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Picks of the Week: 12th December 2023

This is the last Picks of the Week of 2023 and the Oxfordshire Careers Hub team would like to wish you all an enjoyable and relaxing winter break. Thank you for all your support this year and we look forward to working with you in 2024!



Oxfordshire Events

Balliol College Insight Talks

[Registration link](#)

Balliol College are holding a series of 7 online talks aimed at **post 16 students** with an interest in science. Each talk will be taught by a University of Oxford University post-graduate student, giving the audience an insight into their particular research specialism. Talks are weekly from **8th January 2024 from 16:30-17:30**.





Join our virtual live events

Saturday 20 January 2024

Interested in finding out more about a career with your local ambulance service? Then join one of our virtual sessions:

- How to get started in our Patient Transport Service 10am-11.30am
- A career in our call centres 12pm-1.30pm
- How to become a paramedic 2pm-3.30pm



SCAS Live Chats

[Download a poster](#)

South Central Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust are holding a series of virtual live events on **20th January**, covering the patient transport service from **10:00–11:30**, call centres from **12:00–13:30** and paramedics from **14:00–15:30**.

Oxfordshire Advanced Skills

www.oas.ukaea.uk/apprenticeships/events-and-open-evenings

Oxfordshire Advanced Skills are holding open evenings on **1st February, 13th March and 16th April** with slots at **18:00 and 19:00** for students to meet tutors, employer partners and apprentices and tour the facilities.





LOOK INSIDE LIFE AS AN APPRENTICE

VISIT AN OAS OPEN EVENING

TUES 21 NOV	6 - 7PM 7 - 8PM
THURS 1 FEB	6 - 7PM 7 - 8PM
WEDS 13 MAR	6 - 7PM 7 - 8PM

REGISTER NOW TO ATTEND



Oxford Brookes Taster Days

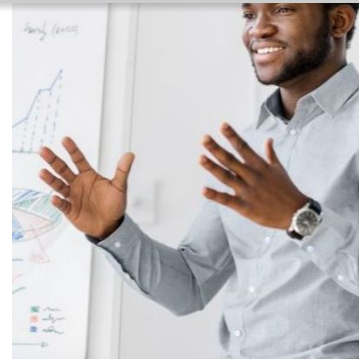
www.brookes.ac.uk/outreach/post-16/subject-taster-days

Oxford Brookes University is holding a series of subject taster days for **Year 12 students** starting on **11th March 2024**. They are free to attend and cover different topics and subject areas from one of their four faculties: Humanities and Social Sciences, Oxford Brookes Business School, Health and Life Sciences and Technology and Design and Environment.

Other Events

[Registration link](#)

This webinar on **23rd January from 18:30-19:30** is for students in **Years 10-13** who are interested in exploring a career at CBRE, the world's largest commercial real estate and investment services firm. They will learn about apprenticeships at CBRE and hear from current apprentices.



Google Digital Apprenticeships

[Registration link](#)

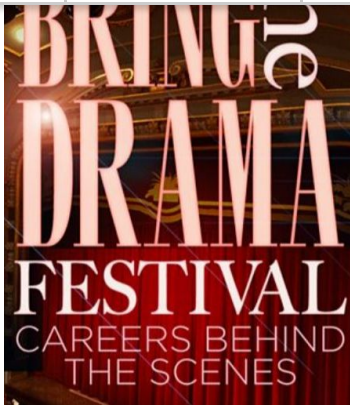
At this webinar on **30th January from 18:30-19:30**, students can hear from the Head of Apprenticeships at Google alongside two current apprentices about the different opportunities available in Digital with Google.

Things I Wish I'd Known

www.brightersound.com/get-involved/things-i-wish-id-known-2

Things I Wish I'd Known is for any young creative **aged 13-18** with questions about the music industry that need answering. Held monthly on Zoom, each meet-up will be led by guest artists chatting about careers and mistakes to avoid. The next meet takes place on **29th January**.





[Link to the information](#)

The BBC is joining forces with some of the UK's leading cultural organisations to create the first festival of its kind, bringing together stage and screen and opening up the doors to the next generation of behind-the-scenes talent. Across 6 weeks in **Spring 2024**, there will be a series of events taking place in parallel with a new primetime BBC Two series called Bring the Drama.

Careers Programmes & Work Experience

University of Oxford Astrophoria Foundation Year

<https://foundationyear.ox.ac.uk/home>

The University of Oxford's Astrophoria Foundation Year is a one-year fully-funded foundation programme in Science, Humanities, Law and PPE for up to 50 UK state school **Year 13 students** with significant academic potential, who have experienced severe personal disadvantage and/or disrupted education which has resulted in them being unable to apply directly for an undergraduate degree programme at the University of Oxford. Tuition and accommodation fees are covered by the University and a non-repayable bursary is provided to students to cover their living costs.

The grade requirements are lower than the undergraduate requirements, ranging from BBB to AAB at A Level. A number of other qualification types are also accepted. Students who pass a foundation year at the required level can progress automatically onto an undergraduate course at the University of Oxford.

Deadline for applications: **31st January 2024 via UCAS**.

Cyber Champions

www.cyberchampions.org

Launched in 2011, Cyber Champions is a not-for-profit, community giveback initiative which delivers free, in person, digital literacy and cyber skills workshops to primary and secondary school children, parents and local community groups across the UK. The initiative mobilises young professional volunteers, from local universities and industry, to deliver the interactive one-hour workshops and act as great role models for the children. Download [details about the workshops](#) and [2023 student and teacher testimonials](#).

Levelling Up

www.imperial.ac.uk/be-inspired/schools-outreach/secondary-schools/stem-programmes/levelling-up

Levelling Up is a year-long academic and pastoral support programme for **Year 12 students** who intend to study science, technology, engineering, mathematics, or medicine at university. Through a range of online academic tutorials, university information sessions and additional activities hosted by Imperial College London or other participating universities and partners, Levelling Up aims to support students with their A Level studies and ensure that they are as prepared as possible for the next step in their educational journey.

For 2024 entry, they will be running two strands: a physics strand and a chemistry strand. Both strands will consist predominantly of fortnightly after-school online tutorials on either Tuesdays or Thursdays, with one in-person event held at Imperial's South Kensington Campus on a Saturday in March 2024.

This outreach programme aims to support state school students from backgrounds under-represented at university and Imperial. They use the criteria below to assess who is eligible to participate and the more criteria students meet, the more likely their application will be successful.

Applications close on **11th January 2024**.

Sutton Trust US Programme

<https://us.suttontrust.com>

The Sutton Trust US programme gives students from across the UK the opportunity to explore studying in the US and introduces them to the American higher education system. The main focus is a one-week trip to the US during July/August 2024 with events and application support in the UK before and after.

Students must be in **Year 12**, attend a state school/college and come from a household earning £45,000 or less.

Applications close on **14th January 2024**.

Competitions

www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/shortstorycompetition

The Oxfordshire Libraries eBook Short Story Competition competition gives young people the chance to see their story published as an eBook and eAudiobook, available for library members to borrow in 2024. There are 3 age categories: 7-11, 12-17 and 18+. Closing date: **11th February 2024**.



BAFTA Young Game Designers

<https://ygd.bafta.org/competition>

This competition recognises young people who have an original game idea and who are already making their own games. There are 2 categories - game concept award and game making award. There are 2 age categories: 10-14 and 15-18. Closing date: **4th March 2024**.

Creative Writing Competition

www.tacchi-morris.com/the-page-is-printed-2024

This competition 'The Page is Printed' is free for under 18s to enter. They can write in any genre e.g. prose, poetry, script, a confession, a letter, a list but entries must be contained to just one side of A4. Closing date: **14th January 2024**.



For Careers Leads

Skills Builder Accelerator Programme

www.skillsbuilder.org/accelerator

We work closely with Skills Builder Partnership and they are opening up applications for their flagship education programme in **February 2024**. We wanted to share this opportunity with you because there are a limited number of funded places and these will be allocated in 3 rounds. You can register interest on their website at www.skillsbuilder.org/register-interest and they will send you the prospectus and all the

If you have any questions, you can email accelerator@skillsbuilder.org



Med School Interview Invites

www.themedicportal.com/blog/when-are-interview-invites-being-sent-out

The Medic Portal have a list of when they expect each med school to send their interview invites, which they update regularly. Discover who has and hasn't started sending out invites already.

UCAS Undergraduate End of Cycle Data Resources 2023

www.ucas.com/data-and-analysis/undergraduate-statistics-and-reports/ucas-undergraduate-end-cycle-data-resources-2023

The sector-level end of cycle data resources cover applicants and applications to courses recruited through UCAS, which covers the overwhelming majority of full-time undergraduate provision for people living in England.

WorldSkills UK Learning Lab

www.worldskillsuk.org/careers-advice/careers-education-resources-on-the-learning-lab

The e-learning bitesize resources on the WorldSkills UK Learning Lab support Careers Leaders and educators to inspire students to choose technical education and apprenticeship routes, with a focus on STEM, future skills and priority skill areas. Module and video resources take between 25 and 45 minutes to complete.





www.surveymonkey.com/r/survey-t-levels-2023

The DfE has created a survey to gather the views of Careers Leaders, Careers Advisers and educators to find out what else you would like to see to support your work in raising awareness of T Levels. There are just 10 questions. Please take the survey before **22nd December**.

Resources

My Story Apprenticeships Film

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/this-is-my-story>

This new Amazing Apprenticeships film (with British Sign Language interpretation) follows the inspirational stories of apprentices with learning and physical differences, disabilities and health conditions. It shows how the apprentices are progressing their careers through apprenticeships and the ways that their employers and training providers are supporting them.



Post 16 Student Guide

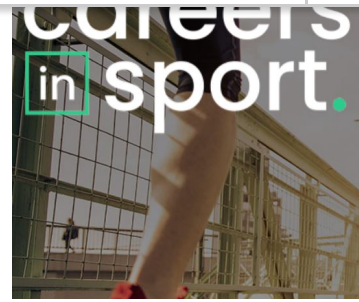
www.thecareerspeople.co.uk/post16studentguide

The Careers People's Post 16 Student Guide has been written to help **Year 11 students** understand their options for the end of the year. The guide aims to engage students by using the analogy of them being in the drivers seat, their destination being the career they want to focus on and where/what they study being the sat nav route they take to get there.



<https://careers-in-sport.co.uk>

Careers in Sport is the 'go-to' educational website for young people to learn about the diverse careers and jobs available in the industry and gain insight from leading professionals and organisations.



Careers in Journalism

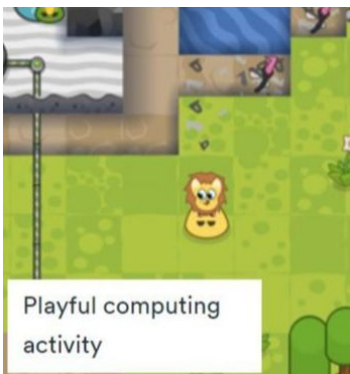
www.nctj.com/life-as-a-journalist

The National Council for the Training of Journalists has lots of resources to help students find out more about what life as a journalist is like, from a careers guide and Q&As with journalists in a range of roles to information on salaries and the different types of journalism.

Careers in Music

www.careersinmusic.com

An amazing website where students can explore backstage music careers as well as on-stage musician jobs. It contains music career and music school finders, industry insights and profiles of popular careers.



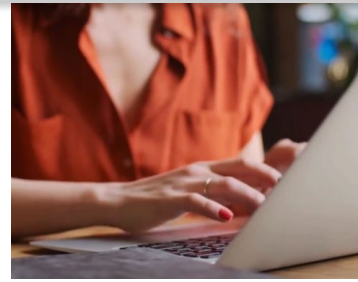
Careers in Games

www.digitalschoolhouse.org.uk/resources

Digital Schoolhouse is a not-for-profit programme which enables schools and colleges to experience free creative computing workshops. There are lots of free resources and activities available to download.

www.screenskills.com/information-and-resources

This directory of useful information published by ScreenSkills and other industry organisations includes a section on new entrant schemes in the film and TV industry and teaching resources.

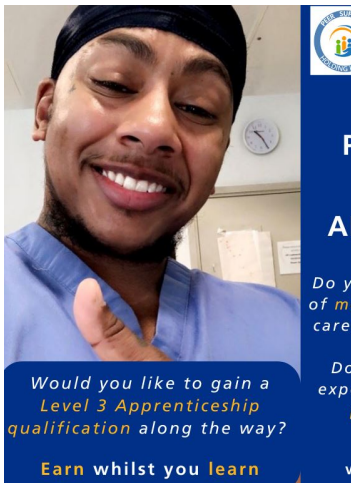


Apprenticeships

New Medical Doctor Degree Apprenticeship

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2023/06/30/nhs-doctor-apprenticeships-everything-you-need-to-know>

Health Education England have confirmed funding for a new Medical Doctor Degree Apprenticeship. Candidates will likely be able to apply to the pilot scheme from **September 2024** as a route into medicine. The main difference between the Medical Doctor Apprenticeship and a traditional medical degree is that apprentices will work as a trainee medical practitioner while studying towards their medical degree.



Oxford Health Peer Support Worker

www.oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/careers/2023/12/04/peer-support-workers

These level 3 apprenticeships would suit people who have their own lived experience of mental health challenges or have supported/cared for someone with mental health challenges.

Anyone interested can attend a briefing online on **13th December from 18:30-20:00** to find out more.

www.bloomberg.com/company/careers/early-career/apprenticeships-at-bloomberg

Bloomberg offer apprenticeships in finance, data, customer support, media, support, HR and technology. They are currently recruiting for roles based in London.



Morgan Stanley

<https://morganstanley.tal.net/vx/lang-en-GB/candidate/postings/11201>

The Morgan Stanley Digital and Technology Solutions Degree Apprenticeship enables students to benefit from theory-based learning at university whilst working alongside industry experts within the Morgan Stanley technology division. Closing date: **19th February 2024**.

Amazon

<https://amazonapprenticeships.co.uk>

Applications for Amazon's 2024 apprenticeship programmes are now open. They include digital, operations and engineering, marketing and sales, human resources, business management, finance and procurement. They also have some application support resources available at <https://amazonapprenticeships.co.uk/application-support>



IBM

[Link to the information](#)

IBM are currently recruiting for apprenticeships from level 3 to 6 and include Junior Management Consultant, Test Engineer, Junior Devops Engineer and Digital and Technology Solutions Degree.

www.airbus.com/en/careers/apprentices-and-pupils/apprenticeship-in-united-kingdom

Airbus are currently recruiting for a range of roles in various locations including customer services, aerospace engineering, mechatronics, data analytics and cyber security.



Dates For Your Diary

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

Chemistry Conference at Trinity College

12th December, 15:45–16:45

The Department of Chemistry is hosting its first Christmas Chemistry Conference for Year 12-13 students - A Quantum Christmas Robin - at Trinity College. [Find out more.](#)

Apprenticeships with Dunelm

12th December, 15:30

This webinar with the Dunelm Early Careers will introduce the range of apprenticeships they offer, including from finance, retail, sustainability, logistics, buying & merchandising and insight & analytics and the vacancies that will be available in 2024. [Register here.](#)

Army Apprenticeships & Scholarships

16th January, 18:30-19:30

This webinar offers valuable insight into educational and career opportunities within the Army and will discuss apprenticeships, bursaries and scholarships. Parents/carers and educators are encouraged to attend. [Register here.](#)

SOFEA Post 16 Options Evening

17th January, 17:15-19:00

SOFEA are holding an open evening for students and supporting adults to find out about SOFEA's post 16 options including, their pre-apprenticeship programme and their approach, tour the facilities and meet staff. [Register here.](#)

Women in the Army

23rd January, 11:00-12:00

At this webinar, students will hear how women make their mark in the Army and hear about a typical day for women in the Army. They will also be able to ask questions during an interactive Q&A. Download a poster. Deadline to apply: 5th January. [Register here.](#)

3rd February, 09:30-16:00

Oxford Brookes Science Bazaar is a free event for all the family and is most suitable for students aged up to 16 years. There is an autism friendly early opening from 09:30-11:30. [Register here](#).

Empathy Week

26th February - 1st March 2024

Empathy Week is a free festival of webinars, films, resources and events that explore the theme of 'Home' and develop the skill of empathy, a vital skill for success as it underpins the skills of great leadership, creativity and communication. [Find out more](#).

UK University Search Fairs

There are lots of UK University & Apprenticeship Search fairs taking place at universities and stadiums in spring 2024, including at Oxford Brookes University on 12th June. The fairs give students the opportunity to meet universities and apprenticeship providers and attend seminars. [Find out more](#).

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](#)

[Your Game Plan](#)

[Find Your Future](#)

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