



University:

Both Years: Newcastle INSIGHT Lecture Series

Newcastle University's series of lectures continue this week. They are **FREE and open to all**, with seats allocated on a **first-come, first-serve basis**. The lectures begin at **5:30pm** and last for **one hour plus question time**. They are held in the **Curtis Auditorium, Herschel Building** at the university. www.ncl.ac.uk/events/public-lectures provides more details.

- **Tuesday 21 March, What is the relationship between genetics and social mobility? Implications for policy and social science, Professor Len Feinstein, Director of Evidence, Children's Commissioner for England**
Professor Feinstein explores why the science of heredity is not in conflict with attempts to address social inequality but rather indicates the remarkable degree to which beliefs and institutions create barriers to equality of opportunity or outcome.
- **Thursday 23 March, Voices and books: a new history of reading, Jennifer Richards, Joseph Cowen Professor of English Literature, Newcastle University**
Jennifer Richards explores the importance of the physical voice- breath and tone- to reading. She explores how the recovery of the lost reading voices of the past, as well as the art of listening, can help us to re-imagine the books of the future.

Year Thirteen: Teesside University Student Open Days

Teesside University are holding an Undergraduate Open Day on **Saturday 1 April** between 10:00 and 14:00. If you are still considering which course to study at which university this September, it's not too late. Come and visit us to find out more about everything from comic design, physiotherapy, business management and law, chemical engineering, computer science, or something else. This event is specifically for students looking to start university in September 2017.

You can book to attend at http://www.tees.ac.uk/sections/whats_on/events_details.cfm?event_id=9123

Parents and Carers: Teesside University Parents and Carers Evening

Wednesday 22 March 2017 – 5.30pm – Hartlepool College

Tuesday 28 March 2017 – 6pm – Middlesbrough College

As a parent if you've got any queries on university and how to prepare your son or daughter for the move into higher education - this is the event for you. You'll find out more about the application process and student finance and funding. This information will be relevant to your son or daughter, whichever university they are thinking of studying at. **You can book to attend**

at http://www.tees.ac.uk/sections/parents/event_series.cfm?OpenDayID=4



Subject Taster Experience

Year Twelve: The Debate Chamber Summer Schools

The Debate Chamber Summer Schools offer students the opportunity to find out more about some fascinating subjects, prepare for university applications, meet like-minded peers and get to grips with some tough intellectual challenges.

The material will be challenging (for the older age-group, about the level of difficulty one might expect in the first year at university), but the atmosphere will be relaxed, with plenty of discussion, debate, and opportunities for students to shape the direction of classes. It is an environment conducive to getting to grips with new ideas.

Working in small groups (usually around 14 students per group) over several days offers participants a real chance to get to know tutors and fellow students and to explore the topics or questions that particularly interest them.

The Summer Law School has three distinct five-day Parts to allow time for more cases, more analysis and more debate on some of the most intriguing legal questions. Students can choose to focus on Criminal Law, Civil Law or International Law, or to attend all three Parts for a comprehensive introduction to legal study.

The English Literature Summer School is over three 5-day blocks to allow time for greater discussion of contemporary literature, and a more in-depth look at various literary critical perspectives. Students can come to Part 1 for literature up to 1790, including Chaucer, Shakespeare and Milton, to Part 2 for literature of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, or to the brand new Part 3 which covers contemporary poetry, prose and drama.

The Philosophy Summer School offers five days of challenging material, covering a range of philosophical topics including meta and applied ethics, political philosophy, epistemology, metaphysics and logic. A great introduction to philosophy as a subject, as well as an opportunity to develop an all round academic skillset which will benefit students in any discipline. This course is complemented by the Critical and Cultural Theory Summer School which explores the 'continental' approach to philosophy.

The Medicine Summer School comprises a series of two-day events with specialist sessions on cardiology, paediatrics, oncology, emergency medicine and many other topics – enabling students to attend a wide-ranging introduction or select the sessions most relevant to their interests.

The Physics Summer School is now in two separate five-day events, with Part One being relatively maths-light and open to all students from 15 upwards, and Part Two more mathematically focused, and reserved for students who will have completed AS Level (or equivalent) Maths by Summer 2017.

For those who will have completed AS Maths, we also offer the **Mathematics Summer School**, five-days of intensive and challenging material, which will really give participants the opportunity to stretch and develop their mathematical skills.

For those interested in the Humanities and Social Sciences, we have Summer Schools in Economics, International Relations, History, Politics, and Classical Civilisations.

Practical Details:

All the Summer School events will be held at University of London venues in Bloomsbury, Central London, and will take place in July and August 2017. Please note that these courses are not residential, and accommodation must be arranged independently if required.

You can find full details of schedules, dates, costs, student reviews and tutors at <http://www.debatechamber.com/summerschools/>.

There is a limited amount of bursary funding available for students who would otherwise have financial difficulty in attending – please see our website for details.

To book a place please visit www.debatechamber.com/summerschools/, call 0845 519 4827, or email info@debatechamber.com. Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Apprenticeships and Work Experience:

Year Thirteen: Get in So Far Apprenticeship advice

The government website 'Get In So Far' provides useful advice on apprenticeships ranging from what might be best for you to how to succeed at interview. Go to <https://www.getingofar.gov.uk/> for more details.

Revision:

With exam season fast approaching, the following websites and guides might be useful in the revision process.

You can create a revision planner online using the following website: <https://getrevising.co.uk/planner>

Birmingham University provide subject-specific advice and useful websites:

<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/undergraduate/preparing-for-university/get-u2-uni/year-11/revision-resources.aspx>

Apps such as 'Self Control' and 'Forest- stay focused' can be useful in preventing procrastination and helping you to stay on track with your revision.