

OxLEP Skills: Picks of the Week

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## Picks of the Week: 10th October 2023

Please share the links in Picks of the Week with your students, colleagues, parents and carers. If you would like to include anything in a future issue, please get in touch at [skills@oxfordshirelep.com](mailto:skills@oxfordshirelep.com).



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## From OxLEP Skills



### Construction Careers Event

<https://careersleadersconstruction.eventbrite.co.uk>

This event for **Careers Leads and teachers** on **2nd November from 12:00-14:00** at Abingdon & Witney College, Abingdon Campus will include a construction careers information session, networking with local construction employers and tour of the college's new construction and green skills facilities.

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## Oxfordshire Events

## Apprenticeship Fayre



### [Download a poster](#)

A reminder that North Oxfordshire Apprenticeship Fayre will take place on **12th October from 16:00-18:00** at Lock29 in Banbury and is for anyone wanting to find out about apprenticeships both locally and nationally. There'll be businesses and training providers from a range of sectors offering apprenticeships at different levels.

## Banbury & Bicester College

### [Link to register](#)

Banbury & Bicester College are holding an open evening on **11th October from 16:30-19:30**. Students and their parents/carers will be able to explore the newly renovated campus and facilities, meet teachers, tutors, support staff and students and find out about the courses on offer.



## Banbury Utd Football Academy

### [Link to register](#)

Students interested in Banbury & Bicester College's [sport courses with Banbury United FC](#) can visit the club's stadium on **11th October from 16:30-19:30** for an exclusive tour of the grounds and facilities. Students can register for the college open event and then just drop in to the stadium.



[Link to register](#)

Students interested in trade skills like bricklaying, carpentry, plumbing, electrical, engineering or anything IT related may be interested in attending this open event at the City of Oxford College Blackbird Leys Technology Campus on **14th October from 09:30- 12:30** to find out about the courses and facilities at the college.



## The Henley College Open Evening

[www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/information-evening-tickets-726647160217](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/information-evening-tickets-726647160217)

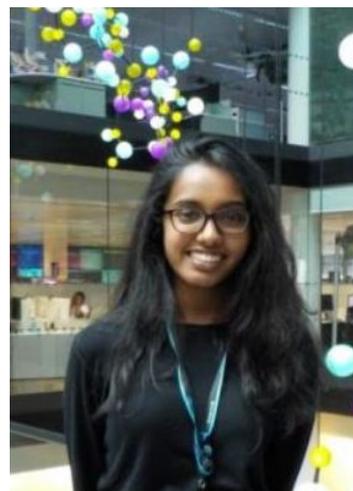
The Henley College is holding an information evening on **19th October from 17:30-20:00**. Students and their parents/carers can explore the campuses and facilities, meet the teaching staff and find out about the range of courses on offer for September 2024 entry.

## Other Events

### Bloomberg Apprenticeships Event

[Link to register](#)

This virtual apprenticeships event for **careers colleagues, educators and parents/carers** on **18th October from 18:30-19:30** will provide an insight into apprenticeships at Bloomberg, ahead of them opening for recruitment in November for level 3-7 apprenticeships in finance, technology, engineering, media, journalism, legal, HR and marketing.



## Careers Programmes & Work Experience

<https://lloydsbankinggroup.connectr.co.uk/imaginewhatsnext>

Lloyds Banking Group have launched their 'Imagine What's Next' platform - an opportunity for **students aged 14 - 18** to hear about career opportunities at Lloyds, learn more about the company and daily life at Lloyds, and get special access to chat online to our digital mentors, who can help:

- Practice networking and communication skills.
- Get details about a job that won't be in a job description.
- Help to decide on a career path, and what's needed for that dream role at Lloyds Banking Group.
- Understand your skillset, and gain confidence in yourself and your abilities.
- Get insights on application processes, ways of working, company values etc.

It only takes a few minutes to sign-up and make a valuable connection to a major UK employer.



## Newsquest Young Reporter Scheme

[www.youngreporter.co.uk](http://www.youngreporter.co.uk)

The programme is available to **Year 10, 11, 12 and 13 students**. They submit articles directly to the Newsquest websites, within specified deadlines and categories and have them published online. They can take part in a competition and there is also the potential to be fast tracked onto Newsquest's apprenticeship in journalism.

<https://pathwayctm.com/event/royal-mail-virtual-work-experience-day>

Students can spend the day with Royal Mail on **26th October from 10:00-15:00** and gain insights from current apprentices, experience the dynamic culture firsthand, take part in an interactive task and ask any questions in a Q&A session.



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## For Careers Leaders

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### Students with SEND: Future Skills Questionnaire Guide

<https://careersandenterprise.zendesk.com/hc/en-gb/articles/4404350285074-SEND-guide-FSQ->

The SEND version of the Future Skills Questionnaire has been designed for those who may struggle to complete the longer versions of the questionnaire. It has been designed to be used the Group 1 SEND students (students who are not expected to achieve Level 1 qualifications) however it is up to your discretion as a Careers Leader as to which students you think would benefit from this shorter version.

The Careers & Enterprise Company have produced this [guide](#) to completing the Future Skills Questionnaire with students with SEND.



### Youth Voice Census 2023 Report

[www.youthemployment.org.uk/youth-voice-census](http://www.youthemployment.org.uk/youth-voice-census)

The Youth Voice Census is an annual temperature check on how young people in the UK feel about life, study, work and general prospects. Over 4,000 young people aged 11-30 took part in 2023. It is the largest survey of young people in the UK. There are some interesting findings around their views on careers education and their perception of the opportunities available to them.

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## University of Oxford 2023 Admissions Tests Registration

For tests excluding BMAT and TSA

registration ID and login details (username and password) for the online test platform. [Tata Consultancy Services](#) (TCS) manage the delivery of Oxford's own admissions tests.

If you believe students have missed the test registration deadline, please follow the steps below:

1. If your school is a registered test centre with TCS, they have a short grace period within which they can still register students to sit the test(s).
2. If your school was not able to register as a TCS test centre, you should try to find an open centre using the [Find an authorised centre](#) tool. The open centres will also have a short grace period within which can register you to sit the test(s).
3. If neither of the options above are appropriate, students should [contact the college](#) to which they have made an application to request consideration of their application without a test score.

### Requesting centre registration

It is no longer possible to apply to become an authorised test centre this year. Instead, please advise your University of Oxford applicants to [find a nearby open centre](#).

### Requesting candidate registration

Given that this process is new this year, authorised test centres have been granted a short grace period (beyond the 29th September registration deadline) to register any remaining candidates. Please follow the [online guidance on registering candidates](#) via [admissionstesting@ox.ac.uk](mailto:admissionstesting@ox.ac.uk) as soon as possible and remember to include any requests for access arrangements.

TCS will be very shortly sending a second test centre bulletin communicating this information and more. A record of these bulletins will be accessible via the Oxford/TCS communications tab on the [test centres' webpage](#).

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## Carter Jonas

[www.carterjonas.co.uk/early-careers](http://www.carterjonas.co.uk/early-careers)

Estate agents and property consultants Carter Jonas have an established School Ambassador Network who dedicate their time to supporting schools with careers talks and events, helping to generate awareness of career pathways in property. Contact [recruitment@Carterjonas.co.uk](mailto:recruitment@Carterjonas.co.uk) to find out more. You can also sign up to their [early careers newsletter](#) for latest news on their apprenticeships, work experience and internships.



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## Talks on Becoming an Interpreter

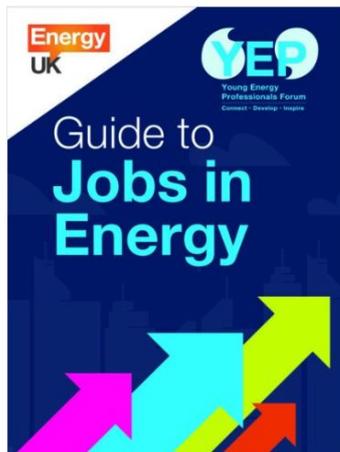
Clear Voice is an award-winning social enterprise that delivers professional language services. They specialise in on-demand telephone interpreting, video interpreting and face-to-face bookings. 100% of their profits are donated to Migrant Help, their parent charity. This supports their work with the victims of displacement and exploitation.

Clear Voice work with many schools and colleges, so have lots of experience. They can offer talks in schools around what it is like to become an interpreter. Contact them on 0800 520 0380 or [sales@clearvoice.org.uk](mailto:sales@clearvoice.org.uk)

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## Resources

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### Guide to Jobs in Energy

[www.energy-uk.org.uk/publications/yep-forum-guide-to-jobs-in-energy](http://www.energy-uk.org.uk/publications/yep-forum-guide-to-jobs-in-energy)

The Young Energy Professionals Forum has created this guide to highlight the diversity of jobs within the energy sector. There are so many different kinds of roles, from a nuclear engineering apprenticeship, through to working in customer service for a retail energy company or for a tech startup.

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### British Science Week Pack

[www.britishscienceweek.org/activity-packs](http://www.britishscienceweek.org/activity-packs)

British Science Week will take place from **8th to 17th March 2024** and the theme is 'time'. You can download a sneak peek activity pack for **students aged 11-14** to help with planning and ideas, such as encouraging students to take an interest in STEM by introducing transferable skills used by those working in STEM related jobs.



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### International Women's Day Printed Flashcard Pack

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/resource-registration>

pack from Amazing Apprenticeships. The pack of 26 flashcards, created especially for schools and colleges to mark International Women's Day on **8th March 2024**, features inspirational female apprentices and their employers,

The updated pack will showcase a new line up of 26 female apprentices, providing a fun and interactive way to highlight a wide range of roles across a variety of industries - A for Animal Care Assistant, B for Brewer, C for Chef etc. The previous printed packs were extremely popular with schools and colleges and were used to create many eye-catching and inspirational displays.

Schools and colleges can now [register](#) to receive a printed set of flashcards. Please register asap and by **1st December** at the latest - there are a limited number of packs, which will be allocated on a first come first served basis.



## Geography, Why Bother?

[www.mypathcareersuk.com/geography-why-bother](http://www.mypathcareersuk.com/geography-why-bother)

This resource from [MYPATH](#) aims to help geography teaching staff to show students the explicit links between the geography curriculum and the world of work. The resource can help towards achieving Gatsby Benchmark 4.

## The Parent Perspective

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/the-parent-perspective-podcast>

In episode 5, Rachel speaks to Colonel Craig Terblanche, who leads the delivery of the Army's apprenticeship programme and Mandy Gregson, parent of a British Army apprentice to find out about apprenticeships with the Army.





<https://careermap.co.uk>

Careermap have launched their new website, which hosts apprenticeship and graduate jobs boards, company hubs, career advice hub and events.

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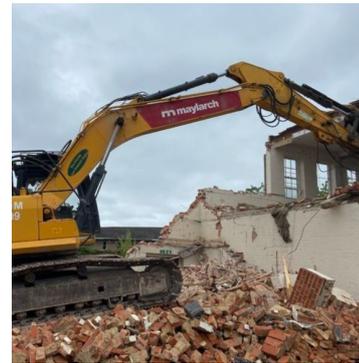
## Apprenticeships

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### Maylarch

[Link to the vacancy](#)

Demolition contractor Maylarch, based near Witney, are recruiting for a Demolition Operative Apprentice to assist with demolition of buildings and structures - a unique opportunity to start a career in the construction industry.



### HMGCC

[Link to the vacancies](#)

His Majesty's Government Communications Centre (HMGCC), based in Milton Keynes, are currently recruiting for apprenticeships in software, engineering, IT and electronics. Closing date: **13th October**.

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### University of Oxford

[www.apprenticeships.ox.ac.uk/vacancies](http://www.apprenticeships.ox.ac.uk/vacancies)

The University of Oxford are currently recruiting for their January cohort of apprentices. They have roles available in HR, finance, IT and admin, all with a starting salary of £22,631 p/a.



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## Dates For Your Diary

Listed here are events that have featured in previous Picks of the Week.

### **Oxford Science + Ideas Festival**

7th-28th October

IF Oxford features a wide range of inspirational events, talks and workshops for all ages covering a huge variety of topics. [Find out more.](#)

### **Role Model Week 2023**

9th-13th October

The 3rd annual Role Model Week from Founders4Schools will celebrate role models and their importance for future career success. Register for a starter pack to give you ideas about how your school can take part. [Find out more.](#)

### **Ada Lovelace Day**

10th October

Ada Lovelace Day is an international celebration of the achievements of women in STEM. You can download classroom resources and find out about events that are taking place in support of the day. [Find out more.](#)

### **Howden Insurance Careers Day**

12th October, 10:00-14:30

Howden are holding a 'world of insurance' careers day for students aged 16+ at Ascot Racecourse. Students can take part in skills sessions, a mini carers fair and a Q&A session with current employees about their career journeys. Lunch and a tour are included. [Find out more.](#)

### **North Oxfordshire Apprenticeship Fayre**

12th October, 16:00-18:00

North Oxfordshire Apprenticeship Fayre will take place at Lock29 in Banbury and is for anyone wanting to find out about apprenticeships both locally and nationally. Please share the poster with staff, students and parents/carers and put it up across your schools to ensure everyone knows it's on! [Download a poster.](#)

### **IBM Early Careers Webinar**

17th October, 18:30-19:30

This webinar is for Year 10-13 students and their parents/carers. They will learn about many different opportunities available at IBM and hear from some of their current interns about their experience so far. [Find out more.](#)

### **Parents/Carers Creative Careers Webinar**

18th October, 18:30-19:30

During this webinar, parents/carers can hear from four creative industry employers about roles available and the importance of creative skills in the workplace. [Register here.](#)

24th October, 10:00-15:00

This online taster day takes place is a collaboration between twelve of the UK's largest real estate consultancies. It will give attendees an insight into careers in property, from building to selling and includes a speed meet session, practical task and Q&A. [Find out more.](#)

### **British Army Apprenticeships**

7th November, 16:00

As the Army celebrates it's 100th year of offering apprenticeships this year, this webinar aims to provide insight and guidance for young people leaving school on how they can access an amazing apprenticeship and career in the British Army. [Find out more.](#)

### **Tomorrow's Engineers Week**

6th to 10th November

Tomorrow's Engineers Week returns for the 11th year and will help to bring engineering careers to life for young people. Students can complete a Meet the Future You quiz to find out how their skills and interests could match up to a career in engineering. [Find out more.](#)

### **The Nuclear Connection Science Fair**

10th November

The Nuclear Connection Science Fair 2023 is for Key Stage 3-5 students, parents/carers and educators. Through activities, games, presentations and conversations, students will discover everything they want to know about nuclear science and about the places it could take their future careers. [Find out more.](#)

### **What Career? & What Uni? Live**

What Career? and What University? Live takes place at Olympia in London on 10th-11th November. You can book a school trip if you wish and make your parents/carers aware in case they would like to attend with their child/ren. [Find out more.](#)

### **Get Into Dentistry Conference**

11th November, 09:30-15:00

Dental Mentor are running a one-day, online conference for students aged 14 or above who are interested in becoming a dentist. It will cover what it's like to be a dentist, perspectives from recent successful and current applicants, application advice, interviews and more. [Find out more.](#)

### **Discover! Creative Careers Week**

13th-17th November

Students aged 11-18 can hear about different job roles and career pathways across the creative industries, supported by a suite of lesson plans and resources. Download a flyer. Register by 6th October. [Find out more.](#)

### **Brookes Undergraduate Open Day**

18th November

their courses and the support they offer. [Find out more.](#)

### **National Interview Week**

4th-8th December

Oppidan Education and YourGamePlan have partnered to deliver the first ever National Interview Week, a programme that will deliver 5,000 free interview sessions for students in Year 12 and up. There are 30-100 free places available per school or college. [Find out more.](#)

### **Careers in Business Virtual Expo**

6th December, 08:30-17:30

This event from ACCA and Success at School is for students aged 13-18. Throughout the day there will be multiple live and interactive sessions covering jobs and roles available across various areas of business and entry pathways e.g. T Levels, apprenticeships and university. [Register here.](#)

### **Service Children Pupil Voice Event**

6th December, 09:45-14:30

Schools are invited to bring up to 6 Key Stage 3 Service children to this event, which aims to bring together Service children from across the county to share their experiences, hear their voices and have some fun! Deadline to request places: 21st September. [Find out more.](#)

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## **Useful Links**

These include some of the resources that have been shared in previous issues as a reminder.

[Oxme.info](#) - everything for young people in Oxfordshire

[Oxfordshire Your Futures](#)

[Get The Jump](#)

[Uni Taster Days](#)

[Provider Access Legislation](#)

[Careers Leader Training](#)

[Into Games](#)

[Amazing Apprenticeships](#)

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