserve a space, follow [the link](#).

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Psychology of Art Session with Dr Rebecca Chamberlain – Goldsmiths University of London

Date: 17th January at 15:35 - 16:20

Dr Chamberlain will focus on how people become art experts, looking at the role of practice and talent, and then move on to consider the psychological value of art creation and appreciation and its link to mental health. To learn more, click [here](#).

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Biology: Understanding & Tackling Cancer – What the Latest Research Tells us with Dr Helen James – University of East Anglia

Date: January 18 at 14:00 - 15:00

Dr James will cover the key molecular and cellular biology of cancer and how the latest research is changing our understanding of the disease to suggest new approaches to early diagnosis and treatment. Exploring changes to genes, we will also look at targeted or rationally designed drugs and immunotherapies. To learn more, click [here](#).

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Film Society Event 2001: A Space Odyssey – University of East Anglia

Date: 18 January at 16:15 - 17:15

This session is ideal for students studying or interested in 2001: A Space Odyssey and who would like to develop their approach to critical analysis. Mark Jancovich, Professor of Film Studies in the School of Art, Media and American Studies at University of East Anglia, will host a debate on the film. The event will be guided by pre-submitted and live questions and observations from the audience, giving the students and teachers ownership of the themes they want to discuss.

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

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Engineering/AI: Machine Learning - Latest Developments – University of Surrey

Date: 23 January at 12:45 - 13:30

Dr Frank Guerin from the Department of Computer Science at University of Surrey, will run an interactive talk for students on the latest developments in machine learning. To find out more, click [here](#).

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Think Cambridge Webinars – Virtual

If you're considering applying to Cambridge, Think Cambridge is offering a series of webinars from 30 January to 16 February. Each webinar takes place from 5-6pm and covers a different topic from helping you to figure out if Cambridge is for you, to student life, STEM and the application process.

To learn more and to book onto a session, click [here](#).

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Geography: Coastal Management – University of East Anglia/University of Glasgow (Virtual)

Date: 24 January at 16:15 - 17:15

If you're interested in geography, the **Living on the edge – Coastal ecosystems under Global Change lecture will** explore the way in which coastal ecosystems can mitigate and adapt to global change through their capacity for carbon capture and coastal protection. You will then learn how we can and must manage and protect these vital regions.

To learn more, or to register, click [here](#).

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.

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Sutton Trust Summer School – Durham University

Durham University's Sutton Trust Summer School's six-day residential runs from 30 July to 4 August 2023. Students will also attend online events in the run-up to the summer school. During the summer school, students will live in one of the university's 17 colleges. They'll take part in academic sessions, explore a variety of extra-curricular activities, and have the opportunity to meet current Durham students. By attending academic and pastoral parts of the programme, students can work towards a guaranteed contextual offer from us at Durham.

All students are eligible to apply, however, the more of the widening participation criteria you meet, the greater their chance of being awarded a place.

Eligibility criteria can be found [here](#).

To apply, click [here](#).

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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BBC Apprenticeship

Production Fast Track Apprenticeship

Applications are now open for the Production Fast Track Apprenticeship with the BBC. If you're passionate about creating content and the production process, and have loads of new ideas, this might be a great option for you.

You will learn on the job as part of a BBC production team and will have the opportunity to develop your knowledge and skills in the area of production that interests you.

Commencing in **September 2023**, the apprenticeship will last **18 months** and offers a salary of **£19,500** (plus a £4,918 living allowance for London).

If you're interested in learning more or applying, follow this [link](#).

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Government Economics Degree Apprenticeship Programme – Government Economic Service

The Government Economic Service Degree Apprenticeship is a unique opportunity to work on important issues our country faces, whilst studying an economics degree. There are Newcastle-based opportunities available.

To learn all about the apprenticeship programme, watch the GES [webinar](#).

For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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Amazon apprenticeships

Applications open 6 February

There are roles based across the UK for a number of Amazon's businesses including: finance, project management, broadcast production, buying and merchandising, corporate responsibility and sustainability, data analysis, digital marketing, human resources, content production, marketing, sales and account management, software development, safety specialist, supply chain, mechanical engineering and business.

There is lots of new information to review including:

- Why Amazon?
- Programme overviews
- Meet the apprentices
- Influencer support
- How to succeed in your application
- Frequently asked questions

Amazon is hosting a range of informational webinars between 17 and 31 January. To sign up, click [here](#). Webinars will be recorded, subtitled and available for download.

Year 11**Year 13****Travel Consultant Apprenticeship – Hay’s Travel – Hexham**

As the UK’s largest independent travel agency, Hays Travel specialise in providing good value, quality holidays alongside excellent customer service. We work with all leading suppliers and can package holidays that include hotels, flights, cruises, tours, attraction tickets, and more. We have over 470 Branches throughout the UK and our Head Office based in Sunderland, is home to tour operator teams, finance, marketing, people/HR and IT, plus many more. We have been operating for over 40 years, and continue to grow each year.

Wage: £10,404**Working hours:** Mon-Fri 9am-5.30pm**Duration:** 18 months**Start date:** 2 September**Desired skills and qualities:** communication skills, customer care skills, administrative skills, team working**Qualifications:** GCSE or equivalent in English and Maths (Grade 4+)**Year 11****Year 13****Outdoor Activity Instructor Apprenticeship – Kingswood Learning and Leisure Group**

Do you love the outdoors? Become an expert in outdoor adventure and join the Level 3 Activity Leader apprenticeship! Escape the ordinary and get ready to dive into nature, leading and delivering adrenaline-pumping activities such as water sports to high ropes courses. The apprenticeship involves:

- Leading high adrenaline outdoor activities using a range of specialist equipment
- Per week, 80% practical 20% off the job learning
- Undertaking various NGB (National Governing Bodies) qualifications
- Undergo around 50 pieces of technical training within outdoor activities
- Delivering activities in line with appropriate standards
- Inspiring teams in a motivational manner when delivering
- Offering excellent coaching and guest experience
- Coordinating evening entertainment sessions
- Working with experienced activity members to come up with innovative ideas of how to improve activities and engagement from guests during sessions

Wage: £10,982.40 (£500 sign on bonus)**Working hours:** 40 hours per week/varied shifts: days, nights and weekends**Duration:** 14 months**Start date:** 1 August**Desired skills and qualities:** communication skills, attention to detail, organisation skills, teamwork, problem solving skills**Qualifications:** GCSE or equivalent in English and Maths (Grade 4) – desired; NVQ or SVQ Level 2 or equivalent Functional Skills Level 2 (Grade Pass) Desired**Perks:** Free food and accommodation for the first 12 months. After 12 months, accommodation rate (£10.10) is deductible.

Year 13**Mineral Products Technician Apprenticeship**

Do you want to gain operational, technical, financial and commercial skills alongside academic studies? Our Leadership, Education and Development (LEAD) Supervisor higher apprenticeship programme is designed to develop future careers in a practical environment. Duties will include supporting the site manager with the day-to-day running of the site.

Duties will include (but not be limited to):

- Assisting in achieving optimum production output in line with commercial activity at the lowest sustainable operational cost whilst continually advancing operational improvements to increase efficiency with good management of the production functions
- Proactively demonstrating high personal standards of safety behaviour, and monitoring the performance of the workplace through 'Near Hit' reporting and safety 'Conversation' processes
- Assisting in the management of mobile plant and machinery to ensure efficient running of plants to achieve outputs including regular inspection, managing breakdown situations, preventative maintenance

Wage: £22,672 (plus perks)

Working hours: Mon-Fri 8am-5pm; 40 hours per week

Duration: 36 months

Start date: 19 September

Desired skills and qualities: communication skills, attention to detail, organisation skills, teamwork, problem solving skills

Qualifications: GCSE or equivalent in 5 subjects, including English, Maths and Science (Grade 4 or above); A Level or equivalent in 2 subjects including a STEM subject (Grades A-C; 80+ UCAS points – essential); UK Driving Licence – full or in progress by August 2022)

Year 11**Year 13****Apprentice Fork Truck Engineer – Linde Material Handling**

Do you want to work with cutting edge equipment, with the brand leader where training and development is second to none? Linde is the UK's leading supplier of lift truck equipment, everything from small hand barrows to state-of-the-art robotic vehicles, an apprenticeship with us will develop your skills across all these ranges. In year one, you will learn the basics about health and safety, mechanics, hydraulics, electrics and electronics.

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Wage: National Living Wage

Working hours: Mon-Fri 8am-5pm; 40 hours per week

Duration: 36 months

Start date: 1 July

Desired skills and qualities: IT skills, administrative skills, communication skills, attention to detail, organisation skills, teamwork, problem solving skills, patience, physical fitness

Qualifications: GCSE or equivalent in English and Maths (Grade 4) - desired

Careers and Work Experience

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Get into Medicine Virtual Conference

Applying to medicine involves juggling multiple academic and extra-curricular activities. Working tactically is just as important as working hard when it comes to getting into medical school. Dr Kennedy and I will show your students how to approach every detail on their UCAS application, including:

- Choosing the right university
- Writing a personal statement that gets noticed
- How to approach a medical school interview
- Joining medical leadership and awards programmes
- How to find work experience
- Building a medical CV
- Applying for scholarships to study medicine

All attendees at the Get into Medicine conference will be eligible to apply to Medic Mentor's Medical Leadership Programme (MLP). If successful, they will receive free teaching and mentoring to help them stand out as an applicant and develop skills in leadership.

After attending a Get into Medicine conference, they need to apply for a space on the MLP by Friday 20th January using the link below:

The next available dates are: **Saturday 14th January** (10am - 3pm) and **Sunday 15th January** (10am - 3pm)

To register, follow the [link](#).

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Get into Dentistry: Dental Mentor's Medical Leadership Programme (MLP)

Application deadline: midnight 20 January 2023

Applications are now open for the Dental Mentor's Medical Leadership Programme (MLP), the only national medical leadership programme in the UK. All MLP members receive free virtual teaching and mentoring to help them become leaders in dentistry. This could be a fantastic addition to your UCAS application and CV.

- Application timelines
- How to tactically choose dental schools
- CV building
- Personal statements
- Interviews
- Medical leadership and awards programmes
- Accessing work experience
- UCAT and BMAT - entrance exams to dental school
- Accessing scholarships

Application: To apply, follow the [link](#).

As part of their MLP application, students are required to attend the free, virtual *Get into Dentistry* conference, which provides a full guide to the UCAS application process for dental school. To register for the conference, follow the [link](#). Students must be accompanied by a parent/guardian for safeguarding purposes.

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Archaeology Bursary – Vindolanda Trust

If you're interested in archaeology, the Vindolanda Trust and English Heritage are offering local students the opportunity to take part in an excavation between 24 July and 4 August. The Trust is offering 4 non-residential bursary places for 2023, and recipients will help with excavations, receive an archaeological skills passport, receive packed lunches, some money to cover travel expenses and a year-long Friends of Vindolanda membership.

Application deadline: 31 January.

To learn more and apply, follow the [link](#).

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Canadian Working Holiday Visa Pools Now Open

The Canadian Government have opened the 2023 IEC working holiday visa pools.

IEC VISA. The IEC visa pool is now open for 2023, and the first round of invitations will commence from 9 January 2023, so if not already, book onto your [BUNAC Work Canada program](#) now so you're ready to apply.

RO LETTER. There is a quota of Recognised Organisation (RO) places each year, which usually sell out in minutes. For 2023, the [pre-registration ballot](#) closes on **13 January**.

RO spaces will then be allocated at random and successful applicants will be notified by email during the week of the 16 January with a payment link and further instructions.

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British Exploring Society – Expeditions

If you're looking for a unique adventure, applications are now open for a range of expeditions with the BES. Successful applicants must fundraise to raise money for the charity.

Date: Expeditions take place from July to August and you can choose from going to the Canadian Yukon, Highlands of Scotland or Kyrgyzstan.

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

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Virtual Work Experience – Channel 4

If you're interested in a career in TV, Channel 4 is offering a five-step programme where you'll learn about real careers and real people as you learn about what goes into the thriving creative industry. You'll be set real world challenges, discover what could be your creative career match and get insider information from current Channel 4 Employees on what makes for a successful creative career.

There are three intakes for the virtual experience in 2023:

- February
- May
- September

To watch a video about what happens in work experience, click [here](#).

For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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Northumberland National Park Ranger Placement – Volunteer Opportunity

Northumberland National Park is providing short term placements for individuals aged 17-25 with an interest in pursuing a career in the environmental/countryside sector. Locations include: Rothbury, The Sill (Hadrian's Wall),

The placement will involve the individual attending 10 days over a 3-month period. The first of these days will be an introduction/induction to the National Park. Other works covered will include:

- Public Right of Way (PROW) work – footpath/promoted routes surveys or waymarking;
- Practical work – which will include work on PROW, maintenance work on our historic buildings/sites, workshop days – building bird boxes and making finger posts;
- Biodiversity work;
- Event/guided walks/education;
- Out and about with the National Park Volunteers on patrols or practical projects;
- Work with specialist staff members, including Ecologist, Archaeologist, Farming Team and Access Officer

Application deadline: 9am, Friday 10 February

To learn more, click [here](#).

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Northumbria Healthcare Foundation Trust – Virtual Insight Days

If you're thinking of a career in healthcare, Northumbria Healthcare Foundation Trust is holding a virtual insight day on hospital, community, and home; nursing, midwifery and allied health professions.

Date: Monday 27th February

To sign up, click [here](#).

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Newcastle International Airport Careers Fair

Have you ever considered a career in the aviation industry? Newcastle Airport is holding a careers fair to showcase current and future employment opportunities. It is free to attend. To book, click [here](#).