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

Notices Year 13

Year 13 Assembly

Next week the year 13 assembly will take place on Monday 13th February in the Theatre, as students are not in school on Friday 17th February.

The assembly will focus on university accommodation and finance.

Year 13

Newcastle University - Late UCAS applications

If you would like to make a late application to university, the Newcastle Partners Scheme is still open until the **24th February (5pm)**. Eligible applicants may receive a lower offer from the university. Through the university's PARTNERS supported entry route, eligible students can get a lower offer from the university that's typically up to three grades lower, they also attend the university's academic summer school and are supported on their university journey. This year, any student applying to an Engineering, Maths or Physics undergraduate course could also be eligible for PARTNERS.

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

Year 12

Durham University – Space to Explore Potential (STEP)

STEP offers a dedicated space for young Black-heritage students to explore not only their own potential but all that Durham has to offer as a potential university destination. The university welcomes applications from year 12 Black-heritage students, who attend UK state schools.

STEP consists of a summer residential, along with online information and guidance through years 12 and 13. IF you successfully gain a place on STEP, you will have the opportunity to:

- Meet current Durham University students and guiz them on their experiences
- Visit Durham and live in one of the university's 17 colleges
- Have taster sessions with at least two of our academic departments
- Network with likeminded people from across the country
- Access key information, advice, and guidance about the UCAS application process
- Receive a guaranteed, alternative offer (typically two grades below) for a programme of study at Durham

Click here to learn more and apply.

Year 12

Sutton Trust – Summer Schools

University Summer School

The Sutton Trust Summer School Programme offers year 12 students the opportunity to immerse themselves in university life. Students will walk away with the confidence and skills needed to choose where to apply and what to study, be competitive applicants wherever that is, and find support with a network of like-minded peers. Places are still left on the programmes below; for more information, click on one of the links below:

- The University of Glasgow
- Durham University
- The University of Sheffield

Apprenticeship Summer School

High-quality apprenticeships not only offer young people the opportunity to earn while they learn but also ensure they gain valuable skills and get a foot on the career ladder. The Sutton Trust Apprenticeship Summer School is a three-day residential where students can meet leading employers and like-minded peers and learn more about how to access top apprenticeships.

For more information about the apprenticeship summer school programme, click here.

Year 12 Year 13

What university? & What Career? Live - Access for all - virtual event

This is a new virtual event designed to inspire students from underrepresented groups to realise their full potential. The event is free and will broaden access to information about university and apprenticeship options, as well as the wide range of support available, to help students to fulfil their ambitions. The event will include webinars delivered by leading universities and employers, opportunities to ask questions in topic-led chatrooms and access to valuable downloadable resources.

Date: 21st March 2023
 Time: 9.30am-3.30pm

Booking deadline: 28th February

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

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 13

Northumberland County Council – National Apprenticeship Week Event

NCC is holding an event where you can talk to current apprentices and managers, learn about what an apprenticeship is, get application and interview tips, find out what the council offers and get advice about your future.

Location: County Hall, Morpeth, NE61 2EF

Date: Saturday 11th February

Time: 10am – 2pm

To register, click here.

Year 11

Apprentice Dental Nurse – Beech Cottage Dental Practice

The apprenticeship in dental nursing is an 18-month government funded course City & Guilds Level 3 Extended Diploma in Dental Nursing. The job entails assisting the dentist, sterilising equipment, reception and any other ad hoc duties as may be required.

In this role you will provide efficient and reliable chair-side support to Practice Clinicians. The role will also require working in other areas of the practice such as reception, dealing with patient queries, answering the phone, taking payments and booking appointments.

With experience you may be able to move into jobs like team manager, team leader or dental practice manager. With further training you could become a dental therapist, helping a dentist carry out the more routine dentistry work. You could also become a dental hygienist, helping people to look after their teeth and gums. You might decide to train as an orthodontic therapist helping dentists to improve the look and position of a patient's teeth.

Salary: £14,976

Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 32hrs/week

Duration: 18 months Start date: 15th March

Applicant qualification requirements: GCSE or equivalent English language (Grade C/4) desired; GCSE or equivalent maths (Grade C/4) desired.

Personal quality requirements: organisation skills, customer care skills, team working, initiative, non-judgemental.

Year 11 Year 13

Architectural Apprentice – Bellway Homes Limited

Bellway's exciting and innovative Apprenticeship Programmes are designed to attract and develop a diverse range of talented individuals who will contribute to the continued growth and success of our business. Working alongside external consultants and suppliers to ensure complete design solution delivered.

Salary: £20,000 Hours: 35hrs/week Duration: 36 months Start date: 1st September

What will the apprentice be doing?

- Development and maintenance of group standard house types, details and specifications
- Working alongside external consultants and suppliers to ensure complete design solution delivered
- Support the upkeep of our drawing management system
- Support divisions with information requests
- Attend site-based meetings/audit as and when required
- Keep up to date with responsibilities specific to the role
- Maintain up to date with legislation and regulations as well as have an understanding of future regulations that are coming into effect within the industry

What training will the apprentice take and what qualification will the apprentice get at the end?

- An exciting future built with us starting September 2023
- A nationally recognised qualification Construction Design and Build Level 4
- We anticipate this qualification to be delivered by learning provider: New College Durham, however, this can be reviewed with the successful candidate
- Course duration: up to 36 months, plus end point assessment (EPA)
- Transferable skills such as leadership and communication
- Working for a 5* house builder
- Building a network of likeminded professionals
- Improving your knowledge and understanding of the housebuilding industry

Applicant qualification requirements: attention to detail, team working, initiative, non judgemental

Personal quality requirements: GCSE or equivalent English language (grade C/4) desired; GCSE or equivalent maths (grade C/4) desired.

Year 11 Year 1

Data Analyst Apprenticeship - Northumbria Students' Union

Northumbria Students Union are on the lookout for a Level 4 Data Analyst Apprentice to add to their growing team. You will be supported by the Head of Marketing to analyse trends/data, create visualisations and report on your findings.

Salary: £20,395

Hours: Mon-Fri (9am-5pm); hybrid working option – 3 days in office, 2 days at home; 37.5hrs/week

Duration: 18 months **Start date**: 1st September

What will the apprentice be doing?

- Support all departments in planning high-quality research and delivery of the Union's strategic plan
- Analyse data generated by the Union through diverse means and provide meaningful analysis that staff and student leaders can use to drive change
- Support the leadership team to understand progress towards strategic goals
- Support staff in equipping representatives and officers with data and evidence that enables them to fulfil
 their duties
- Carrying out research with Northumbria University and other Students' Unions

What training will the apprentice take and what qualification will the apprentice get at the end?

This Level 4 Data Analyst qualification brings together everything you need to take your data career to new heights. Led by your expert Data Coach, you'll explore Python and SQL for data analysis and build your expertise through real work projects. You'll learn to identify patterns, forecast data trends, and drive strategic decision making using the latest tools and methodologies. With our combination of expert training and one-to-one support, this complete programme will transform your passion for data into effective and insightful analyses. Learn by doing with our technical training. You'll put theory into practice with hands-on activities and expert demonstrations in eight 2-day SMART Classroom sessions. Unlike traditional education, our apprenticeship training doesn't simply teach for the test. Our exam-free programme and project-led approach gives you the skills you need to thrive in your career.

Applicant qualification requirements: communication skills, attention to detail, problem solving skills, presentation skills, analytical skills, logical, initiative

Personal quality requirements: GCSE or equivalent English language (grade C/4) essential; GCSE or equivalent maths (grade C/4) essential.

Year 11 Year 13

Apprentice Farm Worker – W Taylor & Son (NE19 2BH)

W Taylor & Son would like to recruit an apprentice farm worker onto their farm learning to look after the livestock. You will monitor food and water and learn about the animal lifecycle throughout the seasons. Throughout the duration of this apprenticeship, you will be learning about:

- Livestock and their health and well being
- Monitoring feed and water
- Bedding and feed provision
- The animal lifecycle throughout the year and seasons
- Vet attendances and when to raise concerns

All training to take place at the employer's premises. General Farm Worker Level 2 apprenticeship standard.

Salary: £7,503.60

Hours: Hours to be discussed at interview; 30hrs/week

Duration: 18 months **Start date**: 6th March

Applicant qualification requirements: communication skills, attention to detail, organisation skills, customer care skills, problem solving skills, logical, team working, creative, initiative, non-judgemental, patience, physical fitness, confident

Personal quality requirements: GCSE or equivalent English (grade 9-2 or A*-E) essential; GCSE or equivalent maths (grade 9-2 or A*-E) essential

Year 13

Operations Degree Apprenticeship – Consett – Greencore Foods Limited

In partnership with Nottingham Trent University, this apprenticeship programme will align your studies to real work experience, allowing you to earn a salary and become an integral part of our Operations team. You'll be working towards the Chartered Manager Degree Apprenticeship, to achieve a BA (hons) in Management and Leadership.

Salary: £18,000

Hours: Mon-Fri (some shift work); 37.5hrs/week

Duration: 48 months **Start date**: 1st September

What will the apprentice be doing?

Our Operations function is responsible for manufacturing great quality products for our customers, ensuring that we deliver to a consistently high standard. You'll gain experience in a number of roles over the duration of the programme within our site operations teams, which will include, responsibility for ensuring that our production lines operate in an efficient and economical way, meeting our customer requirements, and motivating and engaging others. This will include:

- Delivering against productivity and efficiency targets
- · Resolving problems and issues as they arise
- · Identify and act on opportunities that make sustainable improvements to increase quality, performance
- Leading and engaging team members to ensure satisfaction, motivation and well being
- Communicating with the operations management team on performance and outputs

What training will the apprentice take and what qualification will the apprentice get at the end?

This 4-year apprenticeship programme will align your studies to real work experience, allowing you to earn a great salary and become an integral part of our Operations team. You'll be working towards the Chartered Manager Degree Apprenticeship, to achieve a BA (hons) in Management and Leadership, as well as professional recognition by the Chartered Management Institute.

Applicant qualification requirements: communication skills, IT skills, attention to detail, organisation skills, customer care skills, problem solving skills, presentation skills, administrative skills, number skills, analytical skills, logical, team working, initiative, non-judgemental, patience.

Personal quality requirements: GCSE or equivalent English (grade 9-2 or A*-E) essential; GCSE or equivalent maths (grade 9-2 or A*-E) essential; A-Level or equivalent in 3 A-Levels in any subjects (grade B) essential; BTEC or equivalent BTEC extended diploma in any subject (Grade DDM) desired; other or previous relevant work experience (grade NA) desired.

Careers and Work Experience

Year 12 Year 13

Social Mobility Business Partnership – SMBP Work Insight & Skills Week 2023

This programme provides students with the opportunity to spend time with four high-profile organisations where you will learn about their business and the career routes available. You will also develop key skills in interactive business-like tasks. You will also spend a day with a professional sports club learning about the psychology of resilience, coping mechanisms and goal achievement models.

Lunch and refreshments will be provided each day, and all travel costs will be reimbursed.

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

Year 11 Year 12 Year 13

NWG STEM Programme – Labs and Wastewater – Howden, NE28 0JX (transport provided)

Our vision is to become the national leader in the provision of sustainable water and wastewater services. We're looking for people who are keen to learn, enjoy working with others and have a passion for our environment. If you've never thought about working in the Water industry, now is the perfect time to find out more about the benefits and what a fulfilling career with us would look like.

Date: 28th & 29th June

In a world focused on sustainability and taking steps to protecting our environment, you'd be fascinated to know what happens to all the sewerage waste we produce and how we use our labs to ensure we do this. It's quite incredible the work we do!

To find out more, apply for our new work experience programme where you'll be immersed in the world of Wastewater and labs for 2 days (not literally of course!).

During the 2 days you'll learn all about:

- What we do in our wastewater and labs teams
- How to understand your own and others personality types
- How to make your CV brilliant
- How to do succeed in interviews, so you can land your dream job

If you don't live near Howdon, NWG will sort transport out for you.

If you're interested, click <u>here</u> to apply.