



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 12

#### Year 12 Assembly

An extended assembly is taking place on Monday (22 May) in the main school hall. Only students who are considering going to university next year or after a gap year should attend.

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#### Compulsory PSHE

PSHE on Monday (22 May) is compulsory for anyone considering university. Please come to the main hall and bring a laptop or tablet if you have one. During this session we will break out into classrooms, so that you can provide school with some of the information we need for your reference and get you logged onto the UCAS system.

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#### Work Experience Forms

Fifty-one work experience forms have been returned to Joanne in the Sixth Form office. If you are in the process of securing work experience, please make sure your form is signed by the company as soon as they confirm they can offer you a place.

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#### Progression Sessions

All year 12 students will be taking part in the progression sessions on **Wednesday morning, periods one to three**, as these sessions include careers advice, CV writing, gap years, as well as university. Students should collect their timetables from the Winter Gardens at 9am on Wednesday.

## National Apprenticeship Show North East

**Date:** 21-22 November

**Location:** Utilita Arena, Newcastle

**Time:** 10am-2.30pm (Tuesday 21 November); 10am-2pm (Wednesday 22 November)

The show offers a unique opportunity for year 11 and 12 13 students to:

- discover the huge range of post-education opportunities available to them
- learn about apprenticeships, from entry level to higher and degree
- feel more confident in their choices amid a backdrop of economic uncertainty
- establish connections with employers and apprenticeship providers, including Premier Inn, NASC, the Royal Air Force and many more.

**Travel bursaries** are available on a first come, first served basis. To learn more, click [here](#). If you would like to go to the show, email [sixthform@gehs.net](mailto:sixthform@gehs.net)

## 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.*

## University of East Anglia - Classical Civilisation/Literature: Epic - How Virgil's Aeneid Responds to Homer's Iliad

**Date:** 12 June

**Time:** 4.15-5pm

**Location:** Virtual

Dr Will Rossiter will explore what an Epic is and, in doing so, examine how Virgil's Aeneid responds to Homer's Iliad. By tracing continuities and differences in style, ethos, and structure, Will encourages students to begin to think about what we mean when we speak of the epic tradition.

To register, click [here](#).

## Society for Natural Sciences - Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) Spectroscopy

**Date:** 12 June

**Time:** 11.10-11.55am

**Location:** Virtual

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. This will be very relevant across the sciences and of particular interest to students who want to find out more about natural sciences.

### 'Chirality and Stereochemistry - an Introduction with Model Building'

**Date:** 22 June

**Time:** 11.10-11.55am

**Location:** Virtual

Dr Chris Richards, Reader in Organic Chemistry, will lead an interactive modelling process to 'build' molecules of increasing complexity and illustrate chirality/stereochemistry. Chris will highlight some important consequences of stereochemistry, focusing in particular on the building blocks of life, and on the development of pharmaceuticals for the treatment of disease.

To register, click [here](#).

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### University of East Anglia - Economics: How Should we Regulate Externalities?

**Date:** June 13

**Time:** 11.15am - 12pm

**Location:** Virtual

Dr Amrish Patel, Associate Professor in Economics at University of East Anglia, will ask the question: 'How should we regulate externalities?' Amrish will look at classic government intervention through the eyes of a behavioural economist and then identify new policies that follow from behavioural economics.

To register, click [here](#).

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### University of East Anglia - Can the World Achieve Sustainable & Equitable Food & Nutrition Security?

**Date:** 13 June

**Time:** 12.45-1.45pm

**Location:** Virtual

In this interdisciplinary *Think Tank*, we will be joined by Professor Arjan Verschoor, a behavioural development economist, Nitya Rao, Professor of Gender & Development and researcher of resource rights, social equity and rural development, and Dr Oliver Springate-Baginski, whose primary research interest is the political economy/political ecology of forest governance reform in developing countries and its agricultural interface.

Our speakers will present their varied and interdisciplinary thoughts on the question of achieving sustainable and equitable food and nutrition security before we lead into a lively debate guided by students' pre-submitted and live questions.

To register, click [here](#).

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### **Durham Union Society Sixth Form Essay Competition**

Durham University Union has announced the second Durham Union Society Sixth Form Essay competition in partnership with The Religious Freedom Institute, a Washington DC-based think tank centred around the promotion of religious freedoms and tolerance worldwide.

**Deadline for submissions: 17 June 2023**

The competition is open to any Year 12 student in the North East of England. Students don't need to be studying politics or religious studies - we want to hear from a diverse range of perspectives. Even if they can't enter themselves, we encourage students to tell their friends and family who are eligible.

The prompt is: "How does religious freedom contribute to democracy?", with a limit of 500 words.

This is an excellent opportunity for students to showcase their interest in politics and current affairs on UCAS personal statements. There is also a £100 prize for 1st place, and £50 prizes for 2nd/3rd place.

students should email their 500 words, full name, school, and home town to [outreach@dus.org.uk](mailto:outreach@dus.org.uk), with the subject line [STUDENT NAME] - DUS Essay Competition Easter 2023. Essays will be judged by a panel representing the Durham Union and The Religious Freedom Institute.

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### **Teesside University Football Academy**

You are invited to the Riverside Stadium to find out more about Teesside University's Football Academy.

**Date: 24 May**

**Time: 6 – 7pm**

The Football Academy supports you if you are a talented footballer with an interest in pursuing your footballing goals whilst studying a degree at Teesside University. Selected footballers, male and female, are able to represent the university at football; you also receive weekly training sessions and other sporting support, including strength and conditioning, rehab services and access to the gym and other sports facilities.

To learn more, click [here](#). To book a place, 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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### **Optical Assistant Apprenticeship – Hexham Specsavers**

Our apprenticeship gives people of all ages a chance to start an exciting career while earning a full-time wage. Duties will include booking customers in for eye tests, pre-screening and recommending frames. We are looking for individuals who are enthusiastic about providing great customer service and would like to pursue a career in optics.

**Salary:** £10,296.00 - £20,319 (depending on age)

**Working hours:** 37.5 hours/week (including weekends)

**Duration:** 18 months

#### **What will the apprentice be doing?**

- Giving customers top-notch advice (as well as a warm welcome to the store).
- Booking in eye tests.
- Pre-screening patients and measuring frames.
- Making sure everything runs as smoothly as possible by looking out for any little problems that crop-up.

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

- Level 3 Optical Assistant Apprenticeship Standard.
- End-Point Assessment (EPA).
- Functional skills English, if required.
- Full-time 5 out of 7 days - including work on weekend.
- Daily on-the-job training in a store - no college to attend.
- Training provider: Specsavers Optical Superstores Limited.

#### **What is the expected career progression after this apprenticeship?**

- Once you have completed the apprenticeship, you'll be a fully qualified Level 3 Optical Assistant, with a massive range of career options ahead of you.

#### **Desired skills and personal qualities**

Communication skills, organisation skills, customer care skills, team working, initiative.

#### **Qualifications**

GCSE or equivalent maths (grade 9-4 (A\*-C) desired).

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

**Apprentice Pharmacy Assistant – Parkside Pharmacy Ltd**

**Salary:** £10,725.00 (£5.50 – 16-18-year-olds and £6.50 for 19+)

**Working hours:** Monday – Friday, 9am-5.30pm, Saturday 9am-12.30pm; 37.5 hours/week (including weekends)

**Duration:** 18 months

**What will the apprentice be doing?**

- Support with patient consultations.
- Dispensing medicine.
- General admin.
- Dealing with over the counter and phone enquiries.
- Use of the computer and pharmacy-specific software.
- Checking off and unpacking orders.
- Stock management.
- Date checking of stock.
- Processing NHS prescriptions.

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

Pharmacy Assistant Level 2 apprenticeship standard:

- Medicine Counter Assistant Course, accredited by the General Pharmaceutical Council [GPhc]
- Dispensing Assistant Course, accredited by the General Pharmaceutical Council [GPhc]
- Functional Skills level 2 in maths and English, if not already achieved grade 4 or C and above at GCSE or equivalent level.

**What is the expected career progression after this apprenticeship?**

- A permanent position within the organisation.
- Pharmacy Technician Level 3 Apprenticeship.

**Desired skills and personal qualities**

Communication skills, IT skills, attention to detail, organisation skills, customer care skills, problem solving skills, presentation skills, administrative skills, number skills, analytical skills, team working, initiative, non-judgemental, patience.

**Qualifications**

GCSE or equivalent English and maths (grade C/4 or above), essential; GCSE or equivalent science (grade C/4 or above), desired.

To apply, click [here](#).

**Langley Furniture Works Apprentice**

Langley Furniture Works is hiring an apprentice to start work at the beginning of the summer. The new apprentice will be enrolled on a Bench Joinery Level 2 course at Durham New College.

For more information, or to get an application form, contact Rachel at  
[admin@langleyfurnitureworks.co.uk](mailto:admin@langleyfurnitureworks.co.uk)

## Apprentice Civil Engineer – Stantec UK Limited, Newcastle

As a civil engineering apprentice at Stantec, you will get the chance to continue your learning whilst gaining exposure on how we bring our clients' infrastructure projects to life. You will support senior engineers on UK-wide projects, working on some of the largest, most iconic infrastructure water projects in the UK.

**Salary:** £19,500

**Working hours:** Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm, 37.5 hours/week

**Duration:** 60 months

### What will the apprentice be doing?

During your apprenticeship you will:

- gain exposure on the project life cycle from start to finish, including getting involved in the design process, where we will teach you to use relevant systems, such as CAD
- support undertaking a variety of civil engineering tasks for projects, including treatment works, pumping stations and pipelines
- be supported to develop more technical skills, to assist senior engineers with report writing, evaluating risks and environmental impact
- help us to problem solve, creating sustainable solutions to support client's needs.

You will work closely with other disciplines within the project team, such as mechanical and electrical engineers to ensure that the right solution is being delivered as projects progress.

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

Level 6 Civil Engineer (Degree) Apprenticeship Standard:

- Our apprenticeships allow you to learn whilst you earn as you study for an academic qualification
- You'll get the chance to expand your knowledge by attending a West London university on day release where you will gain a BEng Civil Engineering degree

### What is the expected career progression after this apprenticeship?

Once completing your apprenticeship, you will be qualified to pursue a career as a fully qualified Civil Engineer and work towards chartership with the Institute of Civil Engineers.

### Desired skills and personal qualities

Communication skills, IT skills, attention to detail, problem solving skills, number skills, analytical skills, logical, team working, initiative.

### Qualifications

A-Level or equivalent in 3 subjects, including maths or further maths (grade B), essential; BTEC or equivalent extended diploma in engineering (grade DDM), desired.

To apply, click [here](#).



**Customer Service Apprenticeship. Level 2**

Speakers for schools and SSCL are offering a fully funded taster session for anyone thinking about a career in customer service. SSCL is the largest provider of business-critical support services for government, police and defence clients.

**Date:** 23 June

**Time:** 1pm

**Location:** SSCL-Quorum Business Park, NE12 8BU

In this session, you will find out more about SSCL's customer service apprenticeship, level 2. You will work with apprenticeship training provider ALS to complete the diploma in customer service and gain your customer service apprenticeship.

If you would like to apply, email [Gurpreet.randhawa@speakersforschools.org](mailto:Gurpreet.randhawa@speakersforschools.org) OR [ellie.lambert@speakersforschools.org](mailto:ellie.lambert@speakersforschools.org).

## Careers and Work Experience

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### Sir Robert McAlpine – Construction & Infrastructure Firm – Hexham

Sir Robert McAlpine is offering QE students work placements at their Hexham facility during the summer holidays. Placements last for one week and the hours will be Monday to Friday, 9am-4.30pm. Students will get experience on site alongside the project manager, construction manager, engineers and works managers.

The date is: **31 July 2023**

Any students who are interested should email Joanne on [sixthform@gehs.net](mailto:sixthform@gehs.net) about the documentation you need to complete to apply.

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### Get into Midwifery Conference

**Date:** **3 June**

**Time:** **2pm - 5pm**

**Tickets:** **£10**

Chief nurse mentor Abbie Dickinson will give her insight into how to get into nursing and what you need to do to stand out when applying to a popular (and funded) course. Abbie will lead you through the entire process of applying to midwifery and what day-to-day life in the profession actually entails. This is a fantastic opportunity for both students pursuing midwifery and those who are undecided. Student admissions teams notice those who go the extra mile to make an informed course and career decision.

To register, click [here](#).

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### Virtual Allied Healthcare Work Experience

**Date:** **4 June**

**Time:** **10am - 5pm**

**Tickets:** **£10**

A strong record of work experience is essential for all applications to healthcare careers, including nursing, midwifery, paramedicine, occupational therapy, radiography, and many more.

The NHS interdisciplinary team has a very unique way of operating, so I encourage all students interested in healthcare or working for the NHS to join.

To register, click [here](#).

**EW Estates – Chartered Surveyors**

EW Estates is a chartered surveying firm that offers commercial and residential property services throughout the UK. The company is offering students work experience opportunities.

If you are interested in applying for a place, email [lorna@ewestates.co.uk](mailto:lorna@ewestates.co.uk).