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Picks of the Week: 14th November 2023

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Careers Fest - Parents/Carers Session

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

Careers Fest will take place on **20th and 21st March 2024** at The Kassam Stadium. We are once again holding a 'twilight' session for parents and carers on **20th March with slots from 16:30-18:00 or 18:00-19:30**.

Please share the booking link and [this poster](#) with your parents/carers and encourage them to register. We also have a short film that you can share with them to give them an idea of what Careers Fest is like: www.youtube.com/watch?v=JHPoV2_fY3E. We will also share a flyer/poster with you shortly.



Compass Evaluation Reminder

evaluation, but if you are comfortable doing this on your own please go ahead. If you have any questions please get in touch with your EC directly.

Oxfordshire Events



Velocity Football Open Evening

[Link to register](#)

Velocity is a full-time educational academy that combines football and sport business with academia. There is an open event on **15th November from 18:30-19:30** at Oxford City Football Club for students interested in finding out more. [Download information about Velocity.](#)

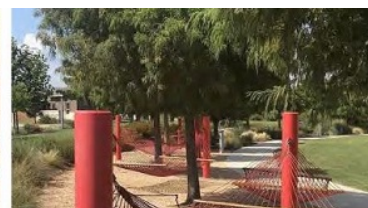
Make Space for Girls Creative Workshop

[Download information about the workshop](#)

Kerry Lemon (www.kerrylemon.co.uk) is an artist commissioned by St Modwen to create a series of art events and sculptures for Kingsgrove in Wantage. As part of this work, Kerry is partnering with [Make Space For Girls](#) to explore what 16-19 year olds would like to see in the new Community Growing Space.

Kerry is running a free creative workshop (with lots of pizza!) on **8th December from 11:00-15:00** at Abingdon & Witney College and is inviting **16-19 year olds who don't identify as male** to take part. [Download a poster](#). There will be a follow up session via Zoom on **29th February from 16:00** where the planned design(s) will be presented.

There is a [sign up form](#) for interested students to complete and return to Kerry by **29th November**.



Chemistry Conference at Trinity College

The Department of Chemistry is hosting its first Christmas Chemistry Conference for **Year 12-13 students** - A Quantum Christmas Robin - on **12th December from 15:45–16:45** at Trinity College.

Small migratory songbirds are extraordinary navigators: weighing less than 30 grams, they fly thousands of kilometres, alone and at night, ultimately with centimetre precision. To do this they use the sun and the stars, their sense of smell and physical landmarks but they can also perceive the direction of the Earth's magnetic field – an internal compass.

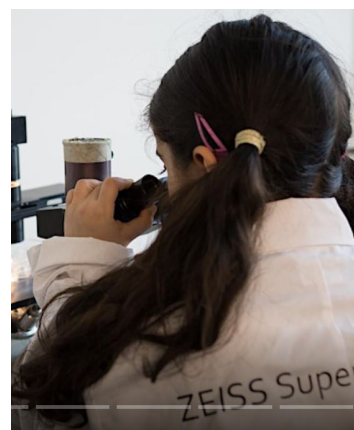
In this lecture, Professor Peter Hore FRS will discuss the theory that the birds' magnetic compass relies on a quantum mechanism in their eyes that is much more sensitive than previously thought possible. This work could have major implications for conservation, navigation and how we think about the robins and other small songbirds we see in our gardens.

Priority will be given to local state schools working with Trinity College to attend in person, with all KS5 students, teachers and parents/carers are welcome to attend online.

Oxford Brookes Science Bazaar

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/oxford-brookes-science-bazaar-beyond-2024-tickets-642132865687

Oxford Brookes Science Bazaar will be back on **3rd February 2024**. It's a free event for all the family and is most suitable for **students aged up to 16 years**. It takes place from **09:30-16:00** with an autism friendly early opening from 09:30-11:30.



Other Events



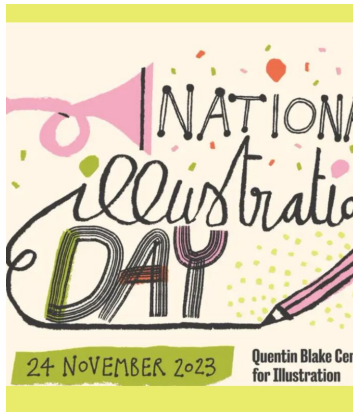
Maths Week England

<https://mathsweekengland.co.uk>

Maths Week England takes place from **13th-18th November**. On the website, you can access resources, competitions, puzzles and events.

<https://aspire.upreach.org.uk/live-webinars>

This webinar from upReach on **20th November from 17:00-18:30** will showcase careers at the BBC and introduce their early careers schemes, which are for anyone **aged 18 upwards**.



National Illustration Day

www.qbcentre.org.uk/quentin-blake-centre-for-illustration-national-illustration-day-2023-for-schools

The Quentin Blake Centre for Illustration are launching the first National Illustration Day on **24th November**. They have created a lesson resource to show how illustration is important in so many ways, from packaging to road signs to video games.

AWE Apprenticeships Parents Event

<https://pathwayctm.com/event/discover-awes-apprenticeships-a-parents-guide>

This in person event for parents/carers of **students in Years 11-13** will take place on **29th November from 17:00-19:30** at AWE in Reading. They will learn about AWE's apprenticeship programmes, spanning Level 2 to Level 6 in diverse fields such as business, lab technician and nuclear engineering.



Protecting Our Planet Day

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/protecting-our-planet-day-2023-tickets-713787657097

Protecting Our Planet Day is inspiring live-streamed event on **30th November from 09:00-16:30** from the UK Space Education Office at STEM Learning, in collaboration with the European Space Agency and the UK Space Agency.

Army Apprenticeships & Scholarships

[Registration link](#)

This webinar on **16th January from 18:30 - 19:30** offers valuable an insight into educational and career opportunities within the Army and will discuss apprenticeships, bursaries and scholarships. Parents/carers and educators are encouraged to attend.



Careers Programmes & Work Experience

My Employment Passport for Young People with SEND

[Download information about the programme](#)

My Employment Passport is a course that raises the employment aspirations for young people with additional needs, whilst inspiring their teachers, tutors, day service leaders, supporters, parents and future employers. There are 30 sessions featuring 30 different videos and a further 5 refresher sessions. Many of the videos star young autistic people and young people with learning disabilities who are in paid employment.

Everything is aligned with the Gatsby Benchmarks and the CDI's learning outcomes. The initiative won the CDI's Post-16 Career Programme of the Year in 2022. There are four different programmes drawing on the same video resources, but using different printed resources and session plans.

There is currently an offer running where you pay **£144 for an unlimited number of places on the first 3 programmes**. If you're interested, email Richard at richard@myemploymentpassport.com. He can send you the video, session plan and activity sheet for session 1 to give you a flavour of what you can expect for the entire course.

Oxford Brookes Year 12 Subject Workshops

www.brookes.ac.uk/outreach/post-16/year-12-subject-workshops

Oxford Brookes University is now taking bookings for their subject specific workshops. Delivered by current Oxford Brookes students and designed in conjunction with our academics, these subject workshops have been thoughtfully designed to provide **Year 12 students** with an accessible taste of

They currently offer a range of subjects including Engineering, Sport, Maths, Biological Sciences, Criminology, Healthcare, Business and many more.

If you have any questions or would like to book please email: schools.liaison@brookes.ac.uk.

Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF)

<https://fisd.oxfordshire.gov.uk/kb5/oxfordshire/directory/advice.page?id=AVpSfBoWFFU>

The Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme is for families whose children are in receipt of benefits-related free school meals and in **Reception-Year 11**. Families will be able to book onto winter holiday provision from the end of November.

Children and young people attending sessions will be able to enjoy quality holiday activities to help them develop skills and a healthy meal at each session they attend. Each young person is entitled to 4 sessions over the 2 week winter holiday.

If you have any questions, please get in touch with the HAF team via the email activitiesoxfordshire@oxfordshire.gov.uk or you can call us on 01865 328 460.

For Careers Leaders

Free CPD Programme at Trinity College

[Download the programme information](#)

This programme is for **state school teachers and colleagues with responsibility for progression**. Trinity College will provide up to date practical information and guidance relating to the University of Oxford application process and the purpose of each stage, for example, the admissions tests and interviews.

The programme will start in **January 2024** and takes place online. It is made up of six 1.5hr live sessions, each taking place after the school day.

They also have the broader aim of providing teachers and colleagues with guidance that will help them to support their pupils in all higher education applications, as well as those who may have the potential to apply to Oxford. They particularly welcome colleagues from non-selective state schools who have little or

Working with Alumni to Improve Student Outcomes

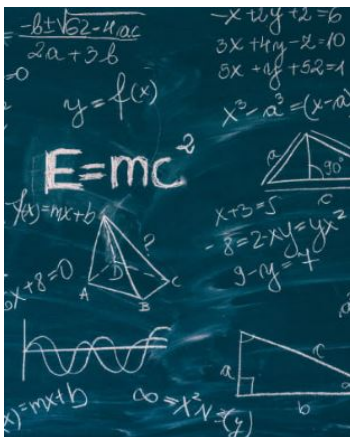
[Link to register](#)

This free event from Future First on **16th November from 15:30-16:00** is open to both **members and non-members** and will look at how working with your alumni can improve student outcomes and contribute to social mobility.

You will hear examples from Future First member schools and learn how this can inform strategic planning as well as gaining practical tips and guidance. In the session you will:

- Reflect on how students' futures are impacted by their life circumstances
- Understand how relatable alumni role models improve students' self efficacy and confidence
- Learn how alumni networks can provide practical opportunities to overcome barriers to employment and further study
- Connect with Future First member schools and hear first hand examples of how activity with alumni has improved outcomes for students

Future First is a social mobility charity with over 10 years experience working with schools and colleges to connect their students with relatable alumni role models and support them towards successful futures.



How Maths Can Save Lives

https://mathsweekengland.co.uk/?tribe_events=digging-into-data-how-maths-can-save-lives

This webinar for educators on **16th November from 15:15-16:00** will show how GSK, a global healthcare company, use maths and data every day and introduce free resources to use with students to help them understand the power of data.

[Download the booklet](#)

Do you have a few Year 10 students who you think would gain value from some mentoring? Perhaps your Enterprise Adviser would like to work directly with a group of students to raise their aspirations. Our colleagues in the Heart of the South West have created a mentoring programme which you could use to support this.



Resources

A Care Leaver's Survival Guide

<https://news.oxfordshire.gov.uk/new-book-written-for-care-leavers--by-oxfordshire-care-leavers>

'A Care Leaver's Survival Guide', designed by former children in care from Oxfordshire, is a new and valuable resource for young people preparing to leave care.

The interactive and informative book includes practical advice on subjects such as education, writing a CV, preparing for a job interview, paying bills, housing options and tips around mental wellbeing.

The book is being published by Oxfordshire social enterprise, the [Office of Care Leaver Advocacy](#) (OCLA) and costs £10:00. It will be re-released each year, regularly updated to cover new policies and legislation, in addition to feedback from care leavers.



Green Careers Films

www.linkedin.com/in/europa-school-careers-department-9912a31b8

Europa School Careers Department shared some great videos for Green Careers Week last week via their LinkedIn page and Instagram accounts, which they are very happy for you to share with your students.

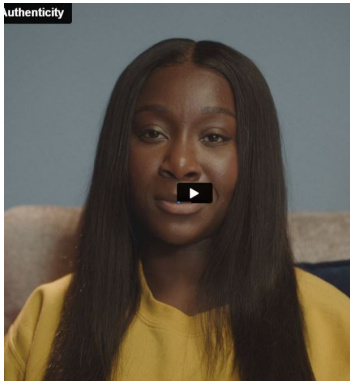
www.openstudycollege.com/career-guide

Open Study College have a range of career guides available for different sectors - from criminology to dog grooming - to help students understand what skills, qualifications and experience are needed for specific roles and how to get there. These are **free to access until January 2024**.



**How to become a dog groomer:
Your complete guide**

Read more >



Diversity in Advertising

[Link to the film](#)

Diversity in Advertising is a 60 second film which gives an insight into what it's like to work in the advertising industry, specifically calling out the need for students with diverse backgrounds to consider a careers in the industry

Digdata Lesson Resources

<https://digdata.online/career-challenge-classroom-resource>

Digdata have collaborated with employers to create a collection of KS3/4 resources to help link curriculum based learning with careers. They include videos, lesson plans, worksheets and work experience certificates.

The Experian logo is at the top. Below it is a close-up of a white and black PlayStation DualSense wireless controller. The background is red.

How should we spend our PlayStation marketing budget?

Students get to...
Learn importance of **sample size**, comparing **distributions** and **sharing in a ratio**.



Early Years Educator Apprenticeships

[Download the toolkit](#)

The DfE has launched a digital and social media campaign promoting Early Years Educator Apprenticeships, aiming to encourage people to consider training for a career in the early years and childcare workforce. A toolkit is available containing downloadable resources.

<https://roleexplorer.enginuity.org>

The Enginuity Role Explorer is a one-stop resource for information on job roles, work activities and skills across engineering and manufacturing sectors. Students can browse an A-Z of roles or use the advanced search tools to filter through the role explorer.



Apprenticeships & School Leaver Programmes

Register Interest with RateMyApprenticeship

www.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk/search-jobs?s=register+your+interest

RateMyApprenticeship provide the opportunity for students to register interest now for apprenticeship roles that are opening for applications in January. They will then receive an alert when it's time to apply. Currently available to register interest for are apprenticeships with JLR, UBS, IBM, Vodafone and Experian, among others.



PwC

www.pwc.co.uk/careers/early-careers/our-programmes/join-us-from-school.html

PwC are currently recruiting for their [Flying Start Degree Programmes](#) in accounting, business management and technology and their consulting, tax and operate apprenticeships.

Dates For Your Diary

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

Discover! Creative Careers Week

13th-17th November

[Find out more.](#)

National School Leaver Show

14th and 15th November

The National School Leaver Show will take place at Ascot Racecourse and will be showcasing exhibitors from across the south of the UK. The show will include apprenticeships, higher education, entry level roles and information about careers and general employment. [Find out more.](#)

Abingdon & Witney College Open Events

15th November (Witney), 15:30-19:00

Abingdon & Witney College is holding open events where tutors, course leaders and careers advisers will be available to help students make the right choice, whether that be a further education course, a T Level or an apprenticeship. [Find out more.](#)

Brookes Undergraduate Open Day

18th November

Oxford Brookes University are holding an undergraduate open day to give students and their parents/carers the opportunity to find out what it's like to be a student at Brookes and get an insight into their courses and the support they offer. [Find out more.](#)

Escape Studios Open Event

18th November

Escape Studios are holding an open day for students to find out about their degrees in animation, games and visual effects (VFX), which are designed with industry partners and explore their new campus. [Find out more.](#)

Oxfordshire Advanced Skills Open Evening

21st November, 18:00-20:00

OAS are holding an apprenticeship open evening which will give students and their parents/carers the opportunity to tour the facilities, meet current apprentices and employer partners and find out what it's like to be an apprentice with OAS. [Register here.](#)

Solicitor Apprenticeships Webinar

21st November, 18:30-19:15

This insight webinar with Dentons is for Year 10-13 students who are interested in a career in law and their parents/carers and will inform them about what a solicitor apprenticeship is and how the programme works. [Register here.](#)

SkillBuild Final and Showcase

22nd November, 10:00-15:00

Students interested in a career in construction can be inspired by watching finalists complete in the Skillbuild national final, take part in have a go activities and watch demonstrations in the construction

City of Oxford College Open Evening

22nd November, 16:30-19:30

Students and their parents/carers can attend this open event at the City of Oxford College to meet tutors and current students and find out about the courses and facilities at the college. [Find out more.](#)

Skills London Job Show

24th and 25th November

Skills London jobs and careers fair for 14–24-year-olds and their families will be held at ExCeL London, offering up to 35,000 live jobs, training and apprenticeships under one roof. The fair is free to attend and connects you with over 100 potential employers, education and skills providers to give practical advice and information. [Find out more.](#)

ACE Training Open Mornings

25th November, 27th January and 24th February, 10:00-12:00 on

ACE Training are holding open mornings for students interested in a career in construction and their parents/carers to drop in to see the workshops, meet the team and find out about apprenticeships and pre-apprenticeships in bricklaying and carpentry. [Download a poster.](#)

BP Apprenticeships Series

Starts 28th November, 18:30-19:30

This virtual miniseries for Year 10-13 students starts with an 'all about apprenticeships' session, which gives an opportunity to meet with current apprentices and take part in a live Q&A. This is followed by an online application assessments session on 12th December and an assessment centres session on 9th January. [Find out more.](#)

Apprenticeships Accelerator

30th November, 17:00-19:30

RateMyApprenticeship are holding this virtual event on for students to hear from some of their 'UK's Best Apprenticeship Employers', meet current apprentices and get the low down on how to apply for an apprenticeship and what it's like to work as an apprentice. [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.](#)

Accenture Apprenticeships Webinar

5th December, 18:30-19:30

Students in Years 10-13 and their parents/carers can join Accenture for an insight webinar to hear from apprentices and the recruitment team about starting a professional career within consultancy or technology and how to make their application stand out. [Register here.](#)

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](#).

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](#)

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