



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		
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Save the Date! University of Aberdeen Open Days 2023 Open Days are the perfect opportunity to visit the University of Aberdeen campus and have the chance to see what life as a University of Aberdeen student could be like. Subject experts from all disciplines will be available to answer any questions about the degrees you are interested in. There will also be the opportunity to attend talks and receive more in-depth information about the subject. Dates: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Medicine Open Day - Saturday 10 June 2023• Undergraduate Open Day - Tuesday 29 August 2023• Undergraduate Open Day - Saturday 7 October 2023 More information will be available via email and the university's website closer to the time.		
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Hexham Book Fair – Adrian Hon – You’ve been Played – How Corporations, Governments and Schools Use Games to Control Us All Date: 23 April Time: 2:30 – 3:30pm Location: Theatre, Queen’s Hall, Beaumont Street Tickets: £5 (discounted rate for QEHS students when you use the code HBFQE) Adrian Hon, founder of games developer Six Start, has observed first-hand how computer gaming technology has been adopted and adapted by governments, schools and global corporations to monitor, coerce or strip us of cash. Points, badges and leaderboards are creeping into every aspect of modern life, whether it's Uber drivers being set “challenges” to keep them at the wheel, or warehouses that make shelf-stacking into a competition in which the fastest are rewarded and the slowest sacked, all are part of society’s increasing gamification. These are games that we often have no choice but to play, where losing has heavy penalties. Armed with some startling data, Hon asks what can be done to prevent us from playing our way into a soft-lock dystopia. Illustrated talk. REMEMBER: Sixth formers must bring their lanyards to the event; years 9 – 11 can show ClassCharts on their phone or their QE planner as proof. One ticket per student.		

The Big Help Out

The Hexham Wombles have signed up to *The Big Help Out* as part of the Coronation weekend's celebration of community volunteers, as proposed by HRH King Charles III. <https://thebighelpout.org.uk/>

Please come along and join them on The Corbridge Road, meeting at Hewson Court car park at **11am on Saturday 13 May**. The Wombles are amazing and really do make a difference to our communities...please do support if you can.

Contact the Hexham Wombles via Facebook or email suzannehappierhexham@gmail.com.

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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University of Nottingham - Mathematics & Mathematical Modelling in Understanding & Tackling Food Shortages with Nottingham (KS5; virtual)

Date: 26 April

Time: 4.15pm – 5.00pm

Professor Mathematical Biology Leah Band from the University of Nottingham will examine **Mathematical Modelling of Food Shortages**, asking ‘How can we maintain crop yields in the face of climate change?’ Leah will describe how mathematical modelling is helping to guide sustainable food production in the face of climate change, focusing on crop growth and water availability as well as modelling to identify crop varieties requiring less fertiliser and water. She will describe how these mathematical models are contributing to guiding experimental research and crop breeding.

To register, click [here](#).

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University of East Anglia - Monetary Policy – Interest Rates & Inflation

Date: 27 April

Time: 12.45pm – 1.30pm

Dr James Watson from the University of East Anglia will consider monetary policy – interest rates & inflation, exploring what the goals of monetary policy are and the challenges our central banks face when deciding how high to let interest rates rise.

To register, click [here](#)

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Get into Law Conferences

You are invited to attend a full guide to the UCAS process for law degrees, where a judge will provide their insight into what you need to stand out in a highly competitive application pool. Topics covered in the conference include:

- Life as a law student, solicitor, barrister, and judge
- Legal myth-busting
- Application timeline
- CV, extracurricular activities, and transferable skills for law
- UCAS – key components to be aware of
- Personal statements
- Interviews

- Entrance exams: LNAT, Cambridge/Oxford Law Exam

Tickets: £15

Dates:

Saturday 23 April (9:30am - 2pm)

Sunday 24 April (9:30am - 2pm)

Saturday 13 May (9:30am - 2pm)

Sunday 14 May (9:30am - 2pm)

Saturday 10 June (9:30am - 2pm)

Sunday 11 June (9:30am - 2pm)

To register, click [here](#).

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Durham University Undergraduate Pre-Application Open Days

The undergraduate pre-application open days are a great way to explore the university and city, our colleges, academic departments, and all the opportunities we offer to our students.

Date: Friday 16 and Saturday 17 June 2023

Booking window closes: 12pm, 14 June

To book your place, click [here](#).

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Oxford University Residential Week – Spaces Still Available

Oxford University is welcoming applications from students who are considering making an Oxford application next term to join our residential programme in Oxford in June. This is for Year 12 state school students from the North East of England (Northumberland to Darlington).

You will spend three nights in Oxford around the June open days and take part in application workshops, academic taster sessions, explore the city and meet current students at the university. All accommodation and meal costs are provided free of charge, and free coach travel will be provided to and from the North East.

The deadline for applications is the end of April. If you'd like to apply, click [here](#).

If you are thinking of making an Oxford application next term, and would like to ask any questions, do email me at Outreach@St-Annes.oc.ac.uk. I may have met some of you if I was in your school in March, but I work for St Anne's College – one of the colleges linked to schools in your region.

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Newcastle University – Open Days

Dates: 23 & 24 June

The open days will give you the chance to:

- tour our campus and facilities
- view our accommodation
- meet academics and chat to our staff
- join subject sessions
- explore our student services and much more

On the 23 June there is also the option for you to visit the teacher's lounge and meet members of the outreach team.

There is also a visit bursary available to cover travel costs of getting to campus.

To book, click [here](#).

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University of East Anglia – Is the world becoming a better place? Thinking about global poverty.

Date: 2 May

Time: 14:00 – 15:00

In this interdisciplinary *Think Tank* we consider significant improvements in the standard of living for some versus pervasive poverty in many countries across the globe. In a lively and challenging debate guided by the audience's live and pre-submitted questions/arguments, we will explore global issues of rising food prices and energy costs, geopolitical challenges and the widening gap between the rich and the poor.

The interdisciplinary panel includes Maren Duvendack, professor of evaluation in economics, Dr Caitlin Scott, an anthropologist with expertise in the politics and ethics of development practice and management, and Dr Heike Schroeder, professor of environmental governance.

This is suitable for groups and individuals and offers an engaging window on the complexity of understanding and, therefore, tackling global poverty.

To register, 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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Durham University - Level 7 Apprentice in Archives & Records Management

Durham University is currently investigating the possibility of employing a Level 7 Apprentice in Archives & Records Management from September 2023. This position would see an apprentice employed full time (35hrs per week) at a competitive salary.

The role will be based at the University's Archives & Special Collections (ASC) based at Palace Green Library, Durham City and would be a fixed term contract for 3.5 years. This would involve 4 days per week working as part of the ASC team at Palace Green and the other day undertaking structured learning from an accredited learning provider. There will also be the opportunity for regular, fully paid for, travel to other archives across the country to meet up with apprentices from other institutions.

On completion of the apprenticeship the successful candidate will gain an equivalent to a Post-Graduate Diploma in Archives & Records Management and be a qualified archivist. Starting salaries for qualified archivists currently begin at c. £31,000 pa.

You can read more about the Level 7 Archives & Records Management Apprenticeship by clicking [here](#).

We are seeking interest for this post from students who will complete their A-Levels, BTECs or IB this year.

If you are interested, the university is offering the opportunity to come for a visit to give you the opportunity to look at their amazing collections, to meet members of our team and discover if this apprenticeship is something which would interest you.

Any student who would like to visit should contact Matthew McMurray, Senior Manager: Archives & Special Collections matthew.mcmurray@durham.ac.uk. Please make sure that you copy in your parent/guardian or a teacher to the e-mail you send.

If enough interest is received and the role goes ahead an advert will be published in late June 2023.

Arnold Clark – Apprentice Customer Service Advisor

Arnold Clark (Hexham) is recruiting for customer focused individuals to join the aftersales department as an Apprentice Aftersales Customer Advisor. As an apprentice, you will work towards a Digital Application Support SCQF Level 6 qualification all while gaining invaluable hands-on experience, enhancing our customers journey.

You will also receive:

- A mentor to support you in the workplace.
- A dedicated training and development coach to support your learning journey.
- Full training on all 'in-house' and external systems and applications.
- Your own uniform.
- Help to achieve your driving licence in your second year of training with free lessons and two attempts at your test.
- All Arnold Clark benefits, including private healthcare, retail discounts and generous holiday allowance.

Salary: £14,703

Location: Hexham

Hours: 39 hrs/week

As an apprentice, you will be working in all areas of the aftersales department, giving you a full and well-rounded understanding of how the department works together. The aim is to deliver an excellent customer experience, both digitally and face to face, so it's no surprise you will be communicating with customers through different channels. This will allow you to enhance your digital skills by using multiple platforms and becoming an expert in application software, devising solutions and providing help and support to colleagues to relieve the pressure on the technical IT help desk. You'll also receive training on how car parts work and which vehicles they work with.

Training is designed to break down the customer journey and give you a good understanding on how you can deliver a great experience for our customers. Enhancing the customer digital journey is key to the company's success. The role will primarily involve customer interaction, but you will also engage with workshop technicians to provide parts for the vehicles they are working on.

This role would be suited to someone who is a good communicator, well organised, self-motivated and keen to deliver a good experience for our customers.

Day-to-day duties

- Reviewing and planning workloads and checking for accurate and detailed information.
- Liaising with the workshop to ensure they have their required parts.
- Receipting, issuing, and controlling stock.
- Taking care of customers that are bringing in their vehicles for service/repair.
- Identifying parts required and sourcing parts using parts catalogues and internal systems.
- Communicating with customers on the progress of their vehicle.
- Advising of any faults or repairs required and providing clear and accurate solutions.
- Preparing customer reports and invoices.

Essential skills

- You must have gained or be working towards GCSE 4 – 9 in maths, English and one other subject (or accredited equivalent).
- Good levels of literacy and numeracy.
- Strong communication skills.
- An interest in developing your digital knowledge and skills.
- A passion for great customer service.

- Willingness to learn and listen to instructions.
- Ability to build good relationships with your team and other departments.
- Ability to ask questions and learn quickly on the job.
- Willing to use your own initiative.

In return, you'll receive extensive training and a qualification which will help you to build a rewarding career. You'll also receive one of the best employee benefits packages in the industry including great staff retail discounts, opportunities to review your wage three times per year, help to achieve your driving license and preferential rates on new and used cars.

To apply, click [here](#).

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Meet the Russell Group Webinars (Cambridge, Oxford, Durham, Newcastle Universities)

Dates: 25, 26, 27 April

The webinars will run either **during an afternoon (12:00 - 13:30 pm) or evening session (18:00 - 19:30 pm)** and cover topics such as personal statements & applying to an RG University, researching university options and student life, as well as a special session for international students. This is an incredible opportunity for students considering applying for Cambridge, Oxford, Durham, Newcastle or any of the 24 Russell Group Universities.

To register, click [here](#).

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UK University & Apprenticeship Search Fair

This exciting and informative event will provide attendees with the opportunity to speak to a multitude of universities including; Russell Group, red brick, specialist and modern universities. Students will also be able to talk to a variety of the UK's best apprenticeship providers, HE colleges, specialist institutions, and student related organisations. The fair is for students of all abilities and aims to widen participation as well as cater for higher academic achievers.

Date: 6 October 2023

Time: 9.30pm

Location: St James' Park

To book, email amy@ukuniversitysearch.co.uk

Careers and Work Experience

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Get into Medicine – Free medical work experience session: General Practice

All medical schools require a record of work experience, so it is recommended that all aspiring doctors complete this session. When you complete all 6 sessions of the free work experience programme, you will be awarded a Work Experience Certificate to add to your UCAS application.

To register, click [here](#).

To fully contextualise your work experience in your UCAS application, students are required to attend a free virtual Get into Medicine conference on Sunday 23 April (2:00pm - 7:30pm) with Dr Laura and Dr Mike and or Saturday 29 April (2:00pm - 7:30pm) with Dr Barrie and Dr Ehsan.

To register, click [here](#).

The hosts of the Get into Medicine conference are NHS doctors and UCAS experts who will equip your students with the skills and resources they need to get into medicine. This includes:

- How to Make the Most Out of Medical Work Experience
- CV Building
- Medical Personal Statements
- Medical School Interviews
- Perspectives from Recently Successful and Current Applicants
- How to access Medical Awards, Prizes, Leadership Programmes, and Scholarships to study Medicine at University.

All attendees are free to ask questions throughout the conference. Accessing free medical work experience and advice is crucial to inspiring students to consider a career in medicine, so I'm very grateful to you for spreading the word.

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Wecan – Volunteer Opportunities (casual contracts/flexible working)

Wecan is a registered charity supporting children, young people and adults with additional needs from birth onwards. We are currently recruiting support workers to work in our children and young people's service on Saturdays and during school holidays.

Experience of working with children and young people and an NVQ (or equivalent) in a childcare related subject is desirable but not essential, as a comprehensive programme of training is provided.

Whilst applications are open to candidates aged 16 or over, we are particularly interested in older applicants with experience of working with children and young people with additional needs in either an educational or support setting.

Hours:

- Term Time Saturdays – 11am to 3pm approximately (3.5 hours)
- Easter Holidays and Half Term Holidays (Feb, May & Oct) – one day each week 9.30am to 3.30pm
- Summer Holidays – three days per week for five weeks – 9.30am to 3.30pm

Pay: £8.15 - £10.50 (depending on age/experience)

For more information or to request an application pack, please contact: Hayley Armstrong, Service Manager on 01434 214001 or email Hayley@wecanenable.co.uk

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University of East Anglia – Modern Languages: Interpreting & Subtitling with UEA Date: 26 April Time: 12:45 – 13:45 <p>Dr Sharon Black, lecturer in interpreting and translation, and Dr Carlos De Pablos-Ortega, associate professor in Spanish, will consider ways in which participants can use their knowledge of other languages and cultures to translate foreign language films via the creation of subtitles, and to interpret for others.</p> <p>Through practical examples, Sharon and Carlos will explore the linguistic, intercultural and transferrable skills that subtitlers and interpreters need and some of the main challenges they face, as well as considering the latest technologies that subtitlers and interpreters use.</p> <p>To register, click here.</p>		
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Global Bridge – Connect with Employers, Further Education & Training Providers <p>Previously, we have shared information about a platform called Global Bridge that helps students connect with employers and further education or training providers. We would encourage students to create their profile and then update the notifications to specify they are looking for work experience opportunities.</p> <p>Please use this link to access Global Bridge's website.</p> <p>We will be discussing Global Bridge in the next year 12 assembly on Monday 24 April.</p> <p>Upcoming event – Bridge the Gap Series Friday 23 June - Siemens – Are you a future engineer? International Women in Engineering Day To register for this event, click here.</p> <p>Students can identify a radius of travel as well as the different sectors they are interested in. All students will have previously been sent a Global Bridge welcome email allowing them to set up their profile. If they need to have this re-sent please let us know by email to careers@gehs.net.</p>		