# **Sixth Form Bulletin**



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.



**Key**: If the year group is highlighted, the information applies to students in that group

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### **Sixth Form Bursary**

If you think you might be eligible for the Sixth Form bursary, email Sixthform@qehs.net to arrange a meeting.

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**Year 12 students** – if you missed assembly on Wednesday, through illness or due to forgetting, you should go to the Main Hall at 12.30pm on Monday.

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REMINDER! Northumbria University NU Entry scheme applications close at 5pm on Friday 27 January.

The deadline for our NU Entry scheme is fast approaching and will close at **5pm on Friday 27**<sup>th</sup> **January**. As a reminder, this is a 2-year programme open to all students in their first year of Sixth Form or College who meet the eligibility criteria. Upon successful completion, students will gain 16 NU Entry points, which are equal to 16 UCAS points when applying to Northumbria University.

To apply, click <u>here</u>.

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# **NHS Careers Untapped Webinar**

This webinar focusses on lesser-known careers in the NHS; working for the NHS doesn't mean you have to be a doctor or nurse, and the aim of this event is to show you how other careers contribute to our healthcare service.

This webinar will showcase roles including podiatry, radiography, play specialist, mammography, bioinformatics and many more. This 90-minute free webinar is for young people aged 13-18,

Date: Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January from 4.30-6pm

Subject: Allied Healthcare Professions and Healthcare Science.

To register, click here.

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Forum Cinema – showing of Blue Jean and in-person introduction from the film's director and two lead actors

Blue Jean is a film set in the North-East during the 1980s as Margaret Thatcher is about to implement section 28, a series of laws stigmatising homosexuality. As a result of which, the protagonist Jean is forced to lead a double life.

Date: 8 February

**Tickets**: students aged 16-25 get discounted tickets. Click <u>here</u> to sign up.

**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 <a href="https://discoveruni.gov.uk/">https://discoveruni.gov.uk/</a> where the views from the most recent graduates on their degree experience have been sought.

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## **Exploring education and training opportunities**

Are you still undecided about your next steps after year 11 or sixth form?

Have look at 'Get the Jump' Hub to learn more about A-levels, higher education, supported internships, work and possible apprenticeships and Higher Technical Levels. The national careers service website is a great resource to use. You can also chat to a careers adviser by booking an appointment.

Youth Employment UK is also a really hand resource. Learn more by clicking here.

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**Escape Studios** has three brand-new undergraduate degrees for a September 2023 start:

- BSc (Hons)/MSci Video Games Design
- BSc (Hons)/MSci Technical Art for Games and VFX
- BSc (Hons)/MSci Character Creation for Animation, Games and VFX

With these courses, art meets technology, supporting **the** growing industry demand for technical skills. Applications are now open via UCAS.

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# **University of Surrey**

Sociology, Psychology and Health & Social Care

When: January 31 at 13:00 - 13:45

Interactive talk for students on the Role & Impact of the Father. Professor Paul Hodkinson from University of Surrey will consider the involvement contemporary fathers have in caring and parenting, how becoming a father affects men's lives, identity and wellbeing and the social expectations fathers encounter. The talk will examine the role and experience of fathers against the context of shifting understandings of men and ongoing gender barriers in the home and workplace.

For more information, click here.

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# **Durham University - Union**

The inaugural Durham Union Society Sixth Form Essay competition is being held this year in partnership with The Pinsker Centre, a London-based think tank focusing on promoting freedom of speech and combatting intolerance through discussion.

The competition is open to any Year 12 student in the northeast of England. Students don't need to be studying politics – the union is looking for a diverse range of perspectives. This is an excellent opportunity for students to showcase their interest in politics and current affairs on UCAS personal statements

**Prompt**: "Why is Freedom of Speech Important in Higher Education?", with a limit of 500 words.

**Deadline** for submissions: 3 March

Prizes: £100 prize for 1st place and £50 prizes for 2nd/3rd place.

To apply: email 500 words, full name, school, and home town to <a href="mailto:outreach@dus.org.uk">outreach@dus.org.uk</a>, with the subject line

[STUDENT NAME] - DUS Essay Competition Epiphany 2023.

Results: Essays will be judged by a panel representing the Durham Union and The Pinsker Centre.

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# **University of Nottingham**

Organic Chemistry: Terpenes - Inspirational Chemistry from Nature Presentation

When: 25 January at 16:15 - 17:15

Dr James Dowden, Associate Professor in the School of Chemistry at University of Nottingham who will present **Useful molecules and inspirational chemistry from nature**.

James will focus on terpenes and how nature controls alkene reactivity to form these valuable molecules. Discussing how concepts introduced during A-level chemistry help us to understand how enzymes catalyse the biosynthesis of these molecules, James will reflect on the production and use of terpene natural products and the impact of this science on industry.

To learn more, click here

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#### University of East Anglia (UEA)

History presentation: The Rise to Power and Rule of Stalin

When: 31 January at 15.45-16.20

Dr Francis King and Professor Matthias Neumann will examine some of the dilemmas and problems the USSR and its rulers faced and the emergence and development of the Stalin system as a response to those pressures within the parameters set by communist ideology.

To learn more, click here.

**History tutorial:** Detecting Bias in Sources

When: 2 February at 14.30-15.15

Professor Stephen Church will discuss and challenge the concept of 'bias' and, introducing students to the importance of comprehending rather than condemning sources, will illustrate the opportunities this 'sympathetic' mindset opens up to a researcher. On the event page below there is a Headliner video which introduces the topic and prepares students for the live event. As well as History students, this will be very relevant to students completing an EPQ.

To learn more, click <u>here</u>.

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### **NHS NextGen Nurse**

**Application deadline: 27 January** 

NHS England recognises that its workforce needs to reflect the diversity of the population it serves, so we have created an exciting project to entice more young people from across England into fulfilling NHS careers through an exclusive series of eye-opening, expert-led, insights & virtual work experiences. NHS NextGen Nurse is underway throughout this academic year. It is freely available to any 14-19-year-old who attends a UK state secondary school or college. The experiences include virtual nursing insight days, pathways into nursing, nurse-led short sessions, healthcare community sessions and virtual work experience.

To apply, click <u>here</u>.

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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**Apprenticeships** (remember to check <a href="https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/">https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/</a> regularly and any employers, such as the NHS, who you are particularly interested in working for).

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BBC: Business KS3 / KS4: Apprentice for a Day

The BBC is offering a series of seven short films follows a group of teenagers as they try out being an apprentice for the day in a variety of different jobs everything from a hairdresser to a dental nurse. The films include:

- Careers mentor Aimee Bateman offering advice on how to create a CV and cover letter
- insights into what it's like to be an apprentice for a day.
- Job roles include engineer, hairdresser, plumber, chef, outdoor education tutor and dental nurse

To learn more, click here.

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North East Solicitor Apprenticeship (NESA)

**Application deadline**: Friday 24 February (applicants must be available for an assessment centre on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March.

The solicitor apprenticeship combines theoretical academic study with practice-based modules and work-based learning. This programme offers a blended learning approach, enabling the apprentice to develop their theoretical knowledge, practical experience and competency over the 6-year course. Students will need to be academically strong (able to achieve 128-136 UCAS points with Maths and English GCSEs grades A\* to C), able to work full-time whilst studying and must want to become a solicitor. We strongly recommend that students also apply, if they haven't already, to University through UCAS if they are interested in this apprenticeship.

Firms Confirmed for 2023: Barbour, Muckle LLP, Newcastle Building Society, Sintons LLP

If you have any questions about the event or the apprenticeship, please contact my colleagues at degree.apprenticeships@northumbria.ac.uk.

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#### **Nissan Sunderland Plant**

Applications for the 2023 apprenticeship scheme are now open, with opportunities in manufacturing, maintenance, production quality, logistics and business administration.

Age restrictions: candidates must be at least 16 years of age by 1 Sept '22 and have full RTW Documents.

Applications deadline: 11.59pm 20th February 2023

For more information or to apply, visit careersatnissan.co.uk

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