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Picks of the Week: 17th October 2023

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From OxLEP Skills

Aspirations Day a Great Success!

On 2nd October, we ran the third Aspirations Day for students from special schools at Leonardo Hotel. This was our biggest event with over 200 students from 9 schools attending. We had 23 employers and providers who engaged and spoke with staff and students about opportunities in Oxfordshire after school and college.

As students left, we overheard them saying:

- *"I've enjoyed today, I spoke to a lot of people!"*
- *"I could stay here all day"*
- *"That was sooooo good!"*

We feel like this was a really successful event and we've been blown away by the positive feedback from attendees and exhibitors.

The school staff were leaving full of energy and we've had great feedback about how they felt it was a "well executed event that had been set up with careful consideration of the needs of the attendees" and how "the exhibitors were all welcoming and engaged well with our students".

We are pleased to see that the information and documents for both exhibitors and attendees to prepare ahead has been important in everyone benefiting from the day:

- *"Students were clearly well prepared and were confident in asking questions which was fantastic."*

Thank you to everyone who attended and we look forward to seeing you next year!



Construction Careers Session

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



This event for **Careers Leads and teachers** on **2nd November** from **12:00-14:00** at Abingdon & Witney College, Abingdon Campus will include a construction careers information session, networking with local construction employers and tour of the college's new construction and green skills facilities.

Oxfordshire Events

Digital Forensics Webinars

Thames Valley Police are holding webinars on **19th October** from **18:00-18:45** (<https://orlo.uk/9C8JQ>) or **19:30-20:15** (<https://orlo.uk/Qnkk8>) for anyone interested in a career in digital forensics. The webinars will cover roles in their forensic multimedia and audio visual units and digital forensic hubs.



TRAINING

ACE Training Open Mornings

Interested in a career in Construction?
Come & see what ACE Training can offer you!

You can take a tour of our workshops, meet the team & find out all about our Apprentice & Pre Apprentice Opportunities in Bricklaying & Carpentry.

So, if you are planning ahead for your next steps after your GCSE's, or are currently on a course you are not enjoying then come & check us out.

We look forward to seeing you between 10am & 12pm on any of the following dates

- 21st October
- 25 November
- 27th January
- 24th February
- 23rd March

15A Station Field Industrial Estate, Kidlington, OX5 1JD
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acettraining.co.uk

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ACE Training are holding open mornings from **10:00-12:00** on **21st October, 25th November, 27th January and 24th February**. Students interested in a career in construction and their parents/carers can drop in to see the workshops, meet the team and find out about apprenticeships and pre-apprenticeships in bricklaying and carpentry.

Abingdon & Witney College

<https://abingdon-witney.ac.uk/events>

Abingdon & Witney College is holding open events from **15:30-19:00** at the [Abingdon campus](#) on **1st November** and [Witney campus](#) on **15th November**. 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.



Banbury & Bicester College

<https://banbury.activatelearning.ac.uk/events/detail/banbury-and-bicester-college-november-open-event>

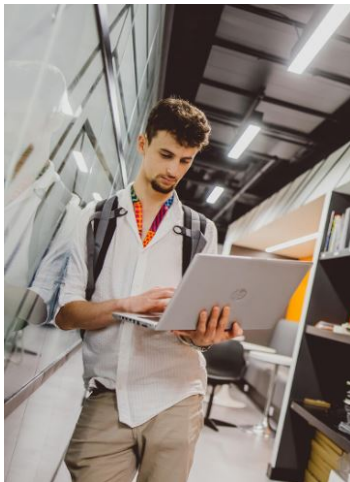
Banbury & Bicester College are holding an open evening on **11th November from 09:30-12:30**. Students and their parents/carers will be able to explore the newly renovated campus and facilities, meet teachers, tutors, support staff and students and find out about the courses on offer.

<https://oxford.activatelearning.ac.uk/events/detail/city-centre-campus-november-open-event>

Students and their parents/carers can attend this open event at the City of Oxford College on **22nd November from 16:30-19:30** to meet tutors and current students and find out about the courses and facilities at the college.



Other Events



Escape Studios Open Events

www.escapestudios.ac.uk/events/undergraduate-open-days

Escape Studios are holding open days on **21st October** and **18th November** 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. A livestream option is also available on 21st October.

Discover BP Apprenticeships

[Link to register](#)

This virtual event for **Year 10-13 students** on **28th November from 18:30-19:30** will include sessions with industry experts and current apprentices from bp who will provide invaluable insight and advice and answer questions. Attendees will also gain an understanding of the apprenticeship opportunities and life at bp. They are [currently recruiting](#) for September 2024.



Careers Programmes & Work Experience

[Oxme.info](https://oxme.info) is Oxfordshire County Council's website for young people, covering everything from jobs and training to health and wellbeing. A project is under way to refresh the website and the team are looking to engage **students aged 13-18** as part of this, to ensure the new website meets the needs of young people.

They have ready-to-run feedback activities which could be suitable for PSHE IT, business or careers lessons, or as a standalone activity. This could be a good project/activity for students who are interested in communications, marketing or web design.

If you're interested in finding out more, please email skills@oxfordshirelep.com

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Modern Art Oxford Discovery Workshop

www.speakersforschools.org/discovery-workshop/discover-meet-modern-art-oxford-alternative-art-spaces-and-career-pathways-modern-art-oxford

Speakers for Schools are hosting [Discover! Creative Careers week](#) from **13-17th November**. They are hosting over 25 virtual sessions delivered by creative employers throughout the week and educators/students can sign up to as many or as few as they like. These are great and easy opportunities for schools to embed careers into the curriculum - subject links include art, tech, English, drama and music - and to raise awareness of a key sector in Oxfordshire.

As part of the week, Modern Art Oxford are delivering a virtual discovery workshop on **16th November from 10:00-11:00 for students aged 14-19**. This workshop is back after its success during the summer and will focus on career pathways in visual arts organisations and how the gallery works.

The deadline to book is **26th October**. Discovery workshops must be booked by educators and broadcast to a group, whereas insight sessions are for students to apply to individually.

Young People's Budget Sounding Board Events

<https://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/budget-sounding-board>

Oxfordshire County Council is calling budding decision makers in **Year 7 and above** to share their views on citizenship, democracy and budget challenges and immerse themselves in the decision-making

This will be a great opportunity for students to understand a bit more about how local politics works, what the council's role is, their role in the community and budget management. They will also meet and chat to local county councillors, whilst building team work skills and having citizenship conversations.

There are 3 events taking place across Oxfordshire (arrival from **09:40**, **start at 10:00**, **finish at 14:00**), with lunch included for students and accompanying staff:

- County Hall, Oxford - **17th November**
- Didcot Civic Hall, Didcot - **24th November**
- Banbury Town Hall, Banbury - **30th November**

Each school can bring **up to 12 students**, who can be from one or mixed age groups. Please [register your interest](#) by **16th October**. If you have any questions, please email consultations@oxfordshire.gov.uk.

For Careers Leaders

Careers Leader Training - Enhanced Course

<https://clt.careersandenterprise.co.uk/login>

If you completed Careers Leader training pre-2020, you're now eligible for the CEC's new, fully funded, enhanced two-day Careers Leader training course.

Careers education moves very quickly and a lot can change in just one year, therefore, the CEC have partnered with the Career Development Institute to launch this two-day top-up course to bring you up to speed with all the essential careers education developments to enhance your role.

CEC Careers Excellence Seminar

[Link to register](#)

The fourth Careers & Enterprise Company Careers Excellence Seminar will take place on **24th November from 10:30-12:00** and will focus on the importance of teacher engagement.

Excellence in inspiring teacher engagement - how do we encourage and motivate teachers to support careers education within their curriculum and subject areas?

This is an opportunity to hear from a range of practitioners across the sector who have successfully

Provider Access Legislation (PAL) Requirements Update

www.careersandenterprise.co.uk/media/p0xaecz4/1592-pal-key-information-doc-v13.pdf

Following questions from Careers Leaders and Enterprise Advisers, we wanted to confirm that one of the requirements of PAL was changed between the initial draft that was shared and the final guidance.

Initially the legislation stated that an encounter with a training provider needed to take place in school - this was removed, so these encounters **do not need to take place on a school site**. They do however still **need to take place during the school day**.

The CEC have produced a number of documents around PAL including an [overview of the key information](#), which is useful for anyone wanting to remind themselves of the requirements.

ERIC Creative Careers Hub

www.meet-eric.com/for-career-teams

ERIC has created this hub to help careers professionals advise their students and colleagues on creative careers, access free resources and keep up to date with latest news and events.

 Subscribe to the [weekly newsletter](#) for careers teams

 Sign up to a free [monthly online talk](#) for staff & students to learn about the creative industries

 Invite ERIC co-founder Sam to [run a CPD session](#) for your organisation

STEM Bursary Schemes

www.stemfundingforschools.org.uk

Charity [EngineeringUK](#) is launching two STEM bursary schemes to support eligible schools with providing STEM engagement activities to students from all backgrounds. The aim of the bursary schemes is to engage young people from groups who are underrepresented in STEM professions to participate in STEM engagement programmes.

The first is a bursary of up to £750 from [Neon](#) – a website that helps careers colleagues and educators

The second is a £500 bursary from The Big Bang programme to support schools to host a [Big Bang at School](#) event (apply **before 29th November**).

You can [search for your school name](#) to check your eligibility. If your school is eligible, you can apply for both bursary schemes but will only receive one.

The Big Ambition Survey and Lesson Plan

www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/the-big-ambition

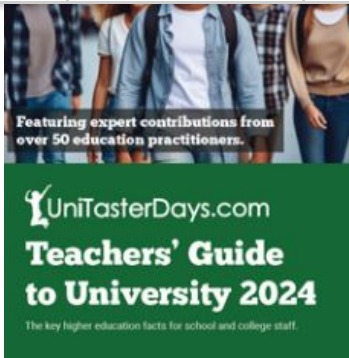
The Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, has launched The Big Ambition, a national survey of **children and young people aged up to 18 years** across England.

The Big Ambition aims to hear from young people about what they think is important in the lead up to the next general election. The Children's Commissioner wants to take their thoughts, opinions and ideas to decision-makers, to make sure that the Government hears young people's voices on what they think needs to be done to make children's lives better in England. There is a section on jobs and skills, as well as topics such as health, education and care.

There is a lesson plan and slides available to help make this into an activity for students, which will give them an insight into how the UK political system works, what a general election is and how young people's voices can be heard and affect change. The survey will be open until **15th December**.



Resources



www.unitasterdays.com/university-support-for-schools/teachers-guide-to-university-brochure

The Teachers' Guide has been produced by UniTasterDays.com in collaboration with HELOA - to support the university guidance that is provided by teachers and careers colleagues in secondary schools and colleges.

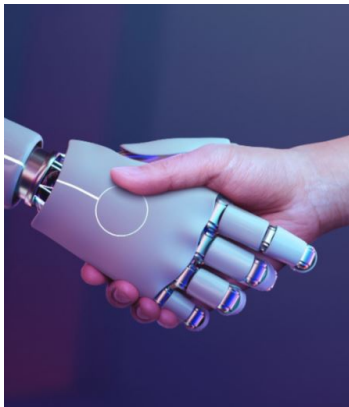
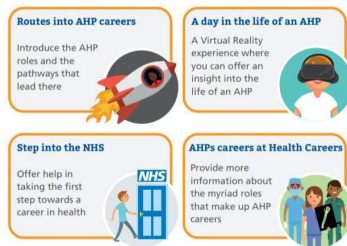
Allied Health Professionals

[Download the poster](#)

This handy poster lists some resources you can use to promote allied health professional careers with students. You can click on each resource for details.

Resources to help you promote a career as an 'Alli

For school teachers, college tutors, AHP ambassadors and a



Inspired by Industry

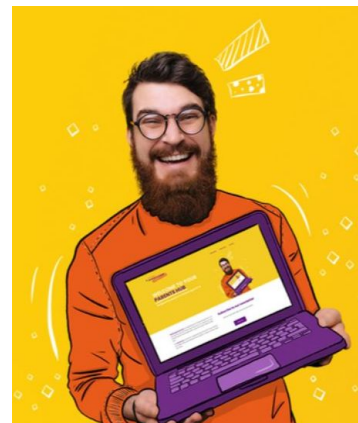
<https://inspiredbyindustry.org.uk>

The Design & Technology Association have launched 'Inspired by Industry' – a suite of free learning materials for **teachers of KS3 design and technology** to use in the classroom. They feature design contexts from employers to inspire students and help them see the links to job roles and careers.

RateMyApprenticeship Parents Hub

<https://parents.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk>

RateMyApprenticeship have launched this new website for **parents/carers of students aged 14-18** to help them find out all they need to know about apprenticeships in order to support their child/ren with their career choices. It contains industry guides, success stories, application advice and a newsletter.





<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/the-parent-perspective-podcast>

Episode 6 kicks off a 3 part 'Options October' series, starting with post 16, then looking at post 18 and retraining. Amazing Apprenticeships have created a [post 16 options comparisons table resource](#) to accompany episode 6.

Apprenticeships

Finishes and Interiors

www.thefis.org/skills-hub/apprenticeships-and-qualifications/apprenticeships-individuals

Information about apprenticeships in the finishes and interiors sector, which could involve working on anything from a state-of-the-art airport terminal or a cool hotel, to a multi-million-pound refurbishment of a Premier League football club.



Dates For Your Diary

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

Oxford Science + Ideas Festival

7th-28th October

IF Oxford features a wide range of inspirational events, talks and workshops for all ages covering a huge variety of topics. [Find out more.](#)

IBM Early Careers Webinar

17th October, 18:30-19:30

This webinar is for Year 10-13 students and their parents/carers. They will learn about many different opportunities available at IBM and hear from some of their current interns about their experience so far. [Find out more.](#)

Parents/Carers Creative Careers Webinar

18th October, 18:30-19:30

Bloomberg Apprenticeships Event

18th October, 18:30-19:30

This virtual apprenticeships event for careers colleagues, educators and parents/carers will provide an insight into apprenticeships at Bloomberg, ahead of them opening for recruitment in November for level 3-7 apprenticeships in finance, technology, engineering, media, journalism, legal, HR and marketing.

[Register here.](#)

The Henley College Open Evening

19th October, 17:30-20:00

The Henley College is holding an information evening for students and their parents/carers to explore the campuses and facilities, meet the teaching staff and find out about the range of courses on offer for September 2024 entry. [Register here.](#)

Property Needs You

24th October, 10:00-15:00

This online taster day takes place is a collaboration between twelve of the UK's largest real estate consultancies. It will give attendees an insight into careers in property, from building to selling and includes a speed meet session, practical task and Q&A. [Find out more.](#)

A Conversation With... Construction

2nd November, 12:00-14:00

This event for Careers Leads and teachers at Abingdon & Witney College, Abingdon Campus will include a construction careers information session, networking with local construction employers and tour of the college's new construction and green skills facilities. [Register here.](#)

British Army Apprenticeships

7th November, 16:00

As the Army celebrates it's 100th year of offering apprenticeships this year, this webinar aims to provide insight and guidance for young people leaving school on how they can access an amazing apprenticeship and career in the British Army. [Find out more.](#)

Tomorrow's Engineers Week

6th to 10th November

Tomorrow's Engineers Week returns for the 11th year and will help to bring engineering careers to life for young people. Students can complete a Meet the Future You quiz to find out how their skills and interests could match up to a career in engineering. [Find out more.](#)

The Nuclear Connection Science Fair

10th November

The Nuclear Connection Science Fair 2023 is for Key Stage 3-5 students, parents/carers and educators. Through activities, games, presentations and conversations, students will discover everything they want to

What Career? & What Uni? Live

What Career? and What University? Live takes place at Olympia in London on 10th-11th November. You can book a school trip if you wish and make your parents/carers aware in case they would like to attend with their child/ren. [Find out more.](#)

Get Into Dentistry Conference

11th November, 09:30-15:00

Dental Mentor are running a one-day, online conference for students aged 14 or above who are interested in becoming a dentist. It will cover what it's like to be a dentist, perspectives from recent successful and current applicants, application advice, interviews and more. [Find out more.](#)

Discover! Creative Careers Week

13th-17th November

Students aged 11-18 can hear about different job roles and career pathways across the creative industries, supported by a suite of lesson plans and resources. Download a flyer. Register by 6th October. [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.](#)

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.](#)

Careers in Business Virtual Expo

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.](#)

These include some of the resources that have been shared in previous issues as a reminder.

[Oxme.info](#) - everything for young people in Oxfordshire

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