



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 12

Work Experience

We now have a more comprehensive list of employers who are willing for us to share the fact that they have previously taken students for work experience. If you are still trying to find employers to approach please go to see Joanne in the Curriculum office (B floor Hydro) and she will be able to filter the list of employers by postcode or type of employment for you.

Year 12

Journalism Opportunity with The Telegraph

Deadline 5pm tomorrow! We publicised this on Instagram earlier in the week and Rebecca promoted in assembly, but if you missed it, The Telegraph are running a 4-week online programme in March 2022, in which students can learn about journalism and many other media roles. Students from all subjects are welcome.

See flyer in **Appendix I** for full details. You can apply [here](#). **The deadline is 5pm on Friday 12th November (tomorrow!).**

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 13

Destination Northumbria

Destination Northumbria is designed to support students to develop the skills and knowledge to be prepared for undergraduate study. Successful completion of the programme will enable students to **earn 8 Destination Northumbria points, which are equivalent to UCAS tariff points when applying to Northumbria University**. As part of the programme students will need to satisfactorily engage in the online e-mentoring programme and attend the on campus conference.

If interested, please watch the **introduction video**: <https://vimeo.com/642363365/59b612bc48>

Applications are now open! Visit the website for further information and to check if you are eligible: <https://www.northumbria.ac.uk/study-at-northumbria/information-for-schools-and-colleges/supported-entry-schemes/destination-northumbria>

If interested, complete the application form: <https://data.heat.ac.uk/event/apply/northumbria/destination-northumbria-2021>. **Applications close on the 17th December at 17:00.**

To find out more about the programme, [please visit the website](#) or get in touch on Destination.Northumbria@northumbria.ac.uk

University: Super-curricular
You may be interested in these upcoming events.

Year 12 & 13

Newcastle University Online Events

Please see details of online events hosted by Newcastle University. These can be accessed at any time.

- Where could your A Levels take you? <https://www.unitasterdays.com/events/event/60989/where-could-your-a-levels-take-you-online-resource>
- Protein Synthesis: From the bases of DNA to the quaternary structure of a protein, discover how proteins are synthesised and have a go at building your own 3D polypeptide with paper and paperclips. <https://www.unitasterdays.com/events/event/60980/protein-synthesis-online-resource>
- Zoological Discoveries: Explore the difference between zoology and biology with a focus on key areas such as conservation and physiology as well as an interactive quiz. <https://www.unitasterdays.com/events/event/60981/zoological-discoveries-online-resources>
- A Future in Maths: This presentation will give you an insight into the doors that studying mathematics and statistics can open. <https://www.unitasterdays.com/events/event/60990/a-future-in-maths-online-resource>
- Introduction to Agriculture: The Future of Farms. <https://www.unitasterdays.com/events/event/60979/introduction-to-agriculture-future-of-our-farms>

Year 12 & 13

Careers with PwC

During November, PwC are running a number of career insight sessions, open to all students, parents and carers. You'll hear career insights from their people, including what they do as a business and the range of career opportunities for school leavers. You'll also have the opportunity to hear from some of their recent joiners from the flying Start and School/College Leaver programmes. For more information, visit:

[Virtual Classroom - Career Insights events.](#)

Forthcoming dates are:

- Monday 15th November, 5-6pm
- Thursday 18th November, 5-6:30pm (PwC's Virtual Park)
- Tuesday 23rd November, 5-6pm
- Thursday 25th November, 5-6pm

Sign up [here](#).

Lancaster University

- Lancaster University are hosting an Open Day on Saturday 20th November. To book your place, visit: <https://www.lancaster.ac.uk/study/open-days/undergraduate-open-days/>
- They have a range of talks, directed at different year groups, which you can see in **Appendix 2**.
- They have forthcoming subject taster sessions:

| Subject | Date | Time | Event link |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------|---|
| Politics & International Relations | 24 th November | 17:00 – 17:45 | Politics & IR Taster Session and Q&A: An Introduction to British Politics |
| Sports & Exercise Science | 1 st December | 17:00 – 17:45 | Sports & Exercise Science Taster Session and Q&A: Improving the nation's health |
| LICA: Fine Arts | 8 th December | 17:00 – 17:45 | Fine Art Taster Session and Q&A: Drawing in Art and Science |
| Linguistics & English Language | 8 th December | 13:30 – 14:30 | Linguistics and English Language Taster Session: Forensic Linguistics. |

Careers in Rail

Years 11, 12 & 13

There is a common misconception that the rail industry jobs consists of manual labour and shift work, and it's traditionally been a male-dominated work environment. [Routes into Rail](#) is a programme run on behalf of the whole rail sector, who are keen to dispel these myths and demonstrate that rail is a truly welcoming and inclusive place for all to work in.

Over the last 5 years, there has been an increase in women undertaking roles such as senior business managers, train drivers and electrical engineering in rail. The workforce has seen the percentage of females entering the rail sector grow from 8% to 17%. They want to aim towards a 50/50 gender split. They would like you to consider the huge range of roles in this vast and growing industry.

Rail needs not only engineers and train drivers, but also employees with skills in digital to prepare us for the future. There are environmental jobs, as rail carefully plans its expansion through the countryside. There are communications, customer service, commercial roles – this list goes on. Visit the [website](#) for more information.

Years 11, 12 & 13

You may be interested in these **online talks** in the coming weeks:

- **November 15 @ 15:35 - 16:20** Robotics/Artificial Intelligence: Achieving Human-like Perception, Computation & Reasoning - Tutorial - Sheffield (KS5). Dr Dana Damian from Sheffield will lead students in a discussion about the current and future development of robotics/AI and has now provided a stimulating scene setting recording in advance to guide students' thinking. [Find out more »](#)
- **November 17 @ 09:10 - 10:10** insight4me Physics: Fields - Examining Cutting Edge Research with UEA & Sheffield (KS5). Sheffield and UEA will take a deep look at Fields, considering quantum fields in relation to 'growing a universe' and developing new materials, respectively. [Find out more »](#)
- **November 24 @ 16:15 - 17:15** Literature, Drama & Creative Writing: Scriptwriting Creative Workshop - UEA (KS5). Playwright Ben Musgrave will focus on techniques and approaches for creating vivid and meaningful dramatic worlds. In the session students will have the opportunity to write a dramatic scene and discuss the essence and impact of their writing. [Find out more »](#)

Note: You may not miss lessons to attend these talks but if you are interested and unable to attend owing to lessons, please contact Channel Talent to see if you can obtain a recording of the talks. The contact form is on their website: <https://www.channeltalent.co.uk/>

Years 11, 12 & 13

Newcastle University's Public Lecture Series continues this month:

- **Thursday 25 November, 5.30pm**
[New voices on arts, humanities and social sciences](#)
Three early-career researchers from the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences at Newcastle University will have the opportunity to deliver a Public Lecture, describing their cutting-edge research.
- **Tuesday 30 November, 5.30pm**
[Perspectives and understandings of 'good farming'](#)
Dr Amy Proctor, Newcastle University

Work Experience / Volunteering

Years 11, 12 & 13

Online Alternative to Medical Work Experience

Observe GP is an alternative to work experience for aspiring medics aged 16 and over, who are living in the UK. It is a free interactive video platform providing insights into the role of a GP and the wider primary care team. <https://www.rcgp.org.uk/training-exams/discover-general-practice/observe-gp.aspx>

Year 12

Accountancy Work Experience

Stokoe Rodgers Chartered Accountants in Hexham would consider offering work experience to Year 12 students. If this is something you are interested in, please contact Sarah Sunderland on SSunderland@qehs.net

Years 11, 12 & 13

Local Volunteering Opportunities

There is a new Hexham Volunteer Hub website: <https://www.teamhexham.co.uk/>
Current volunteering opportunities are listed here: <https://www.teamhexham.co.uk/listings/>

Not Going to Uni?

Year 13

Year 14

Tax/Accountancy Vacancies

Stokoe Rodgers Chartered Accountants in Hexham have an immediate vacancy within their 'Making Tax Digital' (MTD) team.

There are potentially two further jobs available in their accounts and tax departments for summer 2022.

Entry Requirements: They are open to discuss opportunities with pupils who have finished their GCSEs (GCSE Maths and English minimum level 5) and A Levels (3 A Levels with a preferred minimum of C Grade). As well as a strong academic record they are looking for individuals who are hardworking and conscientious.

Job Description and Training Provided: The Making Tax Digital role will involve supporting the Accountant with the completion of quarterly VAT returns, bookkeeping, transaction processing, bank reconciliations and producing profit and loss accounts.

Training will include working towards the AAT or ATT qualification. Further training up to Chartered Accountant level may be available for the right individual.

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 13

Year 14

Apprenticeships: Prudhoe

Essity in Prudhoe operate a highly respected apprenticeship programme which has gathered much publicity over the years. They require a substantial number of apprentices every year in order to keep their business going.

There are 15 apprenticeship vacancies, to start in September 2022 – please see **Appendix 3** for full details and how to apply. These vacancies are all for students aged 18 or above.

Year 12 & 13

Useful Apprenticeship Guide

For those of you considering an apprenticeship, please see [here](#) a very useful Sixth Form Activity Pack for Apprenticeships.

Years 11, 12 & 13

Virtual National Apprenticeship Show, North

The Virtual National Apprenticeship Show takes place on **Wednesday 17th November**, 11am – 6pm. Full details are in this [information pack](#), including information on:

- What is an apprenticeship?
- What are the different levels of apprenticeships and what do they mean?
- Research & Plan
- Full list of exhibitors
- Clickable links to exhibitors' websites

Note: You may not miss lessons to attend.

Years 11, 12 & 13

UCAS/Discovery Apprenticeships Fair

Tuesday 30 November, 10:00 – 18:00

We publicised this last week, but just a reminder that this takes place at the end of the month if you can't attend the one above, which is next week. This UCAS/Discovery Apprenticeships Fair will help you to:

- Decide if an apprenticeship is right for you
- Speak to employers about their apprenticeship programmes
- Start the search for the perfect apprentice role

Full agenda here: <https://www.ucas.com/node/404796/view/agenda> and to reserve your ticket go to: <https://www.ucas.com/apprenticeships-fair>

Top picks from the agenda are:

- **What two top employers look for in an apprentice** | 10:45 - 11:25
- **Apprenticeships 101** | 12:15 - 12:55
- **Impactful applications with PwC** | 15:10 - 15:40
- **Real life apprenticeship stories** | 16:40 - 17:10

Note: You may not miss lessons to attend this event but you can attend in your non-contact time, or contact them to see if there will be recordings of sessions that you can access afterwards.

Year 14

Plant Mechanics Apprenticeship, County Durham

Please see **Appendix 4** for details of a Plant Mechanics Apprenticeship, based in County Durham.

Note: you require a driving licence for this.



The Telegraph Media Literacy Programme supported by the Careers Office

Purpose :

This exciting programme will help you find out more about what it is like to be a journalist, the industry, and how we get our news. This programme will also help you get more information on how to get into journalism and other Media roles.

You will learn about the importance and value of trusted responsible news.

Content :

Lots of talks, presentations and activities involving editors from the worlds of sport, fashion, travel, politics, pictures, music, video, Snapchat etc...

When:

There will be 4 online sessions starting 1st March 2022. These will be online. Sessions start at 4pm - 5pm every Tuesday.

Programme Ends:

Taking part in all 4 sessions means you receive a Telegraph School Journalism Certificate. This will help with your CV and career planning.

For the student who shows the most commitment there is an opportunity to win a £100 Amazon or Asos voucher.

HOW to APPLY

As a cover letter for your application we would like you to write 100 words on why you would like to take part.

You will need to submit your application to us via our careers site, linked [here](#). Please ensure to use your school email address, and to state the name and location of your school.

We're open for applications until 5 pm on Friday 12th November 2021.

Your school and yourself will be notified of next steps.

Appendix 2



Pre-application

* = also suitable or can be tailored for post-application

** = also available as a talk for parents and supporters

| Session title | Aimed at | Suggested length | Brief synopsis |
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| Applying to Competitive Universities | Year 12 | 30 minutes | This talk covers what makes a university or course competitive, and top tips for making an application stand out. |
| Choosing a Course and University** | Year 12 | 45 minutes | This talk will help your students in their decision about what course to study and where to study it. |
| Getting Started on Your EPQ | Year 12 | 60 minutes | In this session, we encourage students to consider what makes a successful EPQ project, including choosing a project and title and how to gather sources. |
| Getting Started on Your Personal Statement | Year 12 | 45 minutes | Students will be asked to consider what makes a good personal statement, using examples. They will then be given advice on what to include in each section. |
| Making the Most of Higher Education Fairs | Year 12 | 30 minutes | Students can be overwhelmed by UCAS fairs and higher education conventions, so we have designed this webinar to advise on what to ask at a UCAS fair and to offer practical tips for the day. |
| Making the Most of Your Sixth Form Experience | Year 12 | 30 minutes | This talk outlines what year 12 students can do to help enrich their future, from undertaking the EPQ to student leadership, to volunteering and work experience. |
| Moving on to University | Year 10 + 11 | 45 minutes | This session looks at reasons why students might want to go to university, introducing them to the types of courses on offer and exploring how university is different to school, both in the way you study but also the extra opportunities available. |
| Studying in the North | Year 12* | 30 minutes | We will highlight the benefits of studying in the North of England and encourage students to consider location in general when choosing a university. |

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| Why Lancaster?*** | Year 12* | 30 minutes | Learn more about the courses we offer, our close-knit campus, the college system, and the financial support Lancaster University can provide. |
| Writing a Successful Personal Statement | Year 12 | 60 minutes | In this session, we will discuss what makes a good personal statement. We will provide a suggested structure, looking at examples from past personal statements, identifying good content points and common mistakes. |

Post-application

| Session title | Aimed at | | Brief synopsis |
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| Building Your Graduate Profile Whilst Studying | Year 13 | 45 minutes | If your students are worried about standing out in the graduate job market, they aren't alone. In this webinar, we will discuss both virtual and physical activities to help your students build a CV they can be proud of. |
| Getting Ready for Clearing** | Year 13 | 30 minutes | This talk covers what Clearing is and how it works. We will also dispel some common myths surrounding Clearing. |
| Preparing for University** | Year 13 | 45 minutes | We will advise students on applying for finance and accommodation as well as offering practical advice on how to prepare for going to university. |
| Staying Well at University | Year 13 | 60 minutes | Starting at university can be a big adjustment for students. We will offer advice on physical, mental, financial and academic wellbeing, as well as highlight the support offered by Lancaster University. |
| Student Finance and Budgeting** | Year 13 | 45 minutes | In this session, we look at what financial support is available, how to apply for finance and repayments. We also offer advice on budgeting and encourage students to consider money saving techniques whilst at university. |
| Student Life and Accommodation | Year 13 | 45 minutes | We highlight student life at Lancaster University and all the opportunities our students get involved in. We will also outline our award-winning accommodation. |

General

| Session title | Aimed at | Suggested length | Brief synopsis |
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| Interview Skills | Year 12 + 13 | 45 minutes | Students will learn about different interview types for both university and employment and what interviewers are looking for. We also offer practical advice for attending an interview, in person or virtually. |
| Presentation Skills | Year 12 + 13 | 45 minutes | In this session, we will look at what makes a good visual aid, how to be engaging and what not to do when presenting. |
| Study Skills | Year 12 + 13 | 45 minutes | Studying at university can be very different to studying at school, sixth form or college. In this session, we will share key skills students they will need to succeed in post-16 study and beyond to university. |

MANUFACTURING PROCESS APPRENTICE (15 POSITIONS AVAILABLE) Prudhoe Mill

Is full time study not your thing? But not sure what job to do? Do you want to earn money and gain some extra qualifications? Keen to stay local to Prudhoe?

At Essity we manufacture and sell products that are used every day, we break taboos and challenge convention, all with the intention of breaking down barriers to health and well-being globally.

We own and manufacture many leading brands. Cushelle toilet tissue and Plenty kitchen roll are two of our leading tissue brands, both manufactured in the UK.

We want you to help us maintain production of these essential products for the future and create new innovative ways of working. Join us as a **Manufacturing Process Apprentice** and you will gain the skills to make a positive contribution to our business and reach your full potential.

About the role

You may be surprised how complex the end-to-end process is to make a roll of toilet roll. At our Prudhoe site we make enough tissue to stretch to Newcastle every 10 minutes, and enough to reach the moon and back twice every year.

Join Essity as a Manufacturing **Process Apprentice** at our Prudhoe site and you will have the opportunity to develop the skills and knowledge to contribute to our manufacturing processes. With a strong history of recruiting and developing apprenticeships, you will join an experienced team with a passion for coaching new members of the team.

We're looking for people who embody our values, aren't afraid to challenge, innovate, experiment, and move at a fast pace. We're always looking for ways to improve our products and ourselves. If this is you, we'd love to talk.

What you will do

Over 18 months you will follow the Maintenance Engineering Technology standard which includes a BTEC level 2 qualification in Manufacturing. This will be delivered as on-the-job training with support from a tutor at our local partner college.

You will also have support from a dedicated mentor and the opportunity to study modules in Essity's global Manufacturing Academy, a bespoke training programme.

Your work-based learning will focus on:

- how to operate the machinery both effectively and safely
- understanding key manufacturing systems, including an awareness of production costs.
- how to undertake maintenance of the machine including some mechanical responsibilities
- completing audits
- how to ensure production meets quality standards

On completion of your apprenticeship, you will be ready for a manufacturing operations role.

Who are you?

We would love to hear from you if you can show the following.

A minimum of GCSE grade 3/D (predicted or already achieved) in maths, English (and also preferably in science)

A working knowledge of Microsoft Office products

You can solve problems independently and as part of a team

You can communicate and work well with others

You like to challenge yourself and prove to yourself you can achieve things

This is a shift-based role; therefore, you'll need to be 18 years old by the start date. The attractive shift pattern allows you to work four 12-hour shifts (two days and two nights) followed by six days off.

This role will start in September 2022.

What we can offer you

In return we offer an excellent starting salary (above the national minimum apprentice wage), plus annual bonus opportunity, competitive pension scheme, health cash plan, workwear, and personal protective equipment (PPE). Apply now so you don't lose out on this fantastic opportunity.

At Essity, we embrace the individual and recognise the remarkable power that can be harnessed when different ideas, backgrounds, experiences, and perspective come together. If you apply for a job at Essity, you can be sure that the only criteria we consider for selection is professional experience, qualifications, key job-related attributes and working values.

At Essity, we believe every career is as unique as the individual and empower employees to reach their full potential in a winning culture motivated by a powerful purpose.

Collaborative and Inclusive Culture | Empowering & Engaged Leaders | Working with Powerful Purpose & Sustainable Impact | Learning and Growing in your Career | Supporting Well-being & Sustainable Working Life | Life-changing Innovations | Competitive Total rewards

APPLY HERE



Scan our QR code or go to www.Essity.com/careers to apply today!



Apprentice Plant Mechanic x2



LOCATION: WEST CORNFORTH, DURHAM

Banks Plant Solutions provides plant and equipment service, maintenance, and management for businesses across the North East of England, Cumbria and North Yorkshire.

As part of The Banks Group, Banks Plant Solutions benefits from more than 40 years' experience owning, maintaining, and managing a diverse fleet of heavy plant, construction, and ancillary equipment.

We employ our 'maintenance with care' ethos, thorough high-quality plant maintenance, to a wide range of industries and sectors. We have an experienced and skilled mobile plant and equipment engineering team have extensive experience with many original equipment manufacturers' machinery including Caterpillar, Komatsu, Volvo, and JCB. Our team regularly work on equipment ranging from large 500 tonne hydraulic excavators to small ancillary plant.

APPRENTICES BENEFIT FROM:

- Continuing professional development, including training opportunities
- Generous annual leave increasing with length of service, plus public holidays
- Company pension scheme
- Health and wellbeing discounts
- New car discounts with certain dealerships

THE OPPORTUNITY:

An exciting opportunity has arisen for two Apprentice Plant Mechanics to join the Banks Plant Solutions team. The successful applicants will have a keen interest in heavy plant and machinery.

The Apprentice Plant Mechanics will undertake a programme of learning both theoretical and practical to develop their skills and knowledge to eventually be able to carry out repairs and maintenance to the plant equipment in a safe, responsible, and efficient manner. This will include attending college in block release to obtain a NVQ Levels 2 and 3 in Land Based Engineering and demonstrating skills and competencies in our multi-disciplined Workshop.

The apprenticeship covers all the essential skills and principles you will need to become a highly skilled Plant Mechanic and you will learn how to diagnose, service and repair machines and heavy plant equipment, including from interim repairs through to component and full machine rebuilds.

You will also study everything from basic fundamental engineering skills to hydraulics, engine, drive train and electrical systems.

KEY DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Perform repairs and assigned preventative maintenance services.
2. Perform inspections, diagnosis, and repair of all systems on all mobile and static plant equipment.
3. Complete required paperwork utilising business supplied equipment and software program associated with repairing equipment, documenting parts usage, and accounting for repair times.
4. Provide assistance to the workshop and field service engineering team.
5. Conduct safety checks on vehicles and equipment.
6. Remain committed to completing the Level 3 qualification in accordance with the apprenticeship guidelines.

WORKING ENVIRONMENT:

The Apprentice Mechanic will spend most of their working day in our West Cornforth based Workshop. There will be a requirement to travel to complete the level 3 qualification in Plant Mechanics. The role involves completing educational commitments as well as a structured work-based programme and evidence-based portfolio.

REQUIRED EDUCATION, SKILLS AND QUALIFICATIONS:

You will require a minimum of GCSE of equivalent Grade C in both English & Mathematics.

A full valid UK drivers licence.

PERSONAL QUALITIES/COMPETENCIES:

- Effective communication, both verbally and non-verbally
- Safety and Environmental awareness
- Good level of mechanical dexterity
- Strong attention to detail
- Willingness to learn.
- Dedication to learning and the apprenticeship programme.

IMPORTANT DATES:

The deadline for applications is Tuesday 30th November 2021

To apply please send a curriculum vitae and covering letter detailing your relevant experience to: Human Resources, The Banks Group, Inkerman House, St John's Road, Meadowfield, Durham, DH7 8XL, or by email to: applications@banksgroup.co.uk

For further information contact The Banks Group Human Resources Department on 0191 378 6100.

The Banks Group is committed to equality of opportunity.