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# Picks of the Week: 23rd January 2024

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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**.

We have created a page on our website that you can refer parents/carers to (<u>https://oxlepskills.co.uk/careersfest</u>). They can register from here and watch the highlights of last year's event. Student and parent/carer guides will be available to download from here too. We are preparing a communications pack for you, which will include graphics that you can share to help you raise awareness of the opportunity with your parents/carers.



### **Apprenticeships Webinar for Parents/Carers**

We are teaming up with LearnLive to run an apprenticeships awareness broadcast for parents and carers (students are encouraged to attend too!) on **6th February 2024 from 18:00-19:00**, which is during **National Apprenticeship Week**.

Parents/carers will be able to hear an overview of apprenticeships, watch Oxfordshire apprentices talking about their experiences, including Macy Richards, a Trainee Civil Engineer at Milestone Infrastructure, hear the employer perspective from Helen Johnson from the University of Oxford and ask any questions via a live chat with the speakers.

After the webinar, there will be an **opportunity to chat with employers** who offer apprenticeships via our **Find Your Future** virtual careers platform - <u>https://oxlepskills.co.uk/findyourfuture</u>

We have created a graphic that includes all the information and a QR code for booking, which you can <u>download here</u>. Please share this via your own and your school/college social media channels to help promote the webinar.





### **Oxfordshire Apprenticeship Awards**

#### https://oxlepskills.co.uk/oaawards

The Oxfordshire Apprenticeship Awards 2024 are open for entries and nominations until midnight on **Monday 19th February**. Why not showcase your work and careers programme by entering the Careers Champion Award, or encourage employers you work with the enter the Inspiring the Future Employer Award to recognise all they do to inform and inspire your students?

### **Oxfordshire Events**

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### www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ukaea-apprenticeship-schemeopen-evening-february-2024-tickets-780011414137

UKAEA are currently recruiting for a range of apprenticeships and are holding an open day on **13th February from 14:30-19:30** for interested students to talk to hiring managers and the early careers team, as well as hear first-hand experiences from past and current apprentices. <u>Download a flyer</u>.



### Kier Open Doors Visits at Oxford Railway Station

#### https://opendoors.construction/sites/oxford-railway-station

Kier have signed up to the '<u>Open Doors – Get Into Construction</u>' scheme and the Oxford Railway Station project will be opening its doors to schools and colleges for a few sessions over **19th and 20th March**. If you have any problems signing up on the website and would like to book a session, please email <u>kerry.collins@kier.co.uk</u>

#### Session dates/ times:

Tuesday 19th March: 09:00-11:00, 12:00-14:00 and 14:30-16:30 Wednesday 20th March: 09:00-11:00, 12:00-14:00 and 14:30-16:30



### **Balliol College Insight Talks**

www.balliol.ox.ac.uk/admissions/schools-andoutreach/outreach-talks-and-events

Balliol College, University of Oxford is running a series of insight talks for Year 12 students interested in science, delivered on a range of topics by postgraduate students who give the audience an insight into their particular research specialism.

### Keble College Subject Taster Days

www.keble.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduates/outreach

Keble College, University of Oxford hosts annual subject taster days for prospective Year 12 students.

**12th February**: Engineering Science (applicants must be studying Maths and Physics at A-Level, Further Maths strongly recommended).

**13th February**: Philosophy: Keble College admits for three joint degrees with philosophy: Philosophy, Politics, and Economics; Philosophy and Theology; and Philosophy and Modern Languages (French, Italian, and Spanish; others are offered at other colleges). This taster day will be most relevant to those interested in these courses.

**14th February**: Computer Science (applicants must be studying Maths at A-Level, Further Maths is strongly recommended).

Deadline to apply: 25th January.

### **Materials Science Open Days**

### www.materials.ox.ac.uk/materials-science-open-days

These open events for **Year 11 and 12 students** at the Department of Materials, University of Oxford take place on 13th & 14th February, 16th February (online) and 12th & 13th March. Attendees will experience what studying Materials Science at Oxford is like. Deadline to book: **23rd January**.



### **Other Events**



### **Think Cambridge Webinars**

www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/events/thinkcambridge

Think Cambridge is a 3 week long series of 10 webinars to inspire Year 11 and 12 students to apply to Cambridge. They all take place from 17:00-18:00, starting with 'Explaining the Collegiate system' on 29th January.

#### Translate

https://amazingapprenticeships.com/event/british-armyapprenticeships

At this webinar on **1st February from 16:00-17:00** attendees will hear about the range of apprenticeship opportunities available for individuals looking to start a career in the British Army.





### **CSR Apprenticeship Webinars**

#### www.instagram.com/csrscientifictraining

CSR Scientific Training are holding a series of healthcare science and applied science webinars from **5th-9th February** during National Apprenticeship Week. Students should email <u>helpdesk@csr-group.co.uk</u> with their preferred session to register.

### What Next? Live

#### https://www.whatcareerlive.co.uk/events/birmingham

What University? & What Career? Live will take place at the NEC, Birmingham on **1st and 2nd March**. Along with the opportunity to meet a large number of employers and higher education providers, this event will also feature a Careers Advice Lounge, CV Clinic and a series of seminars.







### **Medic Mentor UCAT Conference**

#### https://medicmentor.org/free-virtual-ucat-conference

This free virtual UCAT conference will take place on **3rd March**. It will cover how to prepare the UCAT tests and timings of the tests for students who are planning to apply to study medicine or dentistry at university.

### **Diamond Light Source**

### www.diamond.ac.uk/Careers/Students/Schools-Work-Experience.html

Diamond Light Source's annual work experience programme offers a number of placements to school/college students in **Years 10-13**. The 2024 placements will take place from **8th - 12th July**. Applications close: **18th February**.





### Science Oxford STEM Insight Week

https://scienceoxford.com/schools/secondaryschools/insight-weeks

The next Science Oxford's free STEM Insight Week for **Years 10** and **11** takes place from **12th-16th February**. It includes workshops and interactions with STEM businesses and research institutions. Deadline to apply: **1st February**.

### Science Oxford STEM Careers Programme

#### https://scienceoxford.com/schools/secondary-schools

Science Oxford offer a range of other activities to support students' exploration of STEM career paths and development of STEM career-related skills. Please note: there is a cost for the career days and workshops.

- STEM Career Days in your school for Years 7, 8 and 9
- STEM Skills Workshops in your school for Years 9, 10 and 11
- STEM Summer Experience for Years 11, 12 and 13
- STEM Work Experiences for Years 11, 12 and 13
- Young Scientists of the Year for Year 13

If you have any questions about the STEM careers programme, please get in touch at

STEMCareers@scienceoxford.com

#### www.uniq.ox.ac.uk

UNIQ is a programme of online support for **eligible Year 12 students** throughout the application process and a free academic summer residential. It is aimed at Year 12 state school students with promising grades who are from backgrounds under-represented at the University of Oxford and other selective universities. Students who qualify for free school meals, are care experienced are particularly encouraged to apply. <u>Download a poster</u>.

Deadline for applications: 23rd January.

### Astrophoria Foundation Programme, University of Oxford

#### https://foundationyear.ox.ac.uk

This is a fully funded one-year course in either Science, Humanities, Law or PPE. The grade requirements are lower than the undergraduate requirements, ranging from BBB to AAB at A Level. A number of other qualification types are accepted. Students who pass a foundation year at the required level can progress automatically onto an undergraduate course at the University of Oxford.

The programme is open to **Year 13 students** in state schools, applying to university for entry in 2024, who have experienced disadvantage or disruption during their education. There are no tuition or accommodation fees as these are covered by the University and a non-repayable bursary is provided to students to cover their living costs.

Deadline to apply: 31st January.

### **Step Into The NHS Competition Drop-In Days**

### https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeoCbk79FC\_RxHIEQj-8em67apUDw\_muh6uJVaQH7keqQdIA/viewform

This Step into the NHS Day is an online drop-in day for your students to hear from some fantastic NHS ambassadors about their jobs and ask them questions, learn more about the NHS and get inspired to create their competition entries. The KS3 Step into the NHS Day will be on **5th March**.

You can <u>register your interest</u> for the virtual day to receive an agenda for the day and a Microsoft Teams link to join.

Find out more about Step into the NHS at: https://www.stepintothenhs.nhs.uk. If you have any questions

### **Pathways Summer School**

www.henley.ac.uk/research/academic-areas/real-estateand-planning/rref/pathways-to-property/summer-school

Pathways Summer School is a fully funded residential course for Year 12 students held on campus at Henley Business School, University of Reading from 2nd - 5th July. Attendees will get an insight into the property sector and learn about different career routes into the industry. Applications close on 2nd June.



### **Springpod Virtual Work Experience**

#### Insight Into Investec - 12th to 25th February

www.springpod.com/virtual-work-experience/insight-into-investec/WEXP-00225

This programme is an opportunity for **students aged 16+** to explore the world of banking and finance with Investec, a world-renowned international banking organisation that provides services to individuals and businesses. Deadline to apply: **8th February**.

#### Airbus Aerospace Work Experience - 13th February

www.springpod.com/virtual-work-experience/aerospace-work-experience/WEXP-00043 This virtual work experience day is an opportunity for **students aged 13+** to hear from the people who make Airbus the company that it is and complete activities in various departments to get a feel of what department is most interesting for them.

### **For Careers Leads**

### **Oxford Brookes Student Finance Webinar**

#### Register for the webinar

This webinar on **29th February from 17:00** will provide you with an overview of student finance for undergraduate students and how you can help support your students during their student finance application. This session is for careers professionals and educators who are supporting **Year 12 and 13** students.

to receive a recording. You can submit questions in advance when you register, or during the webinar.

### **Trinity College Post 18 Progression & Enrichment CPD**

#### Download a letter

Trinity College, University of Oxford are inviting colleagues with responsibility for enrichment, UCAS and progression to higher education to a free of charge professional development day on **28th February from 09:30-15:00**. There are spaces for 50 attendees on the day. Sessions will be relevant to both experienced and new staff, with some optional sessions to allow maximum benefit from the day. The day will involve speakers from the university and local schools. Lunch and refreshments are provided.

To book, email Charlotte Richer, Academic Enrichment Coordinator at the River Learning Trust at <a href="mailto:cricher@cherwellschool.org">cricher@cherwellschool.org</a>.

### **Provider Access Legislation (PAL) Guidance**

https://careersandenterprise.zendesk.com/hc/en-gb/articles/6472443556124-Provider-Access-Legislation-PAL-guidance

As you're all aware, the Provider Access Legislation (PAL) mandates schools to provide all learners with a minimum of two encounters with approved providers of apprenticeships and technical education in Key Stage 3 and two encounters in Key Stage 4. Additionally, schools must have offered two encounters to learners in Key Stage 5, but it is optional for learners to attend.

We are keen to support schools and providers to meet and evidence this updated requirement meaningfully as part of a wider progressive careers programme. It's important to note that there are specific deadlines within the academic year for recording PAL activities.

**28th February** is the deadline for learners in **Year 9**, **Year 11 and Year 13** to have had at least two encounters with approved providers of apprenticeships and technical education during that particular Key Stage. The February deadline for PAL compliance is to ensure that learners have ample time to receive an appropriate encounter and consider their next steps for transition.

NB. PAL encounters can continue beyond 28th February for Years 8, 10, and 12. PAL is applicable throughout the year, not just between September and February.

To ensure PAL compliance is regularly monitored and support needs are managed effectively, the CEC have made some updates within the Compass evaluation section for Gatsby Benchmark 7.

### **Compass+ Training Webinars**

#### https://careersandenterprise.zendesk.com/hc/en-gb/articles/4404658141074

The CEC aim to provide webinar sessions to cover all aspects of Compass+, to support you whether you are just starting out as a new user, want a quick refresher, or extending your knowledge as an experienced user. You can also <u>watch recordings of previous webinars</u>. Below are the next in the series, click here for the full list.

Deep Dive: Future Skills Questionnaire https://bit.ly/4awd20Q 25th January, 15:30-16:30

Compass+ Deep Dive – Dashboard, Evaluations & Activities https://bit.ly/4aoFamx 1st February, 15:30-16:30

Next Steps with Compass+ https://bit.ly/3RSmnsz 8th February, 15:30-16:30

### Interests and Destinations on Compass+ for Special Schools

https://careersandenterprise.zendesk.com/hc/en-gb/articles/4403031310994-Interests-and-Destinations-Improvements-for-Special-Schools

Improvements have been made to the 'Interests and Destinations' tab on Compass+ for special schools on a learner's individual personal profile.

### Young Person Careers & Employment Conference Logo

### https://schools.oxfordshire.gov.uk/schools-news/2024/young-person-careers-employmentconference-ypcec-update

Since the last Young Person Careers & Employment Conference (YPCEC) back in October, Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) SEND Employment Forum have been working closely with the OCC Design Team on the development of the YPCEC logo.

The young person logo design winner, from Fitzwaryn, met with colleagues from the Communication, Marketing and Engagement Team, where they showcased the journey of turning the design into reality.



### **Advanced British Standard**

#### Download the rapid read

The Advanced British Standard is a new Level 3 qualification that is being developed for 16-19 year olds to ensure technical and academic education are placed on an equal footing and to create a more balanced curriculum. This rapid read gives an overview of the new qualification and what is planned.

### **CDI Big Listen Survey**

#### https://www.thecdi.net/resources/cdi-big-listen

This CDI survey is open to everyone (members and nonmembers) who works in career development and captures their perceptions of working in career development to help shape the focus of the CDI. Have your say by completing the survey by **12th February**.





### **HTQs Webinar**

#### Registration link

At this webinar on **22nd January at 15:45**, speakers from the DfE and CEC will look at how to share information with students, parents/carers and colleagues about HTQs to ensure good knowledge and awareness, as well as how to support students during the research and application process.

#### **Registration link**

This webinar on **25th January at 15:30** is the 1st in a series of information webinars. Expert speakers from Amazing Apprenticeships and the DfE will highlight what's new in technical education and apprenticeships and will cover any recent changes in policy and funding.





### Impact of AI on UK Jobs

#### www.techrepublic.com/article/ai-impact-uk-jobs

The DfE's Unit for Future Skills has published a report exploring the possible impact of AI on jobs in the UK. The report suggests that the greatest impacts could be in roles requiring higher level qualifications and in professions such as finance and insurance. These roles are weighted towards London and SE England, which are therefore likely to be hardest hit.

### **Resources**

### **Career Quizzes**

#### www.cxk.org/blog/career-quizzes

CXK have listed some of the most popular free career quizzes currently available, including personality, interest and sector quizzes.





### **Apprenticeship Mythbuster**

#### Download the rapid read

This Amazing Apprenticeships rapid read dispells 12 common myths about apprenticeships and addresses some key questions and concerns that your students might have.

## **Apprenticeships & School Leaver Programmes**

### **University of Oxford's Apprenticeship Talent Pool**

#### https://apprenticeships.web.ox.ac.uk/talent-pool-2024-apply-now

Applications are now open for the University of Oxford's Apprenticeship Talent Pool for September 2024. The University has various apprenticeship opportunities available, including those in Business Administration, Engineering, Human Resources, Horticulture, Marketing and many more.

Becoming an apprentice at the University of Oxford is an excellent opportunity for those starting their careers or looking to change careers to gain practical experience and training in a supportive and inclusive environment. By submitting an application to join the Talent Pool, the University's apprenticeships team will work with each candidate to assess their eligibility and identify suitable opportunities as they arise to share with applicants for consideration.

Deadline for applications: 8th April.

### **Nuclear Restoration Services**

https://energus.co.uk/apprentice-careers/? gh\_jid=4251619101

NRS (formerly Magnox) based are recruiting for a Level 6 Project Management Degree Apprenticeship. This is a 4 year Degree Apprenticeship based at Harwell, with a blend of online and face to face learning at the University of Cumbria.





### **MI5**

#### Link to the opportunity

MI5 are currently recruiting to their 3 year Cyber Specialist Development Programme based in London, which combines classroom and lab education with technical training, mentoring, job shadowing and work-based placements and projects.

#### https://ibmglobal.yello.co/app/collect/form/xG3NWiVdUKAo0IXmExFAkA

IBM will be hiring for higher and degree apprenticeships during National Apprenticeship Week (**5th - 11th February**). Students can <u>register their interest</u> in advance to be notified as soon as the roles open for applications.

- Opening Monday 5th February Level 4 Junior Management Consultant, DevOps and Test
- Opening Thursday 8th February (open for one day only) Level 6 Digital and Technology Solutions Degree

### **National Grid**

#### https://ngrid.com/4a8A9OK

National Grid have a range of apprenticeships from Level 3 to 7 in a variety of locations currently open for applications.



### **Dates For Your Diary**

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

#### Women in the Army

23rd January, 11:00-12:00

At this webinar, students will hear how women make their mark in the Army and hear about a typical day for women in the Army. They will also be able to ask questions during an interactive Q&A. Download a poster. Deadline to apply: 5th January. <u>Register here</u>.

#### **Brookes Unibuddy Webinars**

23rd January, 16:00-17:00

These Oxford Brookes sessions aim to support students through their journey of applying to university. The next ones are covering applications on 23rd January and getting the most from open days on 6th February, both from 16:00-17:00. <u>Register here</u>.

#### **CBRE Real Estate Apprenticeships**

23rd January, 18:30-19:30

This webinar is for students in Years 10-13 who are interested in exploring a career at CBRE, the world's largest commercial real estate and investment services firm. They will learn about apprenticeships at

#### **Horticulture Careers Webinar**

24th January, 09:15-09:35

This webinar with RHS Learning is an opportunity for Year 7-12 students to explore the world of horticulture and the type of roles available within the sector, from garden design to plant breeding. Register here.

#### ACE Training Open Morning

27th January, 10:00-12:00

Students interested in a career in construction can go to ACE Training's open morning to find out about their pre-apprenticeships and apprenticeships in bricklaying and carpentry. Open mornings will also take place on 24th February, 23rd March and 13th & 27th April. Download a flyer.

#### Things I Wish I'd Known

Next meet: 29th January

Things I Wish I'd Known is for any young creative aged 13-18 with questions about the music industry that need answering. Held monthly on Zoom, each meet-up will be led by guest artists chatting about careers and mistakes to avoid. <u>Find out more</u>.

#### **Unseen Careers in HR**

30th January, 10:00

Cash processing firm Vaultex UK are running a series of virtual Careers Live broadcasts The first one is about careers in HR. This will be followed by monthly broadcasts covering tech, finance and operations. Register here.

#### **Google Digital Apprenticeships**

30th January, 18:30-19:30

At this webinar, students can hear from the Head of Apprenticeships at Google alongside two current apprentices about the different opportunities available in Digital with Google. <u>Register here</u>.

#### **Apprenticeship Accelerator**

1st February, 17:00-18:40

Join RateMyApprenticeship and some of the UK's Best Apprenticeship Employers for round two of their exclusive look at apprenticeships on , where you'll discover how to ace the application process. <u>Register</u> <u>here</u>.

#### **Deloitte ASPIRE Insight Event**

1st February, 18:00-19:00

This virtual event is for Year 12 students to get an insight into the programmes Deloitte offer. They will also have the chance to network with potential employers and get a certificate for attending. <u>Register here</u>.

#### **Oxfordshire Advanced Skills Apprenticeship Open Events**

1st February, 13th March and 16th April, slots at 18:00 and 19:00

#### **Oxford Brookes Science Bazaar**

3rd February, 09:30-16:00

Oxford Brookes Science Bazaar is a free event for all the family and is most suitable for students aged up to 16 years. There is an autism friendly early opening from 09:30-11:30. <u>Register here</u>.

#### NAW2024 Sunday Surgery

4th February, 10:00-12:00

Amazing Apprenticeships' Anna Morrison is running an open surgery for those who have questions about National Apprenticeship Week. <u>Register here</u>.

#### Activate Apprenticeships Webinar

5th February, 09:15-10:00

Activate Apprenticeships are holding a webinar for potential apprentices. Attendees will hear an overview of apprenticeships, learn where to find vacancies and hear the view of an employer. <u>Register here</u>.

#### **Festival of Apprenticeships**

5th February, 12:00-13:00

This free online event from Pathway Group is a one-stop shop for anyone looking to find out more about apprenticeships, from discovering opportunities with organisations first-hand, through to guidance on how to apply for and make the most of an apprenticeship. <u>Register here</u>.

#### **Apprenticeships Webinar for Parents/Carers**

6th February, 18:00-19:00

Oxfordshire Careers Hub is teaming up with LearnLive to run an apprenticeships awareness broadcast for parents and carers (students are encouraged to attend too!) during National Apprenticeship Week. <u>Register here</u>.

#### Ask an Apprentice Webinar

7th February, 18:30-19:30

Success at School are celebrating Apprentice Wednesday by holding an online 'ask an apprentice' panel discussion. Attendees will hear from 3 apprentices and be able to ask any questions they have. <u>Register</u> <u>here</u>.

#### **Oxford Brookes Undergraduate Open Day**

#### 17th February

The next Brookes undergraduate open day includes campus tours, course and subject taster sessions, accommodation talks and the opportunity to meet staff and students. <u>Register here</u>.

#### **Empathy Week**

26th February - 1st March 2024

Empathy Week is a free festival of webinars, films, resources and events that explore the theme of 'Home'

#### **Oxford Brookes Taster Days**

Starting 11th March 2024

Oxford Brookes University is holding a series of subject taster days for Year 12 students. They are free to attend and cover different topics and subject areas from one of their four faculties: Humanities and Social Sciences, Oxford Brookes Business School, Health and Life Sciences and Technology and Design and Environment. <u>Find out more</u>.

#### **UK University Search Fairs**

There are lots of UK University & Apprenticeship Search fairs taking place at universities and stadiums in spring 2024, including at Oxford Brookes University on 12th June. The fairs give students the opportunity to meet universities and apprenticeship providers and attend seminars. <u>Find out more</u>.

### **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 Amazing Apprenticeships Your Game Plan Find Your Future

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