

OxLEP Skills: Picks of the Week

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Picks of the Week: 18th April 2023

We hope you had an enjoyable and relaxing break. A reminder that you will be receiving Picks of the Week on a Tuesday morning rather than Monday from now on.



From OxLEP Skills

Oxfordshire Careers Hub School Leaders Meeting

Careers Leaders from all Oxfordshire Careers Hub schools and colleges will be invited to attend an Oxfordshire Careers Hub school leaders meeting which will take place on **29th June from 08:30 to 12:30** at Unipart. Please save the date and we will be in touch with details in due course.

Events



Careers that Invest in Our Planet

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/earth-day-2023-careers-that-invest-in-our-planet-tickets-598415515917

This virtual event from Founders4Schools on **19th April from 09:30-10:15** will give students an insight into careers which help to restore our planet and they will hear from inspiring role models who do their part in building a sustainable future.

[Download a flyer](#)

North Oxfordshire Academy in Banbury are holding a Careers and Apprenticeship Fair on **4th May from 18:30 to 20:00**. This event is open to anyone to attend, including students, parents/carers and those looking for opportunities.

KEY event for bringing providers and young people together. Make sure YOU attend this year



VENUE: North Oxfordshire Academy, Drayton Road, Banbury, OX16 0UD



Revision Masterclass

[Registration link](#)

At this webinar on **10th May from 18:30-19:30**, students who are preparing for GCSEs and A Levels can join Liverpool John Moores University postgraduate students for a revision workshop and Q&A session led by Success at School.

GSK Live Online Career Challenges

<https://digdata.online/partner-events-gsk-live-online-career-challenge>

First Step Career Challenge (Years 7-9)

26th April at 16:30

<https://digdata.online/gsk-live-online-career-challenge-first-step-registration-form>

When GSK are making a new medicine, they work with chemists to use their knowledge and experience to select the best candidate (a “molecule”) for a successful medicine based on a range of different properties. It’s a little bit like making a cake and using the correct ingredients to get the taste just right. This challenge asks students to do just that by working with their data to solve this business problem? Find out more about the challenges here

Next Step Career Challenge (Years 10-13)

3rd May at 17:00

<https://digdata.online/gsk-live-online-career-challenge-next-step-registration-form>

GSK are designing a study to test a new medicine in patients. They need to recruit a certain number of people (the patient “sample size”) in order to generate enough data to decide whether our medicine progresses to the next stage of development. This challenge asks students to help GSK decide from existing available data which hospitals (or “recruitment centres”) should be used.

Careers Programmes & Insights

Chiltern Crown Prosecution Service Insight Sessions

Chiltern Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) prosecute criminal cases in England and Wales – working with the police and the courts to bring criminals to justice, support victims and make the public safer. They offer business insight sessions to secondary schools and colleges within their area, including across Oxfordshire, where they talk to the students about how the criminal justice system works and showcase the career pathways within the CPS. The sessions are completely free of charge and they can run them in person or virtually – whichever you would prefer. The sessions vary in length, depending on what fits with your timetables.

If you are interested in inviting them in to run sessions between now and the end of the summer term or would like more information to plan ahead for next year, please get in touch. You can either contact Mandy Saxon on 01727 584110 or email ThamesChiltern.Inclusion@cps.gov.uk.

National Work Experience Week

<https://nationalworkexperienceweek.co.uk/events>

From **24th-28th April**, leading companies and organisations across the country will be opening their doors to students, offering them the chance to take part in online activities and sessions to learn about the benefits of work experience and showcase the different opportunities available to young people.



Book a Founders4Schools Sustainability Careers Event

www.founders4schools.org.uk/search/full

Founders4Schools are offering you the opportunity to book your own sustainability related career event just for your students. It's easy and free and they will connect your students with inspiring role models where they can ask questions and explore the 'day in the life of' a professional working in the sustainability sector. Choose from a range of virtual and in school activities.

For Careers Leaders

Good Career Guidance: Gatsby Foundation Consultation

The consultation on 'Good Career Guidance: The Next 10 Years' is now live. We would like to ask you to please share your views and insights by taking their survey at www.derby.ac.uk/research/centres-groups/icegs/research-and-consultancy/gatsby-benchmarks-evaluation

The consultation is being run by the International Centre for Guidance Studies (iCeGS) and they are keen to gather perceptions and insights on the framework of the Benchmarks from those who support the career guidance of young people across education, business, and the careers sector.

The survey will take approximately 20-30 minutes to complete and your responses will help inform any refinements and recommendations they may make to the Benchmarks. The consultation will close at **17:00 on 28th April**.

CEC Provider Access Legislation Webinar

[Link to join the Zoom webinar](#)

Join the CEC for this interactive webinar, where they will explore how the recently enacted Provider Access Legislation can drive opportunities to support learners to make a positive transition into approved technical routes such as T Levels or apprenticeships.

Sector experts including representatives from the [Confederation of School Trusts \(CST\)](#), [Association of Colleges](#) and [Association of Employment and Learning Providers \(AELP\)](#) will reflect on the power of cross-sector collaboration; whilst Senior Leaders from a Trust, an FE college and an ITP bring to life the impact of excellent practice.

For Parents/Carers

Wonderful Articles in Recent Edition of Careermag

<https://careermag.co.uk/careermag-parents-carers-guardians>

Engaging and supporting parents/carers is essential in careers education work. By involving parents and carers, we can ensure that young people receive the guidance and support they need to make informed decisions about their future. Parents/carers can provide valuable insights into their children's interests and strengths and help them navigate the challenges of the job market or next step decisions. Please share this link and let's work together to empower the next generation to achieve their career aspirations!

Parents and carers can sign up for these magazines

There is also a school leaver edition for students, which they can access at: <https://careemap.co.uk/careermag>

Resources



Apprenticeships for SEND Students

www.disabilityrightsuk.org/resources/apprenticeships

Disability Rights UK has a range of resources on their website for supporting disabled students, parents and key advisors around careers next steps including 'Into Apprenticeships', a guide containing information on common questions around technical and vocational pathways for disabled students. They also have an 'Into HE' guide and a range of education factsheets.


Home Education Careers Resources

www.youthemployment.org.uk/home-education-uk-resources

Youth Employment UK have developed a suite of free careers resources for home educated students. These courses do not assume or expect learning to be curriculum-based. They aim to focus on creative positivity, agency and wellbeing when it comes to exploring skills, strengths and possible future steps.

Free

Thinking about your SKILLS

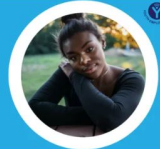


Home Education: Thinking about your SKILLS

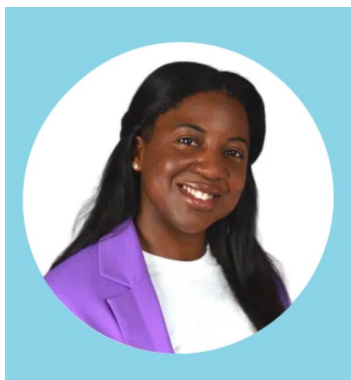
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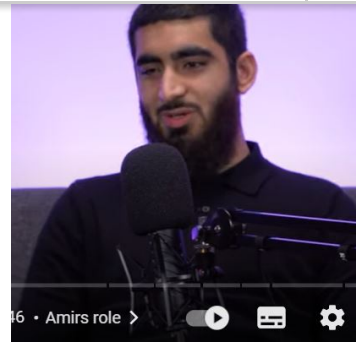
ICAEW Accountancy Careers Hub

<https://careers.icaew.com>

This careers hub from the ICAEW will give students an insight into careers in accountancy, including what a chartered accountant is, the types of roles they do, key skills required, average salary, case studies and current opportunities.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=_ZOJ_KDf1wU

This Pathway CTM podcast talks to Umayr who is a multi award winning apprentice at BT Group, Co-Chairman of the BT Muslim Network and Co-founder and CEO of Ace Insights. Umayr talks about why he chose an apprenticeship over going to university and the opportunities and benefits it has given him.



Apprenticeships



Zircotec

[Link to the vacancy.](#)

This Metal Fabrication Engineer Apprenticeship in Abingdon will provide the opportunity to work alongside a growing team of experienced engineers and technicians manufacturing heat shielding for the high performance automotive and motorsport sector in accordance with patented technology.

Pearson

[Link to the vacancy.](#)

Pearson are recruiting for a Level 4 Sales Development Representative Apprentice.

Please note: students shouldn't be put off by the requirements, Pearson are looking for someone with the right attitude and passion about customers and the customer experience.



Tokamak Energy

<https://apply.workable.com/tokamak-energy/j/68944015B0>

Tokamak Energy have [just launched](#) a Level 3 Engineering Technician Apprenticeship which gives the opportunity to work across all their technical delivery teams under the guidance and support of highly

The majority of the first year will be spent offsite at OAS, their chosen training provider based in Culham. During this time, apprentices will learn a breadth of engineering skills required for the workplace. During years two to four, they will be given a training programme consisting of a series of placements where they will have the opportunity to apply their technical skills and learning. Throughout the apprenticeship, apprentices will have dedicated support from the team at Tokamak Energy who will visit them on a regular basis and also arrange for them to come and meet the team onsite at Milton Park.

Tokamak Energy offers the combination of a research and development, maintenance and manufacturing environment for apprentices to work within, through this they will experience working in a delivery focused and innovative workplace. They will have the opportunity to grow in confidence, learn to work as part of a team and solve problems on a daily basis.

Dates For Your Diary

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

OAS Apprenticeship Open Event

20th April, 17:00 or 18:00

At this Oxfordshire Advanced Skills Apprenticeship Open Event, students can meet with our staff, current apprentices and employer partners to gain an insight into what it's like to be an apprentice at OAS.

[Register here.](#)

Be Inclusive at Bentley

21st April, 09:30-12:30

At this insight session for 14-19 year olds, students can find out how they can be part of the future at Bentley Motors and how they strive to be a diverse and inclusive workforce. [Register here.](#)

T Levels Webinar

25th April, 15:00

Join this webinar with the DfE to learn all about the new T Level funding, hear more about the plans around the delay in T Level wave 4, how to find your nearest T Level training providers and how to apply.

[Register here.](#)

Deloitte Apprenticeship Insight

25th April, 18:30

At this free insight webinar in partnership with Deloitte, students can hear from Deloitte apprentices as they share personal insights into their journey at Deloitte and what their apprenticeship means to them.

[Register here.](#)

This new 90-minute TV programme will introduce Year 12 students, their parents/carers and careers staff to the graduate job market. The programme will provide inspiration and practical careers guidance on the growing number of degree apprenticeships available. [Find out more.](#)

Careers Jam 2023

27th April 2023

You can now register your interest for Founders4Schools Careers Jam 2023. If you have any questions for the team, please contact them on careersjam@f4s.org.uk. [Find out more.](#)

Women in STEM Insight

27th April, 15:30-17:30

This insight session with Virgin Media O2 will introduce students aged 14-19 to what working for a global media and telecommunications company would be like through hearing from key women in STEM.

[Register here.](#)

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.](#)

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](#)

[Health Careers](#)

[Amazing Apprenticeships](#)

[Step into the NHS](#)

[Find Your Future](#)

[Choices post 16 resource](#)

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