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OxLEP Skills: Picks of the Week

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## Picks of the Week: 13th June 2023

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



## From OxLEP Skills

### Find Your Future Upgrade

[www.oxlepskills.co.uk/findyourfuture](http://www.oxlepskills.co.uk/findyourfuture)

We have some exciting news in that Find Your Future is currently going through a major upgrade. The new version will be launched on **22nd June 2023** and you will find a greatly improved user experience, along with the ability to host non-public visits for individual classes, enabling you to access a report of their activity. Please visit our Find Your Future page on the [OxLEP Skills website](#) to find out more and view our 'How To' films for educators and students/parents/carers. The [current Find Your Future site](#) will still be available until 22nd June.



### Careers Fest 2024 - Save The Date!

Careers Fest 2024 will take place on **20th and 21st March** at The Kassam Stadium. Please save the date



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## Events

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### Accessible Employment Event

<https://pathwayctm.com/event/accessible-employment-opportunities-event>

During this Pathway CTM event in partnership with SCOPE on **22nd June from 18:00-19:00**, students will hear from a range of employers about their opportunities and support provided for people with disabilities. Students who attend the event will be able to receive free 1-1 support on applications for any opportunities advertised during the event.

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[www.escapestudios.ac.uk/events/undergraduate-open-days](http://www.escapestudios.ac.uk/events/undergraduate-open-days)

Students can attend this open day on **1st July from 10:00-14:30** either online or in person. They can find out all about the courses on offer, including new degrees in Character Creation for Animation, Games & VFX, Video Games Design and Technical Art for Games & VFX.



## Parents/Carers Uni Webinars

[www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ox4ox-families-a-guide-to-university-supporting-your-child-tickets-611116835907](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ox4ox-families-a-guide-to-university-supporting-your-child-tickets-611116835907)

The Access Team at Trinity College, University of Oxford are offering two online sessions for **parents/carers of Year 10-12 students** on **3rd and 6th July**, giving a guide to the University and the application process. They can choose to attend one or both sessions. Please share [the flyer](#), which has the registration link, with parents and carers at your school.

## Careers Programmes & Work Experience

### Speakers for Schools

Download a flyer [for educators](#) and a flyer [for students](#)

Here are some highlights from Speakers for Schools' forthcoming, fully funded experience opportunities. Download the flyers via the links above for more.

#### **Sustainability Week: Outdoor Careers with Ground Control**

Virtual insight session for **ages 14-19**

**27th June, 10:00-12:00, deadline to apply: 13th June**

[www.speakersforschools.org/results/?opp=851E921F-CF73-4544-AAAF-08DB31BE7235](http://www.speakersforschools.org/results/?opp=851E921F-CF73-4544-AAAF-08DB31BE7235)

As a leading landscaping company and certified BCorp, Ground Control have social and environmental performance, transparency and accountability at the centre of what they do. Students can join this virtual session to find out about the role Ground Control play in tackling climate change, biodiversity loss and social and economic inequality.

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Discovery workshop for **ages 12-19**

**27th June, 10:00-10:45, deadline to apply: 26th June at midday**

[Book a group](#)

Students can join Virgin Media O2's 'Connecting Futures' programme, where they will learn about the people on a mission to upgrade the UK, discover the talent behind the organisation and the routes for them to join the team.

### **Networking Camp with Virgin Media O2**

Virtual insight session for **ages 14-19**

**5th July, 10:00-12:00, deadline to apply: 20th June**

[www.speakersforschools.org/results/?opp=2E38DD36-B5F5-45CE-C692-08DB4BA48246](http://www.speakersforschools.org/results/?opp=2E38DD36-B5F5-45CE-C692-08DB4BA48246)

Students can join this session of Virgin Media O2's pioneering 'Connecting Futures' Programme, which is designed to ensure they can experience all aspect of Virgin Media O2. They will learn more about career opportunities at Virgin Media O2 and complete an interactive challenge that will test their teamwork and problem-solving skills!

### **Careers in Film and TV with Sky Studios**

Virtual discovery workshop for **ages 14-19** (educators sign up a group)

**3rd July, 11:00-12:00, deadline to apply: 21st June**

[www.speakersforschools.org/discovery-workshop/sky-studios-elstree-discovery-workshop](http://www.speakersforschools.org/discovery-workshop/sky-studios-elstree-discovery-workshop)

Do your students want to learn more about careers in film and TV? Come along to this discovery workshop hosted by the Talent Manager from Sky Studios Elstree. Sky Studios Elstree is a brand-new film and TV studio based in Elstree and Borehamwood, built to host blockbuster film productions and aiming to be the most sustainable studio in the world. Students will learn about careers in the screen industries and on and off set opportunities at the studios and at Sky.

### **Work Experience Perfect for Geography Lovers with Ordnance Survey**

Virtual insight session for **ages 14-19**

**10th-14th July 09:00-12:00, deadline to apply: 23rd June**

[Book a group](#)

An opportunity not to be missed for students looking at opportunities in the geospatial sector. They will learn about and experience careers and beyond with Ordnance Survey - from data-capturing drones to using maps in apps. Each day will include talks, interactive tasks and opportunities for students to learn from the experts. On the final day, students will be given practical advice on how to prepare for a career in this sector. This is the perfect enrichment opportunity for GCSE or A Level Geography students and will help towards meeting Gatsby Benchmarks 4, 5 & 6.

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## **For Careers Leaders**

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<https://training.ndcs.org.uk/course/info.php?id=25>

This National Deaf Children's Society e-learning will provide you with an introduction to NDCS's Deaf Works Everywhere toolkit as well as your legal responsibilities to ensure good careers advice for young people. Please share with colleagues who are working with deaf children across your institution.



## The Careers Circle

[www.thecareerspeople.co.uk/the-careers-circle](http://www.thecareerspeople.co.uk/the-careers-circle)

The Careers Circle is a new online community from The Careers People for careers professionals working across the UK. Due to launch in September 2023, the community will offer a range of events to help careers professionals to share, support and develop.

## Resources

### CEC Resource Directory - New Resources

<https://resources.careersandenterprise.co.uk>

A reminder that the CEC's resource directory is fantastic if you're looking for ideas for activities to run with students, particularly those in younger year groups.

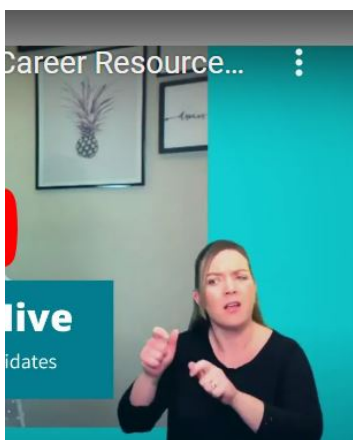
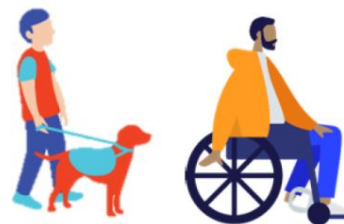
There are lots of new resources in the directory this month. Have a look at the following:

- [Connect for Trusts](#) – useful for Careers Leaders working in MATs large and small
- [EngineeringUK](#) – Updated for the engineering days that are coming up
- [Enneagram Career Quiz: What Career is Right for Me?](#)
- [Inclusive Employment Worcestershire Magazine](#) – great to share with employers
- [Reimagining Experiences of the Workplace](#) – useful for BM6 ideas
- [Spotlight Talks & Videos on Careers – WorldSkills UK](#) – Updated!!!
- [Work Experience Resources for SEND Schools](#) – full of useful editable resources and docs you can use in your schools
- [WHY MATHS?](#) - video collection

## Disability Rights UK Get Ahead

[www.disabilityrightsuk.org/get-ahead](http://www.disabilityrightsuk.org/get-ahead)

Get Ahead is a toolkit and resource co-produced with and for disabled young people. The newsletter and magazine will help them navigate the wide range of information and resources that are available in post-16 education, training and work.



## Evenbreak Career Hive

<https://hive.evenbreak.co.uk/disability-career-resources/age-16-24>

Evenbreak provides relevant and accessible careers support for disabled candidates looking for new or better work, delivered by careers professionals with lived experience of disability. They have a Careers Hive for young people aged 16-24.

## Access to Work

[www.gov.uk/access-to-work](http://www.gov.uk/access-to-work)

Access to Work is a specific grant that is available from the Department of Work and Pensions (DWP) if you are **16+** and have a disability, neurodiversity, health or mental health condition and you are doing:

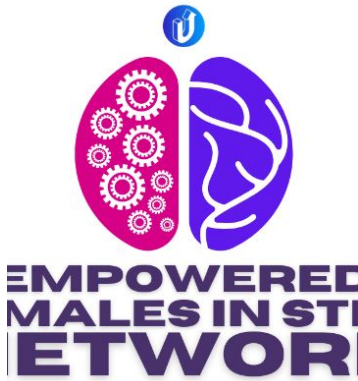
- A paid job
- An apprenticeship
- A traineeship
- A supported internship
- A work trial or start work experience arranged through Jobcentre Plus
- Are self employed
- Or have been invited for interview

This film explains Access to Work: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=rgggzV12ziU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rgggzV12ziU)



<https://neonfutures.org.uk>

Neon provides free resources to help you to introduce students to future STEM careers, raise their aspirations and explore the excitement of engineering through brilliant activities, inspiring case studies and supportive resources.



## Empowered Females in STEM

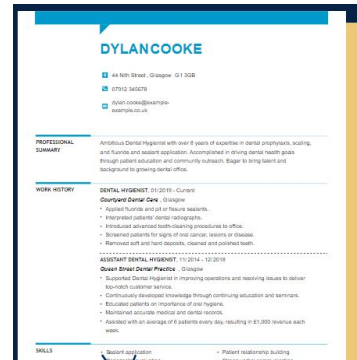
[Sign up form](#)

The Empowered Females in STEM Network aims to engage and empower diverse female and non-binary STEM students from across England, connecting them with a range of incredible opportunities from leading STEM companies such as Pfizer, Colt, Dyson, BP, AWS, and UCB.

## My Perfect CV

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

Students can create their CV online with the CV maker in just a few minutes and learn the best way to make a CV specific to their chosen industry. There's also a useful article on [what skills to include in your CV](#) for 2023.



## Apprenticeships and Opportunities



### Fisher Studios

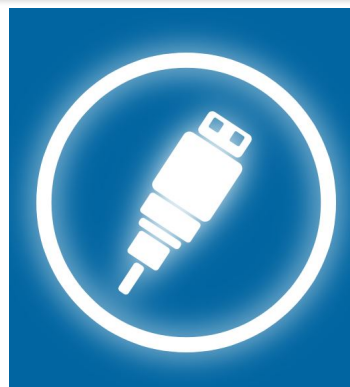
[Link to the vacancy](#)

Fisher Studios in Oxford is recruiting for an Apprentice Photographer to assist their photographic team with all aspects of work from photography to post production, with the aim of staying with the team as a full time photographer on completion. Closing date: **30th June**.

## The Cabling Company

[Link to the vacancy](#)

This interesting Network Cabling Installer Apprenticeship with The Cabling Company in Witney offers a fantastic way to train and learn about the IT Industry and specifically the data cabling part of this industry. Closing date: **30th August**.



## Oxford City Council

[www.oxford.gov.uk/info/20252/apprenticeships](http://www.oxford.gov.uk/info/20252/apprenticeships)

Oxford City Council are currently recruiting for some interesting apprenticeships, including youth work (closing **21st June**), project management and business admin in the fraud prevention, law & governance and homelessness prevention teams (closing **26th June**).

## Dates For Your Diary

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

### Army Apprenticeships Webinar

14th June, 16:00

This webinar will provide an insight into the extensive range of apprenticeships with the British Army, the Army Foundation College Harrogate (AFC) that caters to 16–17 year olds and the application process.

[Register here](#).

### National Apprenticeship Week 2024 Planning Webinar

15th June, 15:30–16:00

National Apprenticeship Week 2024 will take place from **5th-11th February**. Amazing Apprenticeships are holding an planning webinar for schools and colleges to help you get ahead and find out what's in store for #NAW2024. [Find out more](#).

### Oxford Brookes Open Day

16th June

Oxford Brookes is holding an undergraduate open day, which will help students to get a feel for



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### Accessible Employment Event

22nd June, 18:00-19:00

This virtual event with SCOPE will feature a range of employers who want to talk to students about the support they have in place for people with disabilities both during the application process as well as when they're employees. [Register here](#).

### INWED webinar

23rd June, 12:00

This webinar will celebrate the amazing work that women engineers around the world are doing to #MakeSafetySeen. It will profile women in engineering who are doing amazing work in safety and security, either by making working environments safer, or protecting their colleagues, peers and wider society. [Register here](#).

### University of Oxford Women in Science Day

23rd June

The Oxford colleges of Trinity, Jesus, and Wadham are holding a Women in Science Day for 100 Year 12 students who are looking to explore the sciences at university. The University of Oxford offers over 20 different undergraduate courses in science subjects, so we want to showcase just how diverse a degree in the sciences can be. [Application form](#).

### Festival of Apprenticeships

Birmingham (27th June), Manchester (29th June) and London (4th July)

Festival of Apprenticeships is a roadshow exhibition promoting and celebrating all things apprenticeships. [Find out more](#).

### University of Oxford Open Days

28th and 29th June and 15th September

The University of Oxford are holding undergraduate open days, giving students the opportunity to have a look around and talk to tutors. [Register here](#).

### Top Apprenticeship Employers

29th June, 14:00-15:30

The new 2023 rankings for the Top 100 Apprenticeship Employers and Top 50 SME Apprenticeship Employers will be announced during a special live broadcast. [Register here](#).

### Youth Employment Week

3rd-7th July

Youth Employment UK have announced this the launch of a new annual event. Youth Employment Week will celebrate all things youth employment and will focus on the theme for this year of 'Opportunities for All'. [Find out more](#).

### Into Games Festival

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career in the games industry to make connections and develop their skills to help them get started in their dream role. [Register here](#).

### National Manufacturing Day

28th September

National Manufacturing Day will see factories and sites opening their doors to give an insight into the sector through open events and tours, giving students the opportunity to find out about jobs and careers in manufacturing. Employers will be adding their events to an interactive map. [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](#)

[Disability Rights UK Get Ahead](#)

[Provider Access Legislation](#)

[Careers Leader Training](#)

[Into Games](#)

[Amazing Apprenticeships](#)

[Your Game Plan](#)

[Find Your Future](#)

[Choices post 16 resource](#)

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