



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

Universities are currently holding their second and final round of open days. Year 13s who are applying this year or next should use this opportunity to refine their thinking. Here is a link to the open days calendar

<https://www.opendays.com/calendar/>

Year 13 students who need to take a university entrance exam for their chosen degree/university were asked in assembly to go to the exams office (B floor of the hydro) to arrange their entry.

Key Dates

Tuesday 19th 8:45 -9:15 – Year 12 assembly

Thursday 21st 8:45 -9:15 – Year 13 assembly

Thursday 21st Period Two – Year 13 Personal Development session on staying safe when you are out.

Thursday 21st Period Two – Year 12 Personal Development – all students have the opportunity to listen to a session on study techniques delivered by Northumbria university over the next half term. The students who will be attending this week's session will be contacted directly by text to let them know which classrooms to come to.

Sixth Form Bursary

The 16-19 Bursary Fund is funding the Government has given to schools, colleges and other education and training providers to give to students who need financial help to stay in education. A student must be aged 16 or over but under 19 at 31 August 2023 to be eligible for help from the bursary fund in the 2023 to 2024 academic year.

There are two types of 16-19 bursaries:

- bursaries for defined vulnerable groups of up to £1,200 a year.
- discretionary bursaries that institutions award to meet individual needs. These may cover items such as travel, books, equipment, trips, meals or specialist clothing.

If you think you may be eligible and would like to apply, please visit <https://www.qebs.net/index.php/policies/>

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.

BSA Young Sociologist of the Year Competition 2023

The BSA's Young Sociologist of the Year Competition is open. Students are invited to take part in the annual sociology competition where the winner receives a fabulous Apple iPad Mini as well as £500 for their school!

Students aged 16-19 are invited to address the question:

'To what extent, and in what ways, is patriarchy alive and kicking?'

Entries are expected to refer to results obtained from their own primary method of research using a suitable sample. This could be an observation, an interview, a questionnaire based study. All research carried out for this competition has to abide the ethical guidelines of research, as stated in our [Statement of Ethical Practice](#). If you have any questions regarding the competition criteria, please contact the BSA Membership Team at enquiries@britsoc.org.uk

The BSA Young Sociologist of the Year Competition, is open to anyone currently studying at A level, A/S level, Scottish Higher Level or equivalent post-16 qualifications in Sociology and we encourage you to be as creative as possible with your answers!

The closing date for entries is Friday, 3 November 2023, 4pm

If you are interested in entering, please see Mrs Haigh or email chaigh@qehs.net

Channel Talent Virtual Talks**UCAS: Writing Standout Personal Statements - September 21 – UEA**

On 21st September, Lauren McWilliams and Harry Ward, Higher Education Advisers at University of East Anglia, will provide a practical guide to Personal Statements. The session will give students a head start with writing and honing their drafts in order to produce a standout application and a platform of confidence to move to the next stage.

- **September 21 @ 16:30 - 17:15 HE Guidance: Making Applying To University Easy - Writing A Standout Personal Statement - UEA (KS5) [Find out more »](#) [NEW]**

**Note: This session might be of interest for anyone in year 13 who would like a refresher on personal statement writing and is struggling to get started*

Politics/Geography/Economics: Aid & Development - Global South - Portsmouth - September 25

Dr Lana Chikhungu is Senior Lecturer in International Development Studies and Course Leader for the MSc International Development at University of Portsmouth. Lana's research examines population health and gender focusing on maternal health and child health in the Global South.

On 25 September, Lana will review the debates on how aid perpetuates the Global South's economic dependency on the Global North, asking the question Does Aid Really Benefit The Beneficiary?

- **September 25 @ 16:15 - 17:00 Politics/Geography/Economics: Rethinking Aid & Development In The Global South - University of Portsmouth (KS5) [Find out more](#) » [NEW]**

AI – University Perspectives & Debate – Glasgow & Sheffield (KS4 & KS5) - September 27

In this our *Think Tank* on 27th September, we consider the fast moving and ubiquitous development of Artificial Intelligence. In a lively and challenging debate guided by the audience's live and pre-submitted questions/arguments, we will explore the issues, technology, threats and opportunities of Artificial Intelligence. Our panel includes Dr Euan McGookin, Senior Lecturer (Autonomous Systems & Connectivity) at University of Glasgow and Dr Mike Smith, Research Fellow in the Department of Computer Science in the Machine Learning Group at The University of Sheffield. With introductory inputs from both speakers, the session will run using a 'Question Time' format.

September 27 @ 16:15 - 17:15 Artificial Intelligence – University Perspectives & Debate – Glasgow & Sheffield (KS4 & KS5) [Find out more](#) »

Psychopathology - Goldsmiths & UEA - 2 October

Dr Jo Bower, Lecturer in Psychology at UEA, will discuss the vital connection between sleep and mental health. Dr Lucy Oldfield, Senior Lecturer in Clinical Psychology at Goldsmiths, will then explore Behavioural Experiments used in Cognitive Behaviour Therapy (CBT) as part of treatment for OCD, other anxiety disorders, and for working with depression.

- **October 2 @ 11:00 - 12:00 insight4me Psychology: Psychopathology with UEA & Goldsmiths (KS5) [Find out more](#) » [NEW]**

This is a fabulous opportunity for Psychology and Health & Social Care students, joining individually or in groups.

English: The Relationship Between Creative & Critical Writing - UEA - 3 October

Dr Thomas Karshan from the University of East Anglia argues that, before the twentieth century, the distinction between creative writing and literary criticism was not so clear as it seems to us.

In his workshop on 3rd October, students will learn about and practice games of imitation, parody, and re-writing, demonstrating how these historic methods have formed the literature we study, and how students can use them in their own creation and criticism.

- **October 3 @ 10:30 - 11:30 English: The Relationship Between Creative & Critical Writing - UEA (KS5) [Find out more](#) » [NEW]**

History: English Revolution & Cold War - Goldsmiths Autumn History Series

Following the success of last year's Autumn History Series from Goldsmiths, we are very much looking forward to running a new series this term.

We begin with Dr George Bodie who presents 'The Cold War Then and Now', exploring the question 'what is a Cold War?' and revealing the disagreement between historians on this question. George will move on to understanding the relationship between the Cold War past and contemporary international relations.

- **September 28 @ 11:15 - 12:00 History: The Cold War Then And Now - Goldsmiths (KS5) [Find out more](#) » [NEW]**

Then, on October 3rd, Dr Ariel Hessayon examines arguably the most turbulent period in English history: 1641–1660. Ariel looks at how this period has been interpreted and the 'attempted marginalisation of radicalism during the English Revolution'. Ariel will explore radicalism during the English Revolution, presenting some alternative and insightful perspectives on the period.

- **October 3 @ 12:45 - 13:45 History: Radicalism During The English Revolution, 1641-1660 - Goldsmiths (KS5) [Find out more »](#) [NEW]**

Both sessions present an excellent opportunity for History students to engage with the debates that continue to engage Historians. The Cold War session will also be of Interest to Politics students seeking to further understand relations with Russia. Groups and individuals are very welcome.

Newcastle University - Mini Medical School 2023

Mini-Medical School runs every autumn and is open to anyone aged 15 and over.

The programme offers the public the chance to find out about exciting topics. This includes current research developments at the University.

Previous programmes have covered a range of exciting topics, including:

- anaesthetics
- dermatology
- emergency medicine
- medical scanning technology
- psychology
- pharmacy
- sport and exercise science

Times and dates

The Mini Medical School will be delivered online via Zoom.

Evening lectures will run on Thursdays 6-7pm:

- 02, 09, 16, 23 and 30 November 2023

We will also be running an additional "Applying to Medicine" session on 7 December.

Further details on how to join the online sessions will be sent out once your place has been confirmed.

For more information, please click [here](#)

Access Law Programme

By taking part in the Access Law Programme you will have access to interactive panel discussions, will learn more about what a career in law entails, be provided the skills and knowledge needed to navigate law firm recruitment processes, and learn tips for thriving at university and/or in the world of law.

The programme will be run virtually ensuring that all students, no matter their geographic location can benefit from the opportunity. Participants will require access to the internet, a computer/laptop or mobile device (such as tablet or mobile phone) to take part in this programme. All sessions will take place in school term-time and just after the school day meaning that participants have the option to join from home or school.

For more information, please click [here](#)

Summer Camp USA is Open

An All-American tradition, between June and August each year over a million children and teenagers attend summer camps in America for between 1-8 weeks. From coast to coast, Camp Directors hire likeminded 18-30-years-olds from all over the world to work as Camp Counsellors and Activity Specialists.

For more information, please 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).

Commis Chef Apprenticeship - Danielle's Bistro

What will the apprentice be doing?

The ideal candidate will be responsible for their own section creating and serving Desserts and Cold Starters.

Full training will be given to produce dishes that are on our current menu, once proficient the candidate will be encouraged to come up with dishes of their own with full support from the Head Chef.

As well as the culinary side the candidate will be responsible for the cleanliness and hygiene in their section, as well as being responsible for ordering stock on a daily basis and handing these orders to the Head Chef.

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

You will be completing the Level 2 Commis Chef apprenticeship which will require you to spend one day per week at Newcastle College.

For more information, please click [here](#)

Dental Nursing Apprenticeship - Battlehill Dental Practice

What will the apprentice be doing?

Setting up surgery

Working chairside

Preparing instruments and materials

Updating patient records

Carrying out sterilising duties

Covering reception

Supporting patients

Adhering to H&S

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

Level 3 Dental Nurse Apprenticeship

For more information, please click [here](#)

Careers and Work Experience

Investin Weekend Career Experience Opportunities

We are delighted to share with you autumn term career opportunities, which are available in 15 cutting-edge industries. Students will learn directly from some of the world's best professionals **through a series of live, interactive simulations which provide tailor-made professional experience to ages 12-18.**

All programmes take place on Sundays, with dates available from November to January. Students can choose to attend in-person at UCL in London or Live Online.

For more information, please click [here](#)

Access Accountancy Work Experience Opportunity at the National Audit Office In Newcastle

What is the Access Accountancy Scheme?

The one-week placement will take place during the half-term week, so from 30th October – 3rd November 2023 in Newcastle. Hours of work will be 9am – 5pm at the Newcastle office. Please only apply if you can be physically present in their Newcastle Office.

Successful candidates will gain experience of work in a highly respected, professional organisation. Moreover, you will gain an understanding of the skills and capability needed to become a Chartered Accountant and what a career in the accountancy profession can offer. You will particularly gain an insight into their work in both [Financial Audit](#) and [Value for Money](#). As a result of attending this scheme, NAO hope you will be incentivised to apply for their [apprenticeship or graduate trainee schemes](#), or similar programmes at other organisations.

Location: Newcastle

Start Dates: 30th October – 3rd November

Salary: Circa £19,500 pro-rated

You must be starting Year 13 in September 2023 to be eligible to apply

For more information, please click [here](#)