



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.



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Notices

Christmas Lunch

Year 13 lunch is 11.30am – 12.30pm. All year 13 students must attend P1 and either Personal Development or other scheduled lessons if you usually have one at this time. You may wear fancy dress if you wish and time to get into your costumes and take photos will happen at the end of Personal Development and the start of break.

Year 12 lunch is 12.30 – 1.30pm. You must attend all morning lessons. There is no PD session for you P2.

Christmas lunch is a ticketed event and only students who have prepaid for a Christmas lunch, or in advance have requested a ticket to allow them to eat their own packed lunch, will be able to attend. *You can still order and pay for your lunch via the School Gateway app.*

The Winter Gardens will be closed P2 to set up for lunch, as well as P3 and lunch time.

We are looking forward to celebrating with you!

Uni Life Talk (for both Yr 12 & Yr13)

Lucy Collier & Evie Bryden, former students, are coming to school on Tuesday 19 December share their experience about university life and what to expect. Evie is studying Medicine at Sheffield and Lucy is studying Geography at Lancaster. You can bring your lunch with you as the session will start just after 12.30pm in Conference Room 2.

University Applications

A number of students are starting to receive offers from universities, our advice is not to rush into making your firm and insurance choices, you don't have to do this until the summer term. When making your decisions it is important to look closely at the sometimes subtle differences between your offers, to make sure your insurance choice will offer you a safety-net and that you would be happy to study at both your firm and insurance choice. Wherever possible we encourage you to wait until you have your mock results before confirming.

Debating Club

Monday 12.30pm CB4

This house believes we should free the elves from slavery - come along to join in the debate or just listen.

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.*

Virtual Student Experience at Newcastle University

On Wednesday 17 January, 2024 (9am – 11.30am or 4pm – 6.30pm) you can join the Virtual Student Experience and discover what Newcastle University is really like – all from the comfort of your home!

During the virtual sessions they'll learn about:

- applying to Newcastle Uni
- PARTNERS – and how they could get a lower offer
- student finance
- health and wellbeing support
- living in Newcastle – a UK top 5 student city (QS Best Student Cities 2024)
- ...and much more

You can also take a virtual tour of our University buildings and state-of-the-art facilities on campus.

To sign up, please click [here](#)

What's On At University of Sunderland

Faculty of Health, Sciences and Wellbeing:

Occupation Matters- Occupational Therapy (Monday 18th December 2023) 1-3pm. Taking place on our City Campus. To find out more information and book, please visit: [Occupation Matters | The University of Sunderland](#)

Get Into Paramedic Science (Wednesday 24th January 2024) 4-7pm. Taking place on our City Campus. To find out more information and book, please visit: [Get Into Paramedic 2024 | The University of Sunderland](#)

Nursing Interview Skills Preparation (Wednesday 17th January 2024) 5:30-6:30pm. Taking place Online. To find out more information and book, please visit: [Nursing Interview Preparation Skills | The University of Sunderland](#)

Faculty of Education and Society:

Primary Education – Through the Key Stages and SEND (Wednesday 13th December 2023) 5-7pm. Taking place online. To find out more information and book, please visit: [Primary Education - Through The Key Stages and SEND | The University of Sunderland](#)

Unlocking Criminology (Wednesday 13th December 2023) 1-3pm. Taking place on our St Peters Campus. To find out more information and book, please visit: [Unlocking Criminology | The University of Sunderland](#)

Train To Teach Open Evening (Thursday 15th February 2024) 4-7pm. Taking place on our St Peters Campus. To find out more information and book, please visit: [Train to Teach Open Evening Thursday 15 February | The University of Sunderland](#)

Faculty of Business, Law and Tourism:

“Let the Games Begin” – Discover Esports Events Management (Monday 18th December 2023) 1-1:45pm. Taking place online. To find out more information and book, please visit: [Let the Game Begin – Discover Esports Events | The University of Sunderland](#)

Mastering Digital Marketing for Business Students (Thursday 11th January 2024) 10am-2:30pm. Taking place on our St Peters Campus. To find out more information and book, please visit: [Mastering Digital Marketing for Business Students | The University of Sunderland](#)

Why Study History at Durham? Online Subject Taster

First, history helps us to understand humans – the creative things they do, and the destructive things. Second, researching and debating the past helps us to think critically, and to communicate effectively.

Why study History at Durham? We offer our students the chance to explore how people have lived in a wide range of places and times. The human past is rich and diverse – and sometimes terrible – and our programme allows our students to learn from that.

Critical, articulate, thoughtful, and open-minded: that is our aim for our students. If you would like to know more, [sign up for an online session](#) with our advisors on Wednesday 13 December 4:30 - 5:30pm.

PlayStation Career Pathways Program Mentoring Scheme for Students Interested in Digital Arts Courses

The School of Digital Arts (SODA) has been given support by [PlayStation Career Pathways Program](#) to run its first mentoring programme for students studying in Year 12 and Year 13 from Black, Asian, and Minority Ethnic backgrounds.

The Mentoring Scheme is an opportunity for students interested in studying the digital arts to gain relevant advice and guidance to help with their next steps.

Over the academic year, there will be a series of mentoring sessions focused on preparing students for the digital arts at university. These sessions will include guidance on building a digital portfolio, student finance, career pathways and advice from our PlayStation Career Pathways Program Scholars.

Register for the PlayStation Career Pathways Program Mentoring Scheme [here](#) by Friday 22 December 2023 or for more information contact our Faculty Outreach team via subjectoutreach@mmu.ac.uk

The first session will take place in January 2024, once registered you will be sent further details. We advise you prioritise attending all the sessions on offer to ensure you get the most out of the Mentoring Scheme.

Those who choose to progress to Manchester Metropolitan University and meet the criteria will be eligible to apply for the PlayStation Career Pathways Program Scholarship.

Creating Impressive Academic Profiles - My Super Curricular

Focusing on the central role of super curricular activities in creating impressive academic profiles, we are joined on 1 February by Steven Lawrence, Head of UK Undergraduate Recruitment at University of Bath, and Anya Filon and Nicola Askin, Directors at My Super Curricular. My Super Curricular is a subscription service for schools that offers quality super curricular resources and recommendations.

In this interactive session, we will explore the importance of super curricular activities, how to find and access

them, how to get the most from them, and how to present and talk about them to universities. We aim to leave students feeling motivated, with clarity about what they can do next and the difference it will make.

- **1 February 2024 @ 15:45 - 16:30 Super Curricular: Creating Impressive Academic Profiles - My Super Curricular & University of Bath (KS4 & KS5) [Find out more »](#) [NEW]**

We invite groups and individual students and staff. As well as Year 12s, the session is open to, and relevant for, Year 11 groups too.

Please note, we also have spaces for students, advisers and parents on this Thursday's session with UEA which considers how to manage money whilst at university, hearing the experiences of two undergraduates and led by an experienced Higher Education Adviser, Lauren McWilliams.

- **December 7 @ 16:30 - 17:15 HE Guidance: How Do I Manage My Money At University? - UEA (KS5) [Find out more »](#) [UPDATED]**

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.

Astrophoria Foundation Year, Oxford

What: a fully funded one-year course in either Science, Humanities, Law or PPE. The grade requirements are lower than the undergraduate requirements, ranging from BBB to AAB at A-level. A number of other qualification types are accepted. Students who pass a foundation year at the required level can progress automatically onto an undergraduate course at Oxford.

When: students have until the 31 January to apply for Oxford's Astrophoria Foundation Year through UCAS.

Who: Year 13s in state schools, applying to university for entry in 2024, who have experienced disadvantage or disruption during their education.

Further information: NO Tuition and accommodation fees as these are covered by the University, and a non-repayable bursary is provided to students to cover their living costs.

Link: Find out more about the programme and its eligibility criteria on the [Astrophoria Foundation Year](#) website.

Futures in STEM Programme – Durham University

Futures in STEM is an academic and pastoral support programme, targeted at students who are aiming to pursue the study of chemistry, maths or physics at university.

We are excited to be able to offer our student participants the opportunity to take part in a variety of online subject specific tutorials, mentoring, guest lectures and activities designed to prepare them for university study to help make sure they are ready to apply for and succeed in Higher Education.

Participants will experience what it is like to be a part of Durham University, with regular contact with tutors, mentors (Chemistry and Physics Programmes) and academics from across the Faculty of Science. Futures in STEM will be a fun, encouraging and intellectually stimulating introduction to Durham University and studying at university.

Who can take part?

Please see the essential and subject-specific criteria on the [Eligibility & Selection Criteria](#) webpage.

Key Dates

- 1 December 2023 – Application process opens
- 31 January 2024 – Application process closes
- 16 February 2024 – Applicants contacted with application outcomes
- Early March 2024 – Futures in STEM Cohort 4 Launch event

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).

Journalist Researcher Apprenticeship, BBC - Level 5

This Journalist Researcher apprenticeship is for people who are curious about the world & have a passion to tell the stories happening around them. For school leavers or those looking for a career change, if university is not for you this is your chance to get first class journalism training with the biggest broadcasting organisation in the world.

Closing date 8/1/24

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

Solicitor Degree Apprenticeships - Free Application Masterclass (Online)

[Causeway Education](#) are working with law firm [Wedlake Bell](#) to host an application masterclass for Y13 students interested in applying to solicitor degree apprenticeships. This information will be useful for students considering applying to any firms, although there will be colleagues from Wedlake Bell able to answer questions specific to their application process. The webinar will show students the steps in an apprenticeship application, the reason why certain methods are used e.g. assessment centres and tips and tricks to prepare for this process. We will look at key themes such as showing an understanding of a firm, the apprenticeship route, and developing commercial awareness.

The webinar will take place on Tuesday 30 January 4.30-6pm. Students can sign up for the webinar here: <https://forms.office.com/e/GxQGpPZ8eE>

North East Solicitor Apprenticeship Information Evening

The North East Solicitor Apprenticeship (NESA) Information Evening takes place on Tuesday 16 January 16:30-19:30.

The Solicitor Apprenticeship combines theoretical academic study with practice-based modules and work-based learning. This programme offers a blended learning approach, enabling the apprentice to develop their theoretical knowledge, practical experience and competency over the 6 year course.

Students will need to be academically strong (able to achieve 120 UCAS points with Maths and English GCSEs grades A* to C), able to work full-time whilst studying and must want to become a Solicitor. We strongly recommend that students also apply, if they haven't already, to University through UCAS if they are interested in this apprenticeship.

Firms Confirmed for 2024:

Muckle LLP
BHP Law
Sintons Law

Students can sign up to the NESA Information Event [here](#).

Paralegal Apprentice, Clifford Chance

Job Overview

Clifford Chance is one of the world's leading law firms. We help clients achieve their goals by combining the highest global standards with local expertise. The firm has unrivalled scale and depth of legal resources across three key markets of the Americas, Asia, and Europe.

The Newcastle office is made up of a range of practice areas which are Global Financial Markets, Corporate, Litigation & Dispute Resolution, Real Estate, Capital Markets & Funds.

Clifford Chance is looking to recruit a number of Paralegal Apprentices to join the team in Newcastle.

The role involves working in a team of paralegals at differing levels who work on various transactions. You will assist them with all aspects of delivery on a range of projects from referring practice areas across a number of Clifford Chance offices, whilst working towards attaining your legal apprenticeship qualification.

The recruitment process consists of an online assessment. If you are successful with the assessment, you will be invited to an interview, which will take place face to face at our office.

Recruitment and selection will be on a rolling basis from: 04 December 2022 until 12 February 2024. There will be various assessment and interview points during this time until we have filled all positions

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

NUSTEM Experience Week

The University's NUSTEM team are pleased to announce that the applications for the Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics Experience Week are now open here:

<https://nustem.uk/experience-week/#toggle-id-1>

Every February half term, NUSTEM coordinates an "Experience Week" for a limited number of Y12 students from local schools, keen to get a flavour of what it is like to study at university. This year we will be offering three different strands of the Experience Week: Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics.

Throughout the Experience Week, participants will (may be subject to change):

- Attend a first year university lecture of our physics/mathematics/chemistry undergraduate programmes;
- Interview an academic researcher or postgraduate student;
- Create and showcase a research poster;
- Visit laboratories, specialist facilities and get a guided tour of our campus;
- Experience student life at university.

The deadline for applications is **Friday 15 December 2023**.

If you have any questions or queries, please contact Antonio Portas at antonio.portas@northumbria.ac.uk

If you successfully secure a placement in half-term we will allow you to have the July work experience week off, or you can apply for two work experience placements if they prefer.

Tynedale Lions Club Young People's Excellence Awards 2023-2024

Tynedale Lions have a bursary scheme to highlight, celebrate and reward the exceptional achievements of young people that, more often than not, go unseen and even unrewarded.

We are looking for young people who “aspire to excellence” and deserve to be recognised for their hard work and/or exceptional achievement.

We have committed £2,000 for the period up to 30th June 2024. This will be split into four £500 bursaries for each of the following categories: Creative Arts, Music, Environmental Science and Service to the Community. It is intended that bursaries be applied to further the personal development of the young person.

Applicants must be 11-18 years of age and live in Tynedale. Young people with learning difficulties will be considered up to 25. Applications should be from an adult, a group leader, a teacher, a parent or indeed from a young person. All applications must be countersigned to confirm parent/guardian consent. The application must be supported by evidential documentation and supplied with the application in any format, e.g. written, photographs, videos, social media, etc.

Making an Application

Application forms can be downloaded from our website [here](#). The application document also shows the terms and conditions of the bursary. Please email us at tynedalelionsclub@gmail.com for a copy of the terms and conditions. Completed application forms should either be emailed to the email address below or posted to:

mikerpotter@gmail.com

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