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Picks of the Week: 16th May 2023

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Oxfordshire Apprenticeship Awards 2023

www.oxfordshirelep.com/oaawards2023

The Oxfordshire Apprenticeship Awards 2023 takes place this Thursday **18th May**. There are categories for current and former apprentices, employers and training providers, as well as the Careers Champion Award, sponsored by The Engineering Trust, which recognises careers colleagues in schools and colleges.

Huge congratulations to this year's finalists, Claire Christiansen, Careers Lead at Larkmead School, Andrew Hemming, Assistant Head Teacher at Chilworth House Upper School and Jackie Mustoe, Careers Lead and Exams Manager at Carterton Community College. You can tune in to the live broadcast from **19:30** via the [OxLEP website](#) to see the winner announced and follow along on social media using the hashtag #OAAwards2023. Hear Andy talking about his role in [this interview](#).

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Award Finalists





Claire Christiansen
Larkmead School



Andrew Hemming
Chilworth House
Upper School



Jackie Mustoe
Carterton Community
College



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Oxfordshire Your Futures

Supporting positive career outcomes.

All young people including those with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) should be supported to achieve their optimum career outcome. Students and their parents or carers should have access to good quality information about future study options and labour market opportunities. Oxfordshire Your Futures offers this information in an accessible and easy format.

Jobs

Filter jobs by entry requirements using a traffic light system:

- Green = no formal qualifications required;
- Amber = some qualifications may be required dependent upon employer and individual vacancy and;
- Red = formal qualifications are required.

Sectors and pathways

Easily digestible information relating to accessible career pathways, skills needed for those jobs, employment sectors and salaries.



Information Hub

Understand the progression routes in the county and what you need to do to gain employment.

“As a tutor I think this is the best tool I have seen to teach employability to students with SEND. The breakdown of jobs into sectors with details about skills needed and information about what each job

Oxfordshire Your Futures

<https://oxfordshire.yourfutures.uk>

We have created a [poster](#) to help you promote our accessible careers platform across your schools. This poster can be shared digitally and printed off to be put up around school. Please share this poster with staff, students and parents/carers in your institution.

Events

National Apprenticeship Week 2024

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/NAW>

National Apprenticeship Week 2024 will take place from 5th-11th February. Amazing Apprenticeships are holding an planning webinar for schools and colleges on **15th June from 15:30–16:00** to help you get ahead and find out what's in store for #NAW2024..



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www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/oxfordshire-tech-apprenticeship-event-now-online-tickets-577081836307

This Oxfordshire webinar with Digital Native on **20th May from 11:30-13:30** will give students an insight into careers that combine tech, business, numbers, collaboration and problem solving and the apprenticeship opportunities in the field.

Careers Programmes & Work Experience

Cloudy Foundation Aylesbury Skillbase Project

[Download a flyer](#)

Charity [Cloudy Foundation](#)'s SkillBase Programme hits on Gatsby Benchmarks 5, 6, and 7 to help bridge the digital skills gap for young people, schools and employers.

Students are invited to join their upcoming online Enterprise Academy project to develop an app for Aylesbury Town Council. This is a free, 8-week after-school project, which starts on **23rd May**. Students need to register before **19th May**. [Link to registration form](#).

Thames Valley Police Cadets

<https://tvpcareers.co.uk/roles/cadets>

TVP's Cadets scheme gives **young people aged 13-18** an opportunity to develop their qualities and skills through a structured programme and to enhance the relationship between the public and police. They will take part in neighbourhood policing initiatives, plus community activities and events.



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Virtual Nursing Taster Day

Thursday 1st June | 10am-3pm

NHS England

An opportunity to gain FREE work experience around nursing for the day and receive a certificate for completion!

What will you get out of it?

- Introduction into Nursing.
- Network with a variety of nurses including those from Hospices, GP Practices, Prisons and Hospitals.
- Q&A panel.
- Insight into apprenticeship and university opportunities.
- Practical learning session.

Scan this QR code to sign up!

<https://pathwayctm.com/event/celebrate-international-nursing-day-with-us-nursing-insight-event>

Health Education England has organised a virtual insight day to celebrate International Nursing Day. It will take place on **1st June from 10:00-15:00** and includes a Q&A panel and the opportunity to talk in small groups to different professionals. [Download a poster.](#)

For Careers Leaders

UCAS Points Planned for Apprenticeships

<https://feweek.co.uk/ucas-points-for-apprenticeships-planned-by-the-end-of-2023>

UCAS chief executive Clare Marchant has announced plans for apprenticeships to qualify for UCAS points, in line with other post 16 Level 3 qualifications. It is hoped that there will be an announcement by the end of 2023.

UCAS announced last month that it will expand its apprenticeship offering on the website from the summer, to enable prospective learners to see different routes into careers side-by-side, with students able to apply for apprenticeships on the site from autumn 2024.

Founders4Schools Webinar

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/make-career-education-easy-tickets-624426044107

During this webinar on **17th May from 15:30-16:00**, F4S will explain how you can book inspiring speakers and role models using their website. They will also signpost to relevant research and resources to support your work, along with sharing 'what's on' at F4S, such as Maths4Girls and Sustainable Futures.



**Educator Webinar
Making Career Education**

Resources

<https://seeitbeit.org.uk/resources-for-schools>

These lessons are constructed to fill a one-hour block of timetable, but are editable, so you can adapt them to suit your organisation's needs and timetable. The lessons have the videos embedded into the page, which are also available on [Youtube](#).



upReach Aspire Guide

<https://aspire.upreach.org.uk>

This free guide provides information and advice to help **sixth form students** understand their university, further education and career options. You can pre-order the 2023/24 guide by emailing aspire@upreach.org.uk.

Apprenticeships and Opportunities

Oxford Health Nurse Cadets

Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust are looking for **16 year olds** who want to work, learn and start a career in the NHS. The Cadetship takes the form of a Level 3 Senior Health Care Support Worker Apprenticeship. Cadets are employed by the Trust on a 22 month Fixed Term Contract, so it's a great way to earn as you learn - gaining nationally recognised qualifications, and building a wealth of practical experience working alongside experienced colleagues.

Cadets work full time (4 days (30 hours) per week) - split between a study every Friday and clinical shifts working on a Ward at a Community Hospital (3 x 7.5 hour days per week) - these are worked on a rota, so shifts can start from 7am and include weekends. Salary is approx. £17,900.

"Being a Nurse Cadet is amazing because it gives you a good opportunity meet new people and see what the working world is like. So far I have met some amazing new people and have learnt so much about the NHS" - 2021 Nurse Cadet

The programme is designed with career progression in mind. Successful Nurse Cadets - upon completing their apprenticeship - are guaranteed an interview for a range of further development opportunities according to their interests:

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Nursing Associate job, or if wanted, further qualification to become a Registered Nurse.

- Interview to start a Registered Nursing Degree with Oxford Brookes.

Applicants must be available to attend face-to-face interviews on **22nd June and 30th June**.

Contact Nick Kyte for more information at Nicholas.Kyte@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk



University of Oxford

www.apprenticeships.ox.ac.uk/vacancies

The University of Oxford are recruiting for their September cohort of apprentices and are currently advertising for roles in admin, finance, HR and engineering in some of their fascinating departments, such as primary care and paediatrics. All roles pay £22,150 p/a.

Unipart

www.reed.co.uk/jobs/finance-assistant/50336145

Unipart are recruiting for a Trainee Finance Assistant, a great opportunity for someone wanting to begin their finance career and gain some industry knowledge and work towards an accounting qualification. The main purpose of job function is to assist with the smooth running of all finance processes across company.



Hill

[Download job description](#)

Hill are currently recruiting to their Trainee Technical Coordinator role. This is a sponsored degree programme, meaning that recruits will have the opportunity to study for a paid degree, whilst earning a salary and gaining invaluable work experience in construction technical training. Students should apply now for a September start in Oxford.

Dates For Your Diary

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

Oxford Brookes Year 12 Taster Days

These taster days are for Year 12 students who might be interested in attending university, but are unsure of what university life is like and what the courses have to offer.

Subjects Included: Animal Biology, Biological Sciences, Biomedical Science, Medical Science

Humanising the Future - 19th May

Exploring the need for humanities and social sciences in a technological future

Subjects Included: Law, Philosophy, Education, English Literature

[Booking form](#)

Oxfordshire Apprenticeship Awards

18th May 2023 (closing date: 17th February)

The Oxfordshire Apprenticeship Awards 2023 is now open for entries and nominations! There is a Careers Champion category again this year, as well as an Inspiring the Future Employer Award and a range of categories for Apprentices and employers. We look forward to your entries! [Enter or nominate](#).

Balliol College Taster Day

22nd May, 10:30-16:00

This in-person event is for Year 12 students interested in studying Physics and Philosophy at Balliol College. The event will feature academic sessions, a demonstration Oxbridge interview and a tour of the college. [Booking link](#).

Understanding Degree Apprenticeships

24th May, 18:00-19:00

This Pathway CTM webinar with Dyson will give an insight into degree apprenticeships, how they work, what's involved and how to apply. It will include advice and top tips from professionals. [Register here](#).

Planning Insight Webinar

25th May, 18:00-19:00

This webinar with RTPi (Royal Town Planning Institute) will give students an opportunity to learn more and expand their horizons into the world of planning. [Register here](#).

St Catherine's College Academic Taster Days

St Catherine's College, Oxford are holding a series of 4 academic taster days, which are free to attend and open to all, with places being allocated on a first come, first served basis:

Geography – 30th May, 10:30–16:15, including an academic session with Professor Fiona McConnell (Professor of Political Geography)

Modern Languages – 31st May, 10:30–16:15, including the opportunity to sample a range of languages

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(Professor of Materials Science) and an opportunity to try a range of STEM based courses

Music – 2nd June, 10:30–16:15, including sample lectures with Dr Andrew Frampton and Professor Laura Tunbridge, and workshops on conducting and composition

[Register here.](#)

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.](#)

Oxford Brookes Open Day

16th June

Oxford Brookes is holding an undergraduate open day, which will help students to get a feel for the campus, learn more about the courses on offer and tour the modern facilities. [Register here.](#)

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.](#)

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.](#)

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.](#)

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

[Provider Access Legislation](#)

[Careers Leader Training](#)

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