

Sixth Form Notices:

Year Twelve: Next week, from **Monday 23 January to Wednesday 25 January**, Year Twelve students will be on study leave for their **mock exams**. This includes all BTEC students. The **Results Day** will be **Tuesday 14 February** in the café during tutorial.

Year Twelve: Please can students who have not completed their work experience form in Google Docs do so as soon as possible. Check your emails from Mrs Rodrigues.

Year Thirteen: On **Tuesday 31 January** there will be a **Year Thirteen Parents' Evening** from 15:30.



University:

Year Twelve: NU Entry, Northumbria University

Eligible students will be given the opportunity to complete an assessment in return for 16 NU Entry points, the equivalent to 16 UCAS tariff points, which can then be used towards their application to study at Northumbria University. Eligible students are also offered online mentoring throughout Year 13 from current Northumbria University students. To apply to participate in NU Entry you must check the eligibility criteria, including workshop attendance requirements, and complete the online application form available on our webpage: www.northumbria.ac.uk/nuentry. **Applications for the scheme closes on Friday 28 April 2017.**

Year Twelve: UNIQ Summer School – July/August 2017

The Oxford University Summer School, UNIQ, will be running again in Summer 2017 for Year 12 students from state schools to try out life at Oxford on a free, week-long summer school. More details can be found on the UNIQ website: <http://www.uniq.ox.ac.uk/> Students need to submit their own applications for this summer school, and **the deadline for applications is Tuesday 24 January 2017.**

Year Twelve: Sutton Trust Summer Schools- July/August 2017

The Sutton Trust will be working with universities across the UK (and the US) in Summer 2017 running free, week-long residential events for students from state schools who meet specific criteria. More information and application forms can be found on the Sutton Trust website: <http://summerschools.suttontrust.com/> Students need to submit their own applications and the deadline is **Thursday 2 March 2017.**



Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) opportunities:

Year Twelve: Headstart

A reminder that the deadline for applications to **Headstart** and Inspire courses is **Tuesday 31 January 2017**. Headstart provides experience in STEM activities and taster courses, providing an opportunity to explore the subject areas further. The courses take place at universities across the UK, providing information on both degree courses and the career opportunities STEM degrees can lead to. The courses allow you to explore the multiple niche areas available within STEM careers, exploring specialisms in subjects such as Robotics, Marine Engineering and Nuclear Physics. For more information see www.headstartcourses.org.uk

Year Twelve: Nuffield Research Placements

The Nuffield Foundation, for science, technology or engineering, run research placements over the summer. The work placement involves your **own research project** with **expert supervision**. You will complete a **project report**, receive a **certificate of achievement** and **valuable experience** of teamwork, interviews, presentations and project writing. You will get the chance to enter your project for a **British Science Association CREST Award** and could attend **regional, national and international science fairs**. The website is <http://www.nuffieldfoundation.org/nuffield-research-placements> and you can find more information on how to apply here. **The deadline for applications is Friday 17 March 2017.**

Apprenticeships and Work Experience:

Year Thirteen: RateMyApprenticeship.co.uk

This website contains thousands of reviews from young people who are currently on apprenticeships, school leaver's programmes, gap year schemes, sponsored degree programmes and other types of work experience.

Year Thirteen: Get My First Job

GetMyFirstJob provides a vast amount of resources for students looking for apprenticeships, traineeships, or careers information. As well as listing current vacancies, the website includes interview and workplace tips, FAQs, resources for parents, and apprentice success stories. Once students have signed up, their profile becomes available to a range of training providers and employers. If a suitable role comes up, the student will be contacted to arrange a telephone interview and they'll be given all the information needed to prepare for a possible face to face interview. For more information, see <https://www.getmyfirstjob.co.uk/>