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Picks of the Week: 12th March 2024

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Compass Evaluation Reminder

A reminder to please complete your Compass evaluation by **25th March**. If you have any questions, please contact your Enterprise Coordinator.

Careers Fest - Parents/Carers Session

<https://careersfest2024twilightsession.eventbrite.co.uk>

Please help us give the Careers Fest twilight session a final push to get as many parents and carers attending as possible. The session will take place on **20th March** at The Kassam Stadium **with slots from 16:30-18:00 or 18:00-19:30**. Parents/carers can register and watch the highlights of last year's event at: <https://oxlepskills.co.uk/careersfest>

You can now download the [parent/carers guide](#) to help them plan their visit, as well as the [student guide](#).

You can also download our [communications pack](#) to help you raise awareness of the parents/carers session. This includes graphics and text that you can share via social media and email, a press release and [flyer](#). Please share these via your own networks and share the pack with the person who looks after comms in your school and ask them to share via your channels. If you have any problems downloading the materials, please contact your Enterprise Coordinator.



Oxfordshire Events

High Sheriff Young Engineer Awards 2024

[Download a poster](#) and [entry form](#)

Please could we ask you to encourage your engineering or technology department to nominate students for the High Sheriff Young Engineer Awards 2024. It is a fantastic opportunity to celebrate young people who have a keen interest in the subject and to also present their work to Lucy Group, a leading Oxfordshire engineering employer!

Teachers nominate students for work they have produced already either within their engineering, resistant materials, or design technology classes. Work produced in relevant school clubs or outside of school could also be used. Teachers can nominate students who show great promise in the field of engineering, resistant materials and/or design technology.

Students can win a £400 voucher and there is £1000 for schools who have a student who wins a category. There are 4 categories:

1. Year 8 & 9 Award
2. Year 10 & 11 Award
3. Year 12 & 13 Award
4. Team Award (maximum of 8 to a team)

Nomination is quick and easy using existing student work - just complete the [entry form](#) highlighting one piece of work the student or team has produced. The submission should include supporting photographs of the work plus information (150-200 words) about the project, the student's interests, their approach to the subject and their promise in the field of engineering and technology.

Entry deadline: **28th March**.



www.henleycol.ac.uk/your-future-at-henley/events

Henley College are holding an information event on **19th March from 18:00-20:00** and a college campus tour on **20th March from 10:00-12:00** for students to see the facilities, find out about courses and meet staff and current students.

Oxford Brookes Taster Days

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

Oxford Brookes University's taster days for **Year 12 students** start this month and they have removed the cap on numbers to enable schools to bring more than 10 students per day. They are happy to meet with you to discuss further and are taking bookings for assemblies to provide more information to your students. Email schools.liaison@brookes.ac.uk to find out more.



Other Events



JLR Apprenticeships Webinar

[Link to register](#)

This webinar on **12th March from 18:30-19:15** will share information about apprentice roles at JLR, give attendees the opportunity to meet apprentices and understand the benefits of joining as an apprentice alongside some tips to help them succeed in making an application.



<https://form.jotform.com/240602491529354>

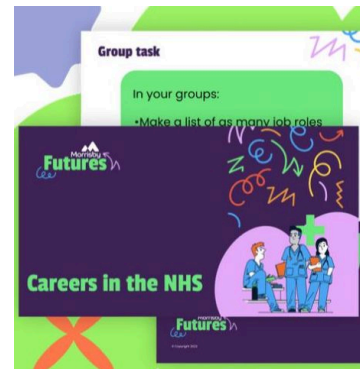
This free of charge challenge to create innovative new products for global employer JCB has been designed to fit into one school day, with an estimated 5-hour duration. There is also a 60 minute version designed for learners taking part in business studies or for form time/PSHE as a fun break from the traditional curriculum, or as a homework task.

For Careers Leads

Win a Morrisby Licence Worth £995

www.morrisby.com/ncw-2024

Morrisby launched a competition in National Careers Week to win one of six Morrisby Careers licences (worth £995) for your school. Every entrant will also receive a free lesson plan to use with your students on 'Careers in the NHS'.



Compass Webinars

There are several webinars from the CEC about Compass coming up:

- 14th March, 15:30-16:30 – [Deep Dive Future Skills Questionnaire](#)
- 21st March, 15:30-16:30 – [Deep Dive Dashboard, Evaluations and Activities](#)
- 28th March, 15:30-16:30 – [Next Steps with Compass+](#)

How UniTasterDays Can Support Your University Links

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_hcME8yYERPe2MxXvOdV0fQ#/registration

At this live and free 20 minute event on **20th March at 15:30**, Jon Cheek, Founder of UniTasterDays.com, will be joined by careers expert Jessica Pieri, Founder of The Careers People, to provide an overview of all the free resources at UniTasterDays.com to support the university links for your school or college. Jon

Careers Education 2022/23: Now & Next

www.careersandenterprise.co.uk/our-evidence/evidence-and-reports/careers-education-2022-23-now-next

The study from the Careers & Enterprise Company, the national body for careers education is based on the biggest ever set of data on what is happening in careers education today, from more than 100,000 students, 4,500 secondary schools and colleges, 342 leading companies and 1,100 business professionals. Some of the key findings were:

- Young people's career readiness is rising – up 67% between years 7 and 13 (from 46% to 77%).
- Business is benefitting – 86% say working with schools is encouraging young people to take up careers in their sector. 78% say it's increasing job applications.
- Disadvantage is being targeted – high quality careers education reduces a young person's risk of being NEET by 8% - saving the Treasury £150 million a year.

Resources



British Science Week

www.britishtime.org

British Science Week 2024 takes place from **8th-17th March**. You can download a secondary age activity pack from the website, which provides fun and engaging ways to introduce this year's theme of 'time' to your students.

Apprenticeships

<https://oxme.info/opportunities/av-technician-apprentice>

Live Wire Productions is a technical productions company near Banbury that supports the motorsport industry with events. They have an exciting and unusual opportunity for for a Level 5 Audio Visual Technician Apprenticeship. Closing date: **30th March**.



Tuthill Porsche

<https://oxme.info/opportunities/finance-apprentice-0>

Tuthill Porsche near Banbury are recruiting for a Level 2 Finance Apprenticeship to work in their state-of-the-art building with a friendly team. Annual wage: £15,000. Closing date: **20th May**.

BlackRock

www.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk/company-profile/3718/blackrock/jobs

BlackRock is a global asset manager with a purpose to help more people experience financial well-being. They have opportunities in their London office for October 2024 including business management, client experience, product marketing and compliance. Closing date: **15th March**.



Dates For Your Diary

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

Oxford Brookes Taster Days

Starting 11th March 2024

Oxford Brookes University is holding a series of subject taster days for Year 12 students. 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. [Find out more.](#)

At this webinar, students can learn about apprentice roles at JLR, meet apprentices, hear about the benefits of joining JLR as an apprentice and gain some tips to help them with making an application. [Register here](#).

Unifrog UK University Fair

13th March, 16:30-19:00

Students can get to know more about university by joining this virtual fair. They can join live sessions and get in touch directly with universities across the UK. Participants can get their questions answered and network one-on-one to get top tips on how to find and apply to their dream university course. [Find out more](#).

Oxfordshire Advanced Skills Open Evening

13th March, 18:00-20:00

Oxfordshire Advanced Skills are holding an apprenticeship open evening at their Culham centre. Students will have the opportunity to tour the facilities, meet the team and employer partners and find out about the apprenticeships on offer. [Register here](#).

Battle The Bugs KS4 Study Days

13th and 14th March, 09:30-15:00

These study days for Year 10 and 11 students have been arranged for British Science Week by the University of Oxford. They cover some interesting topics around fighting disease. [Register here](#).

Emergency Services Careers Event

17th March, 10:00-14:00

At this event from Thames Valley Police at Milton Keynes Blue Light Hub, students can explore the diverse career options available within the police, fire and ambulance services and meet people who work in them. [Register here](#).

Wilmott Dixon Open Doors Event

18th March, 10:00-12:00

Wilmott Dixon is building two buildings at Oxford Brookes University's Headington Hill campus to provide sustainable new spaces for students, staff and the community. They have 30 places available for a site visit as part of Open Doors Week. [Register here](#).

Open Doors Week Visits in Oxfordshire

18th to 23rd March

Open Doors takes visitors behind the scenes to showcase the fantastic range of careers available in construction. There are several events already listed in Oxfordshire, including: Oxford Railway Station with Kier - 19th and 20th March, Culham Science Centre - 19th and 20th March, JSP meet the manufacturer day - 19th March [Find out more](#).

Kier Open Doors Visits at Oxford Railway Station

project will be opening its doors to schools and colleges for a few sessions over 19th and 20th March.

[Register here.](#)

Mansfield Humanities Study Day

25th March, 10:00-16:00

This study day at the University of Oxford Mansfield College is for Year 12 students who are interested in studying a humanities subject at university. Students will take part in multiple academic workshops from different humanities subjects on the theme of 'monster hunt'. Deadline to register: 26th February. [Register here.](#)

Somali Students Access Day

25th March, 09:30-16:00

Trinity College, the Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies (OCIS) and the Somali Society are joining forces to offer Year 12 students with Somali heritage the opportunity to experience an academic taster, gain information about admissions and hear from current students with shared identities. Download a poster. Deadline to register: 18th March. [Register here.](#)

Better Together

28th March, 09:30-14:30

Better Together is an opportunity for family carers, professionals and organisations who support children and young people with SEND aged 0 - 18 (or up to 25 with an EHCP) to work together to find a positive way forward to improve services and outcomes. [Register here.](#)

Shakespeare Schools Festival

28th March, 19:00-22:00

A night of 4 abridged and adapted Shakespeare plays, performed by Year 10-12 East Midlands school students at Magdalen College. A great opportunity to see unique versions of the plays and support young people with great aspirations as they take to the stage. [Register here.](#)

Lloyds Careers Live

2nd April, 17:00-18:00

The next Lloyds Careers Live will look at their careers in client management and customer care. [Register here.](#)

BAME Humanities Study Day

4th April, 09:00-15:00

Magdalen College, University of Oxford are holding a virtual humanities taster study day for Year 12 students from Black, Asian or Minority Ethnic backgrounds. Deadline to apply: 25th February. [Register here.](#)

Actuarial Careers Webinar Series

16th April, 30th April and 24th September

interviews and pass numerical reasoning tests. Each webinar will be covering a different topic. [Register here](#).

History Study Day

17th April

St John's College, University of Oxford are holding a History and History of Art Study Day for Year 12 students. Attendees will meet Oxford tutors and students and experience academic taster sessions.

Deadline to apply: 20th March. [Register here](#).

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](#)

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