

Careers Bulletin - Thursday 16th March

Careers Room Opening Hours: Pupils are invited to visit the Careers Room between 8.50am and 5pm

Year 13 Pupils

Year 13 pupils should see Mr G Patterson to register for any of the following events:

1. Monday 20th March - Representatives from the Scottish Modern Universities visit Ballymena Academy
2. Thursday 23rd March - Engineering Conference at Methodist College Belfast
3. Cambridge Summer School - Provisional dates are 26th June to 28th June.

ALL PUPILS IN YEAR 13 WILL ATTEND THE FOLLOWING TALKS IN SCHOOL :

1. Ulster University - Monday 27th March
2. Queen's University Belfast - Monday 24th April

Pupils are encouraged to organise individual visits to universities they intend to apply to in Scotland, England and Wales.

For a comprehensive list of open days visit www.opendays.com

Medicine and Dentistry Applicants

The UK Clinical Aptitude Test (UKCAT) is designed to identify those applicants with the strongest aptitude for a career in medicine or dentistry. Ballymena Academy organise a Kaplan UKCAT Preparation course. Pupils will be taught by Kaplan-trained teachers over 2 days, using Kaplan's proven strategies and techniques. It will review certain relevant material taught in school/college, within the context of the exam. Follow-up academic support will be provided right up until test day.

A maximum of 25 pupils can be accommodated on this course. This number is stated by the organisers KAPLAN. The cost per pupil will depend on the total number taking part in the course. The more pupils that participate the cheaper it will work out per pupil. Various schools are invited to participate and places are allocated on a first come first served basis.

Anyone interested should speak to Mr Patterson. At this stage, I am just trying to get a rough idea of potential numbers to decide if the course is viable and how much it might work out per pupil.

3fivetwo Training for Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Applicants

Please see below and attached some information on our upcoming courses for students interested in applying to Medicine, Veterinary or Dentistry at University. Including our Application Skills Package including our Interview Skills course, UKCAT Preparation Course and Personal Statement Workshop. These courses can be booked together for £270.00 , which is an overall saving of £54.00 compared to booking the courses individually.

Mini Medical School

Dates: Thursday 20th - Friday 21st July 2017, Thursday 17th - Friday 18th August 2017

Cost: £120.00 inc VAT

The Mini Medical School runs over 2 full days and includes interactive lectures as well as practical training. This unique opportunity is open to anyone over the age of 15, all delegates who “graduate” from the Mini Medical School will receive a certificate of attendance. The programme is delivered by clinical tutors, consultant physicians and senior lecturers.

Interview Skills for Students Applying to Medicine, Veterinary or Dentistry

Dates: Saturday 23rd September 2017, Saturday 21st October 2017, Saturday 11th November 2017, Saturday 25th November 2017

Cost: £195.00 inc VAT

This highly interactive course is an essential part of your preparation in the application and interview process for Medical , Dental & Veterinary School. It is hosted by experienced NHS Consultant Physicians, Dental Surgeons and Senior Lecturers who have been involved in this process for a number of years. This offers you the opportunity to gain insight from people who have the expertise and experience to help you succeed at interview.

UKCAT Preparation Course

Dates: Saturday 15th July 2017, Saturday 29th 2017, Sunday 6th August 2017, Saturday 12th August 2017, Saturday 2nd September 2017, Saturday 9th September 2017

Cost: £84.00 inc VAT

Our interactive course is delivered by educational tutors who will equip students with test strategies and practice questions. Students will cover practice questions from all of 5 sections of the exam and will have the opportunity to learn how the correct answer is derived.

Personal Statement Workshop

Dates: Friday 25th August 2017, Thursday 7th September 2017, Saturday 16th September 2017

Cost: £45.00 inc VAT

This workshop helps students acquire the skills, knowledge and confidence required to write a strong and relevant personal statement for Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Science. This practical session focuses on identifying strengths and achievements, using an appropriate structure.

UKCAT and Personal Statement Workshop

Dates: Sunday 23rd July 2017, Saturday 19th August 2017

Cost: £120.00 inc VAT

Our interactive course is delivered by educational tutors who will equip students with test strategies and practice questions. Students will cover practice questions from all of 5 sections of the exam and will have the opportunity to learn how the correct answer is derived. This workshop helps students acquire the skills, knowledge and confidence required to write a strong and relevant personal statement for Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Science. This practical session focuses on identifying strengths and achievements, using an appropriate structure.

Bookings can be made online <http://3fivetwotraining.com/> or by phone on 02890 735 273.

Years 12 - 14 Chartered Accountancy Schools Event - Belfast 23 March 2017

The Ulster Society will host a Schools Open day to showcase Chartered Accountancy as a career. Qualifying as a Chartered Accountant can open the door to opportunities across all industries and sectors. This event is aimed at 6th Formers and those about to sit GCSEs.

This free event will take place in our Belfast HQ, The Linenhall, 32-38 Linenhall Street on Thursday 23 March 2017 from 10:30am - 14:30pm. Spaces are limited and available on a first-come first-served basis.

The event will consist of a number of presentations by experienced and recently qualified Chartered Accountants and will cover details of the training and educational requirements to Qualify as Chartered Accountant,

opportunities for career development and where a Career as a Chartered Accountant can take you.

See Mr G Patterson to register for this event.

LJMU Summer Residential: Wednesday 21 June - Friday 23 June 2017

This year we are once again inviting Year 13 students from Northern Ireland to attend a free, 2 night residential visit, to coincide with the LJMU Open Day on Friday, 23rd June.

During the residential visit, students will attend the University's Open Day and take part in taster sessions for a selection of programmes. There will also be plenty of team building and social activities. The event is funded by LJMU and is completely free for participants.

The Residential is aimed at students who are seriously considering applying to LJMU for 2018 entry and information provided in your application form should strongly support your wish to take part. Please tell us as much as you can about the reasons why you are interested in studying at LJMU and what you are hoping to gain from the event. You can treat it as a "dry run" of your UCAS Personal Statement!

To apply for one of 50 places, students must:

- Be a Year 13 student from Northern Ireland
- Complete this registration form: <https://www.ljmu.ac.uk/forms/eventweb?eventid=CMP-01677-Y6J6R1>. An application pack will then be sent out.

We must receive your completed application by Friday 7 April 2017, along with your parents' consent and a teacher's sign-off. Please note that students must have photographic ID in order to travel.

Edge Hill Summer Residential - Year 13 pupils

This is an opportunity for Year 13 students to undertake university level academic work, meet with current students, stay in the on-campus halls of residence and prepare for a future in Higher Education on a fully funded Summer Residence.

For further information including details on what to expect from the academic sessions for each subject area and how to apply, visit:

ehu.ac.uk/yr12res or email residentials@edgehill.ac.uk

July 31st - August 3rd:

Advertising & Design, Animation, Creative Writing, Creative Performance, Dance, English, Film& TV Production, History, Music, Musical Theatre, Public Relations, Social Sciences, Sport and Physical Activity

August 7th - 10th:

Biology, Business/Economics/Accountancy/ Marketing , Computer Science, Education and Teaching - Early Years and Primary, Education and Teaching - Secondary, Geography, Geology, Health and Social Care, Law, Criminology and Policing, Psychology.

NORTHERN Regional College

Ballymena Ballymoney Coleraine Larne Magherafelt Newtownabbey

Online applications are now open for all of our courses starting in September 2017.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact:

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VETSIM Intensive

A 2 day practical workshop for Year 13 students wanting to study veterinary medicine.

15th/16th July at the University of Nottingham

Book your place at www.workshop-conferences.com

MEDSIM Intensive

A 2 day practical workshop for Year 13 students wanting to study medicine.

15th/16th July at the University of Nottingham.

Book your place at www.medlink-uk.net

Queen's Pharmacy Event at Ballymena Academy

The annual Queen's pharmacy event will be taking place in school on the 16th May - again mainly for junior pupils but the pharmacy lecturer and students will be available to talk to senior pupils at 3.25pm.

See Mrs Kerr for more details.

Year 14 Careers Classes

All Year 14 pupils must stay in their timetabled Careers class for the duration of their Careers Education period.

This is to avoid disruption in the Sixth Form Centre.

Student Finance Forms

These are due to be delivered to school between 22-24th March.

Forms should be completed by the end of April.

For more information visit www.studentfinanceneni.co.uk

Year 14: Belfast Met - Level 5 Courses

Applications for Level 5 courses at Belfast Met open on 28th January.

Offers are made on a first come, first served basis.

All pupils are encouraged to submit an application as soon as possible.

University for the Creative Arts

As well as degree level courses we also have a range of pre-degree courses, such as the Extended Diploma and Foundation Diploma in Art and Design.

The deadline for applying to the pre-degree courses is 31st March 2017.

Visit www.uca.ac.uk

Guild Hall School

Undergraduate Open Day - Sunday 26th March

As one of the top ten performing arts institutions in the world, we offer undergraduate degrees in Music, Acting, Technical Theatre, Video Design and Performance & Creative Enterprise.

So whether your passion is classical music or spoken word, stage management or lighting design, acting or devising your own work, join us for the Undergraduate Open day to see what is on offer.

Book a place at gsmd.ac.uk/ugopenday

Parents' Information Event

Ulster University would like to invite parents and guardians of Year 12 and 13 students to our Parents' Information Event. Students are welcome to attend.

Saturday, 1st April

9.30am – 1.00pm

Belfast Campus

This event will provide an excellent opportunity for you to find out about:

- Course options**
- The UCAS application process**
- Employability of Ulster graduates**
- Student finance**
- Exciting developments including the Belfast campus expansion**

To register and to find out more

www.ulster.ac.uk/parentsevent

University of London Taster Courses

The Taster Course Programme provides year 12 sixth form students with a taste of what life at a university in London is like. Through your chosen taster course participants will experience the different teaching methods used and gain an insight into the additional facilities available, whilst meeting students from across the UK. This year we are offering the following courses:

- * Wednesday 5th & Thursday 6th April 2017 – Veterinary Medicine Taster Course**
- * Wednesday 31st May 2017 - Veterinary Nursing Taster Course**

Applications are essential and can be completed at: www.london.ac.uk/tasters. NB: For students not interested in the RVC; There are over a hundred courses in multiple subject areas at numerous universities in and around London.

RVC Open House (Campus Tours)

Our Open House events are designed to allow prospective student, parents, teachers and careers advisors the chance to see one or both campuses on the same day. During the Open House, guests will have an introductory talk, giving an insight into the courses we offer at the RVC and how to apply. Guests will then tour the campus with student ambassadors. There will be

opportunities to see the teaching and clinical facilities, to ask questions and gain a flavour of life at the RVC. This differs from our Annual Open day in that there will not be an opportunity to meet academic staff.

- * Friday 7th April 2017 (9:30am - 4:00pm)
- * Sunday 4th June 2017 (9:30am - 4:00pm)
- * Saturday 1st July 2017 (9:30am - 4:00pm)

Booking is essential and can be completed at: www.rvc.ac.uk/visitus

Open Day

This Open Day is intended for anyone interested in our undergraduate courses, including students of all ages, parents, careers advisors, and teachers. Guests will be able to find out about the courses we offer and take a tour of the campus with current students. Staff will be available to advise you on entry requirements, fees, bursaries, and accommodation.

- * Saturday 6th May 2017 - Open Day (10:00am - 3:30pm) – Hawkshead Campus

* Booking is essential and will be possible from 10:00am on 6th March at: www.rvc.ac.uk/visitus

Pre-Vet Summer School

This 2 week residential summer school is for students (over 16 years) interested in working with likeminded aspiring Veterinary students in our state-of-the-art hospitals and research facilities, as well as learn from our world recognised academic staff through a variety of workshops and academic sessions. This event costs £2,350, which includes accommodation, breakfast, lunch and evening meals, as well as social activities.

- * Sunday 30th July – Friday 11th August 2017 – Pre-Vet Summer School – Hawkshead Campus

* Applications are essential and will be possible until 10th May 2017 at: www.rvc.ac.uk/prevetsummer

If you have any further questions please don't hesitate to get in touch via email: chobson@rvc.ac.uk or telephone: +44(0)20 7468 1257 / +44(0)7809 199 993.

Year 14 : CAO Applications

Late Application Closing Date - 1st May 2017 at 5.15pm - € 50/ € 80 online/ paper fee

Change of mind Closing Date - 1st July 2017 at 5.15pm

Visit www.cao.ie

In the downloads section of the CAO website you will find a slideshow presentation on the CAO process.

In the 'Student Resources' section you will find a video presentation and other video guides for different elements of the process.

HPAT – Ireland

The 2017 sitting of the test will be held on 25 February 2017. Please note that there is only one test sitting each year.

For more information and to register go to: <https://hpat-ireland.acer.edu.au/>

HPAT-Ireland Pupils can take a free trial test by doing the following:

Under the Free HPAT Trial tab, simply click on "Get Access" and follow the prompts to register. Students will have a sample of our HPAT programme, with special access to video content and a practice test with a tracking score report to measure performance.

Register for the Free HPAT Trial at (Free HPAT Trial tab): <http://www.kaptest.co.uk/course/hpat-ireland-free-practice>

Years 12 - 14 Pupils

Civil Engineering Apprenticeships Northern Ireland - Work +

In November 2015, the NI government's Skills Barometer reported that civil engineering is the profession which will have the second highest number of jobs over the next 10 years. Work+ is a joint initiative between government, employers and colleges to help meet this demand for jobs in the vitally important civil engineering sector.

Civil engineering isn't just for engineers – the industry needs technicians as well

Engineers and technicians work side by side to deliver the projects that build our quality of life. They give us clean water which keeps us healthy. They build roads and bridges to help us get from A to B and buildings to give us places to work and play. They build harbours to support our tourism and trade industries and give us power to keep us fully charged and warm. In disaster zones they help people start to rebuild their lives. They build flood schemes to keep us dry and incinerators to make the most of our waste and give us energy. Civil engineers and technicians do all this and make a world of difference to our lives.

About Work+

Work+ is your first step to a career in a growing industry. It will take two years to complete and you'll be a professionally qualified engineering technician at the end. If you want you can continue as an apprentice right through university to Masters level degree, potentially becoming a chartered civil engineer through this route.

Successful apprentices will:

**be employed by an organisation,
be paid a starting salary of £10,000,
have no college fees to pay; and,
work towards the professional qualification of Engineering Technician.
You will be released from the workplace one day a week to receive training tailored to your needs at one of the six Further Education colleges in partnership with Work+ .**

Experience in the civil engineering sector is not required but applicants must have: a minimum of five GCSEs of grade C or above, including English and a minimum grade B in Mathematics or equivalent

Applications are welcome from all suitably qualified persons. However, as women are currently under-represented in civil engineering, applications from women are particularly welcome. All appointments will be made on merit.

2016 apprenticeships have already commenced. Recruitment and selection for September 2017 apprenticeships will commence in early 2017. To register your interest and to receive up-to-date information about the 2017 recruitment and selection process, please complete the registration form on bit.ly/ICEReg

The Academy Hair and Beauty Training School

**The Leading Provider of Hairdressing and Beauty Therapy in Northern Ireland
School Leavers who are interested in a career in Hairdressing and Beauty Therapy:
Open Day 30th March**

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Apprenticeships

RateMyApprenticeship.co.uk has 10,000 reviews written by people who have taken alternative routes to university, including amazing apprenticeships, school leaver programmes and exciting ways to gain experience on gap years. So for some career inspiration visit RateMyApprenticeship.co.uk

Queen's University Belfast - BA in Broadcast Production

The BA Broadcast Production is an intensely practical and pioneering programme, which will prepare students for contemporary content and programme making in TV, radio, journalism and other new and emerging digital media platforms. It will also develop their critical understanding of the broadcasting landscape.

Entry Requirements: A Level ABB

Thinking of applying to Oxford?

Visit ox.ac.uk/study for details of courses, colleges and how to apply, along with information on resources, support and funding available .

This site also has contact details for colleges, departments, museums and the Admissions Information Centre.

27 March: Oxford and Cambridge Student Conference - Lagan Valley Island, Lisburn

As you may be aware, the Oxford and Cambridge Student Conference for Northern Ireland will be held at Lagan Valley Island, Lisburn on Monday 27 March. The conference provides a valuable opportunity to meet with the current students, academics and admissions staff from the two universities. A range of information sessions and taster lectures will be on offer to allow participants to: gain an insight into student life at Oxford and Cambridge; explore their subject interests; and hear up-to-date information on the admissions process at these universities and financial assistance. The event is aimed at students who have completed their GCSE exams, and who are now undertaking further study. Admission is by ticket only and all bookings should be made through a teacher. Further information can be found here: www.studentconferences.org.uk

28 March: Academic Taster Sessions with Oxford Tutor

Dr Jessica Goodman, an Associate Professor and Tutorial Fellow in French at the University of Oxford will be holding two Academic Taster Sessions at Methodist College Belfast on Tuesday 28 March. The idea behind these sessions is to give students a taste of the sort of subjects/ questions which are examined at university, and how they might be discussed/ taught at this level. It is also an opportunity for students to further their interest in a subject beyond the school curriculum.

Engagement in supercurricular activities is something leading universities are increasingly keen to see from their prospective students, and so we hope that your students will be able to take advantage of this opportunity.

The first Academic Taster Session will run from 9.10-10.30am. It will be available to students in Year 13 (Lower Sixth), and will be a 'Close Reading Workshop'. The session will focus on analysing a text in English. It is aimed at students who are currently studying Literature/ Modern Languages, and are perhaps interested in exploring these subjects further at University.

The second Academic Taster Session will run from 10.50-11.40am. It will be open to students who are studying towards their GCSEs, and will be a taster lecture called: 'What made the seventeenth century laugh - and is it funny today?'

I will also be giving an 'Oxford Explained' presentation at 9.10-10.30am for students who are studying towards their GCSEs, and from 10.50-11.40am for Year 13 students. I will also try to answer any questions that the students/ teachers may have.

We have a limited number of places available, so if your students would like to attend, we ask that you send an email to admissions@stcatz.ox.ac.uk providing me with the number and name(s) of the student(s) who would like to attend as soon as possible. The deadline for doing so is Tuesday 21 March at 12 noon. All students nominated should be considered capable of achieving at least AAA at A-level (in line with the University's entry requirements which are between AAA and A*A*A). Please also supply names in order of those who you think would most benefit from attending, in case we are not able to accommodate everyone interested.

Events in Oxford

26-28 June: Northern Ireland Residential

New College and St. Catherine's College are delighted to inform you that we will be co-hosting a residential summer school again this year for Year 13 (lower sixth) students from Northern Ireland, and their teachers. The residential programme will begin in the evening of Monday 26 June and participants will be welcome to arrive from mid-afternoon that day. The formal programme of events will finish on the evening of Tuesday 27 June, but the University of Oxford Open Days will take place on Wednesday 28 June and Thursday 29 June. Participants in the N Ireland residential are encouraged to take part in one or both of the Open Days, and will therefore be welcome to leave at any point between the Wednesday and Friday mornings. New College and St. Catherine's hope it will be an ideal opportunity for prospective applicants to find out more about life at Oxford. We will be sending out invitations and booking forms very soon. As before, there will be a limited number of places available, so please do not book flights until you have applied and your places at the residential have been confirmed.

DCU McAleese Scholarships

Applicants for the McAleese Scholarship must have a permanent home address in Northern Ireland and successful applicants will gain one of forty reserved places across a number of DCU undergraduate programmes.

The applicants must meet DCU minimum entry requirements and specific programme entry requirements.

To find out more about studying at DCU or the DCU Academic Scholarships, visit <http://www4.dcu.ie/prospective/scholarships.shtml>.

Trinity College Dublin : Feasibility Study

For students from Northern Ireland taking A-levels, please consult the pages on the Feasibility Study for A-Level Admissions at:

www.tcd.ie/study/eu/undergraduate/apply/northern-ireland and www.tcd.ie/study/eu/undergraduate/apply/northern-ireland/al_feasibility)

University of Dundee

We offer Academic Excellence for students achieving AAB above or equivalent for 2017 entry and hopefully beyond. Please find full information below.

<https://www.dundee.ac.uk/study/scholarships/2017-sept/academic-excellence-ruk/>

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University of Aberdeen

We have a merit scholarship available to £9250 fee paying students who get AAB (or equivalent) at A levels. However this is not available to students applying to Medicine unfortunately. Students can receive £1000 for 4 years of study.

Students do not need to apply for this scholarship, once they have started in September we have a look at who is eligible and then get in touch with them.

We have an online funding database which details other scholarships we have links with too.

<https://www.abdn.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/scholarshipsandfunding.php#rest-of-uk-ruk-undergraduate-scholarships-2017-entry-only>

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Student Recruitment & Admissions Service
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Directorate of Student Life
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King's College
Aberdeen, AB24 3FX

University of Glasgow

Our two main awards for students from Northern Ireland are the RUK Excellence Scholarship - subject to students attaining three As or equivalent in their exams. This is not based on household income.

We also have the Welcome Bursary which is awarded dependent on household income.

However, there are a range of more niche scholarships that student may be eligible to apply to:
<http://www.gla.ac.uk/scholarships/>

Please visit the website noted above for more information and if I can help further please let me know.

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University of Glasgow - charity number SC004401

You will find information regarding scholarships and bursaries for students from Northern Ireland on this page: <http://www.gla.ac.uk/scholarships/englandwalesandnorthernireland/>

Strathclyde

Accommodation Bursary: £1000 deducted from the cost of university accommodation in 1st year
Strathclyde Excellence Scholarship: £1000 per year of study for AAB or equivalent students
Strathclyde Science Scholars: £500 per year of study (application required)
Deans Rest of UK Merit Scholarship: £500 per year of study for ABB students within Humanities and Social Sciences

Information on all of the above can be found on our scholarship database www.strath.ac.uk/studywithus/scholarships/

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Heriot Watt Academic Scholarship

This academic scholarship is not income assessed but seeks to reward and encourage high achieving students. For more information on the grade requirements please visit <https://www.hw.ac.uk/study/scholarships/heriot-watt-academic-scholarship.htm>