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## Picks of the Week: 20th February 2023

We hope you had a restful half term break! There are lots of Apprenticeship opportunities in this week's Picks of the Week for you to share with your students.



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## From OxLEP Skills

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### Introduction to Apprenticeships for Parents/Carers Recordings

We held two parent/carers Apprenticeship webinars in partnership with Pathway CTM during National Apprenticeship Week, which included Apprentices from Milestone Infrastructure, Oxford Biomedica, the University of Oxford and Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust talking about their experiences. A parent also gives their perspective in the second webinar and there are some great Q&A sessions. The recordings are available for you to share with your parents and carers.

7th Feb: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=DGAxXvls5GE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DGAxXvls5GE)

8th Feb: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=M-ESYazHTZ4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M-ESYazHTZ4)

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### Careers Fest Parent/Carer Twilight Session

<https://careersfest2023.eventbrite.co.uk>

A reminder that we are holding a twilight session at Careers Fest 2023 for parents and carers on **22nd March from 15:30-18:30**. Please share the booking link with your parents/carers. There will be focused employer talks throughout the evening.

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## Trinity Beyond the Classroom

<https://oxford.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/trinity-beyond-the-classroom-2023-registration>

Trinity College's academics and doctoral researchers have been part of a brilliant series of talks, Trinity Beyond the Classroom, offering super-curricular enrichment to secondary and 6th form students at state schools in 2021 and 2022 and would like your students to be part of the third series in 2023.

Talks cover a wide range of subjects such as Medicine, Social Sciences, Media, Chemistry, Biology, Physics and Engineering – and more talks will be announced once the series is underway. They are great examples of accessible super-curricular engagement, with the opportunity for students to engage, take part in polls and ask questions live.

The talks will take place online on Teams, at **16.00-17:30 on Tuesdays from 14th February through to 11th July**. Attendees in the 2022 and 2021 series were from a wide range of school year groups, clustering most around Year 12.

Talks in the 2023 series:

- 28th February - Digital Health (Social Sciences, Media, Biology)
- 14th March - Philosophy & Machine Learning: Artificial Intelligence (Computer Science, Maths, Philosophy)
- 28th March - Why governments usually win, but sometimes lose, elections (Politics, Sociology, History, HSPS - with Stephen Fisher, Professor of Political Sociology)
- 25th April - The ethics of US intervention in South Africa's HIV/AIDS crisis (Medicine, Social Sciences, Public Policy)
- 9th May - Batteries and their potential (Physics, Materials Science, Engineering)
- 23rd May - Catalysis in Chemistry: Metal-organic frameworks and their application on photocatalysis (Chemistry)
- 6th June - to be finalised
- 20th June - to be finalised
- 11th July - to be finalised

Students can register at [Trinity Beyond the Classroom 2023 registration](https://oxford.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/trinity-beyond-the-classroom-2023-registration) and will receive a Teams link in the 24 hours before each talk.

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Thames Valley Police, Buckinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service and South Central Ambulance Service are coming together to host an emergency services careers fair on **26th February from 10:00–14:00** at the Blue Light Hub in Milton Keynes.

## City of Oxford College

[www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/city-of-oxford-college-march-open-event-tickets-475147778797](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/city-of-oxford-college-march-open-event-tickets-475147778797)

City of Oxford College are holding an Open Event on **1st March from 16:30-19:30** for students and their parents/carers to visit the city campus to meet expert tutors, view the fantastic facilities and find out about the varied courses on offer.



## Aerospace in Your Future

<https://aerospace-future.eventbrite.co.uk>

RAL Space are holding an event on **6th March from 17:30-20:00** for female **6th form and college students** ahead of International Women's Day. Students can meet a range of people working in the space sector and learn about the variety of roles and routes into these careers.

## Access for All

[www.whatcareerlive.co.uk/events/access-for-all](http://www.whatcareerlive.co.uk/events/access-for-all)

Registration is now open for What University? & What Career? Live - Access for All. This dedicated diversity, equity and inclusion event will be taking place virtually on **21st March from 09:30-15:30** and will include webinars, interactive topic-led chatrooms and an extensive resource library.

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Virtual Event | 21 March

Who Will  
Be There



## Met Police Apprenticeships

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/met>

Join the Metropolitan Police on **21st March from 15:00-16:00** to find out more about their Police Constable Degree Apprenticeship. Apprentices earn a starting salary of c.£33,500 with generous allowances while making a real difference to people's lives. Students can watch a 5 min film to find out more.

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## Careers Programmes & Insights

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### Speakers for Schools Oxfordshire Opportunities

[Download Speakers for Schools opportunities](#)

Speakers for Schools have some fantastic opportunities available for your students and have created this information sheet for you to see what's on offer between February and April.

- Vodafone Tech Innovators: a series of insight sessions focusing on the variety of tech/STEM roles at Vodafone. Next up is Explore Engineering on **28th February**
- Apprenticeships at RW: the leading supplier of renewable energy worldwide: **28th February**
- In-person discovery workshop with Nick O'Dwyer, documentary maker and founder of Landmark Films
- Modern Art Oxford - virtual and face-to-face activities coming soon

If you have any questions, or to register your interest, please email Jenny Miller, Education Relationship Manager - South East, at [Jenny.Miller@speakersforschools.org](mailto:Jenny.Miller@speakersforschools.org).

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## Access Accountancy

<https://jobs.mazars.co.uk/jobs/future-choices>

Mazars' Future Choices: Access Accountancy is a week long programme for **Year 12 and 13 students**, which will give them an insight into accountancy and the opportunity to gain skills. There are programmes running in Milton Keynes in **April** (for **Year 13** students) and **July** (for **Year 12** students).

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**ACTIVATE LEARNING BACK ON TRACK**

Activate Learning - Back on Track, focuses on supporting young people in Oxfordshire and Berkshire. Working with their secondary school, the programme supports participants aged 15-17 who are struggling with engagement in their educational setting, are at risk of becoming NEET (Not in Education, Employment or Training) or have health barriers that are impacting their education.

Our experienced Key Workers will facilitate sessions in small groups and provide specialist support. We can offer participants information, advice, and guidance if they are struggling with low attendance at school or are no longer engaged in education. Topics covered include:

- ▶ **Wellbeing** – help participants explore their physical and mental health.
- ▶ **Employability Support** – writing CVs and cover letters, online job searching, applications, interview preparation, and advice with managing personal finances.
- ▶ **Resilience and Grit** – learning how to adapt to changing situations and persevere to reach their goals.
- ▶ **Building confidence and self-esteem** – for education, work, and life.

Students can take a 6-week course covering 2 modules or a 12-week course covering all 4 modules.

6 weeks for £750  
12 weeks for £1,500

Email: [backontrack@activatethelearning.co.uk](mailto:backontrack@activatethelearning.co.uk)  
Phone: 07785001419  
[activatethelearning.co.uk/employability](http://activatethelearning.co.uk/employability)

## Back on Track

[Download Back on Track Poster](#)

Do you have students who are struggling to engage, at risk of becoming NEET, or have health barriers that are directly impacting their education? Activate Learning – Back on Track supports **young people aged 15-17** in Oxfordshire through sessions and specialist support facilitated by experienced Key Workers. NB there is a cost.

## Oxford Brookes Summer Schools

[www.brookes.ac.uk/outreach/post-16/summer-schools](http://www.brookes.ac.uk/outreach/post-16/summer-schools)

Oxford Brookes July Summer Schools will give students the opportunity to discover what being a university student is all about and delve into a subject area of their choice. Please note: as Brookes are often oversubscribed for summer school places, they prioritise student groups that have been identified as being the most underrepresented in Higher Education.



## For Careers Leads and School Colleagues



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## Oxfordshire SEND Live

<https://educationservices.oxfordshire.gov.uk/Event/191411>

'Making sense of SEND in the classroom' takes place at the Kassam Stadium on **9th March from 09:00-16:00**. This is for **SENDCos, Inclusion Leads and Headteachers** to participate in practical workshops, network with SEND specialists and take a look at an inspiring marketplace. This will be a day full of practical learning for you to take back into your schools/colleges.

## Banbury & Bicester College Breakfast - SEND Facilities

Banbury & Bicester College are inviting **Careers Leads, SENCOs** and those working with individual students for whom their courses may be suitable, to a breakfast meeting on **30th March from 08:30-10:30**, to find out more about their specialist SEND facilities.

Banbury & Bicester College offers specialist SEND provision for learners with a wide range of learning difficulties and disabilities. This meeting will take place with expert tutors in their Lifeskills Faculty and will offer the opportunity for you to ask questions about the tier system, courses available, supported internships and much more. Activate Learning's provision for learners with high needs was again graded 'Outstanding' in their recent Ofsted inspection (November 2022).

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## Uni of Oxford Fully Funded Science Teacher CPD Residential

<https://oxford.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/trinity-college-and-dpag-research-residential-2023>

Trinity College is collaborating with the Department of Physiology, Anatomy and Genetics (DPAG) and Jesus College to host teachers of any STEM subject from state secondary in Oxfordshire for a one-week residential practical placement in research groups based in DPAG at the University of Oxford.

The aim of the project is to:

- increase teacher awareness and understanding of how research is conducted at universities
- help teachers experience science research at the University of Oxford first-hand
- give teachers the confidence and enthusiasm to encourage students to apply to study science and other STEM subjects at university level

The residential takes place from **19th - 23rd June 2023** and includes 4 nights B&B, lunch and dinner on all days (no evening meal on Friday) at Jesus and Trinity College. **Funding will be made available to provide for schools' teaching cover costs** associated with colleague's participation in this programme.

Please [complete the form](#) to register interest by the closing date of **10th March**. Trinity College aims to offer of a place within one week of the closing date. If you have any questions, please contact Hannah Rolley, Head of Access at Trinity College, at [hannah.rolley@trinity.ox.ac.uk](mailto:hannah.rolley@trinity.ox.ac.uk).

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## Resources

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[www.schools.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk/student-success-stories](http://www.schools.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk/student-success-stories)

RateMyApprenticeship have created a new Apprenticeships Hub, which contains a selection of Apprentice success stories, days in the life and Q&As as short films and blogs.



## Orthoptics

## AHP Virtual Reality

<https://hee-vr360.azurewebsites.net/index.htm>

These new four new films use the latest immersive 360-degree virtual reality technology and are narrated by clinicians themselves, giving inspiring and informative insight into their chosen professions in the Allied Health Professions.

## Apprenticeships

## Volkswagen Group

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

Volkswagen Group is one of the world's leading automobile manufacturers and the largest carmaker in Europe. They currently have 108 Apprenticeship vacancies for Service Technicians, Parts Advisors and Service Advisors.



## Jaguar Land Rover Retailer

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

JLR are currently recruiting for 38 Retailer Apprenticeships, which include roles such as Light Vehicle Maintenance and Repair, Vehicle Sales and Customer Service and are in a variety of locations, including Oxford and Milton Keynes.

[www.skanska.co.uk/about-skanska/careers/early-careers](http://www.skanska.co.uk/about-skanska/careers/early-careers)

Skanska are currently recruiting for Apprenticeships from level 2 to 6, ranging from roles in IT, Quantity Surveying and Data Analytics to Civil Engineering.



## Costain

<https://costain.csod.com/ux/ats/careersite/2/home>

Costain aims to improve people's lives by creating connected, sustainable infrastructure that enables people and the planet to thrive. They are recruiting for a range of Apprenticeships from level 2 to 7, from Administration and Finance to Civil or Structural Engineering to Materials Technicians.

## National Audit Office

<http://naoaccountancyscheme.co.uk>

**Year 13 students** interested in a career in finance may be interested in applying for a Chartered Accountancy Apprenticeship with the NAO. Closing date 27th March. Requires 120 UCAS points and takes up to 5 years through to ICAEW membership.



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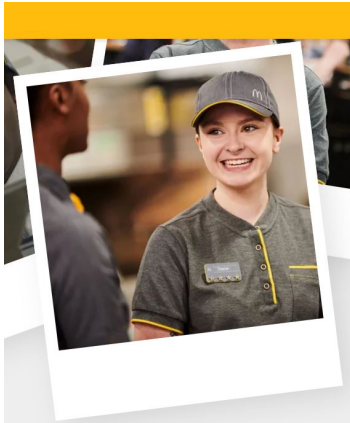
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BAE Systems create some of the world's most advanced, technology-led defence, aerospace, marine, land and security solutions. They are currently recruiting for a range of Apprenticeships from Intermediate to Higher in exciting roles such as working with submarines and naval ships.



[www.lloydsbankinggrouptalent.com/our-programmes/apprenticeships](https://www.lloydsbankinggrouptalent.com/our-programmes/apprenticeships)

Lloyds Banking Group have around 20 different Apprenticeship roles available, so there's something to suit almost every interest. As well as Financial Services, there are roles in areas like Data, Cyber, Risk and Customer Services.



## McDonald's

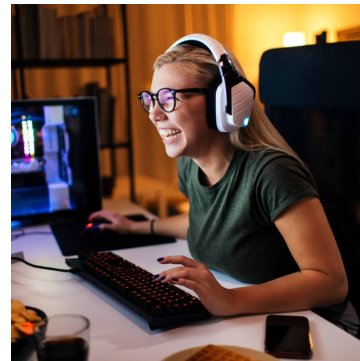
<https://people.mcdonalds.co.uk/opportunities/early-careers/management-degree-apprenticeship>

McDonald's Management Degree Apprenticeship lasts five years and leads to qualifications including a Level 3 Apprenticeship (Hospitality Supervisor) and the opportunity to gain a BA (hons) degree in Business Management and Retail.

## Vodafone

<https://careers.vodafone.co.uk/apprentices>

Vodafone are currently recruiting for Advanced (Field Technician), Higher (Software Engineering, Digital Sales) and Degree (HR, Project Management, Cyber Security, Data Analyst) Apprenticeships to start in September 2023.



## Dates For Your Diary

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

### EDF Energy Apprenticeships

21st February, 18:30-19:30

At this webinar for students in Years 10 to 13 and parents/carers, Careers Leads and teachers, you can meet some of EDF's apprentices to hear first-hand about their experiences in the energy sector. [Register here.](#)

Students can visit the campus to see the facilities, meet tutors and find out about the courses on offer. [Register here](#).

### **Zurich Insurance Insight**

28th February, 18:30-19:30

This Success at School webinar with Zurich Insurance will give Year 10-13 students the opportunity to hear about the range of apprenticeship opportunities on offer with Zurich. [Register here](#).

### **City of Oxford College**

1st March, 16:30-19:30

City of Oxford College are holding an Open Event for students and their parents/carers to visit the city campus to meet expert tutors, view the fantastic facilities and find out about the varied courses on offer. [Register here](#).

### **Women in Construction Conference**

2nd March, 12:30-17:00

Constructing Excellence Oxford are holding a women in construction conference 'see it to be it'. They are offering free spaces to local schools to support with inspiring the next generation of local women to consider taking up a career in construction. [Find out more](#).

### **What Career? and What University? Live**

3rd & 4th March

What University? & What Career? Live takes place at the NEC, Birmingham. It is for 15-19-year olds to explore their higher education and career options and is free for school groups and individuals to attend. Parents/carers may be interested in attending on the Saturday. [Find out more](#).

### **Henley College information event**

21st March, 17:30-20:00

Students can explore the two beautiful campuses and extensive facilities, meet the teaching staff and find out more about the broad range of courses of offer for September 2023 entry. [Register here](#).

### **Apprenticeship & Education Event**

28th March

The National Apprenticeship and Education Event is a free careers event in Birmingham, designed to inspire young people with Apprenticeship, Traineeship and T Levels opportunities. Find out more at <https://nationalapprenticeshipevents.co.uk>

### **Westmill Wind and Solar Farm Tour**

16th April

Students and their families can tour the Westmill Wind Farm & Solar Park to discover how their turbines and solar cells work, learn about renewable energy and hear the eventful history of the site. You can also book to take a group of students on a bespoke tour, which might be of interest to students considering

### 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](mailto:careersjam@f4s.org.uk). [Find out more.](#)

### 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.](#)

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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

[Provider Access Legislation](#)

[Early Careers at Harwell](#)

[Careers Leader Training](#)

[Health Careers](#)

[Amazing Apprenticeships](#)

[Step into the NHS](#)

[Find Your Future](#)

[Choices post 16 resource](#)

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