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Picks of the Week: 25th April 2023

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Oxfordshire Apprenticeship Awards 2023

www.oxfordshirelep.com/oaawards2023

We are very excited to announce the finalists in the Oxfordshire Apprenticeship Awards 2023, which includes 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. The winner will be announced at a special awards evening on 18th May at Williams F1 Conference Centre.

**Claire Christiansen**

Larkmead School

**Andrew Hemming**Chilworth House
Upper School**Jackie Mustoe**Carterton Community
College #OAAwards2023www.oxfordshirelep.com/oaawards2023

Bidfood Apprenticeship Levy Pledge

We are delighted that [Bidfood UK](#) have pledged £20,000 of their unused apprenticeship levy through our Social Contract Programme and would like to support schools and businesses within their supply chain to employ apprentices by using this to pay for their apprenticeship training and assessment.

The pledge will cover the full training costs associated with an apprenticeship. If your school is interested in employing an apprentice and would like to be matched to this pledge, or would like to find out more apprenticeships to fill any skills gaps that you might have, please contact our Oxfordshire Apprenticeship Advisor Leah Bryan at leah.bryan@oxfordshirelep.com

Events

www.facebook.com/events/978753489800761

Students can join NHS Health Careers in conversation with nursing associates on **10th May from 17:30-18:15** to find out more about why training as a nursing associate can be a great way to join the NHS. They will be chatting to some nursing associates to find out more about their career journeys so far and what they do in their roles.



Be at Your Best This Exam Season

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/be-at-your-best-this-exam-season-tickets-607441683427

This NGTU webinar on **11th May from 12:00-13:00** will help your students feel motivated, inspired and driven going into their exams. It features Sam Moinet from The Student Breakthrough sharing advice for students about feeling confident, staying motivated and dealing with stress and anxiety.

Oxford Brookes Year 12 Taster Days

[Booking form](#)

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.

The Breadth of the Biosciences - **12th May**

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

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/oxford-english-faculty-state-schools-open-day-tickets-598391213227

The University of Oxford English Department is holding an open day for state schools on **13th May from 10:30–14:15**, aimed at **Year 12 students**. This is an online event, featuring taster lectures, information about the admissions process, plus a Q&A with current students.



Balliol College Taster Day

[Booking link](#)

This in-person event on **22nd May from 10:30-16:00** 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.

St Catherine's College Academic Taster Days

www.stcatz.ox.ac.uk/prospective-students/outreach/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 that are available at the University of Oxford
- Women in STEM – **1st June, 10:30–16:15**, including a session with Professor Susannah Speller (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

Careers Programmes & Work Experience

www.apprenticeship.academy

This is a 6 week programme that provides **Year 11, 12 and 13 students** with everything they need to know to find, apply for and interview for apprenticeship opportunities in the UK. The next course starts on **14th June**. You can find the launch resources [here](#). Refer your students to sign up [here](#). You can read reviews from previous participants [here](#).

Disclaimer: This is the last programme that is free for schools, from September 2023, it's £150 per year to refer as many students as you like.

Bodleian Libraries

<https://visit.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/learning/school-visits>

Bodleian Libraries are welcoming schools and colleges for exhibitions and 'Collections up close' sessions, as well as offering online live teaching of Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) study skills sessions. The team at the Weston Library (part of the Bodleian) prioritise working with state secondary schools in Oxfordshire. They also have resources for all teachers and an education newsletter. To book physical or online sessions, provide feedback, or suggest sessions or resources you would like, please email the Education Team at education@bodleian.ox.ac.uk

Academic Writing Workshops for 6th Form

[Download information about the workshops](#)

Bodleian Libraries has space for **Year 12 and 13 students** from up to seven local state secondary schools to take part in a full day academic writing workshop. Led by professional writers, these interactive sessions will guide students to become more confident in their writing skills as they make the transition to university, college or work. Workshops are suitable for up to 15 students and take place at the Weston Library in central Oxford from 10:00-15:00.

The available dates are:

- Wednesday 7th June
- Monday 19th June
- Tuesday 20th June
- Monday 26th June
- Tuesday 27th June
- Tuesday 4th July

There is no cost for these sessions. If your school would like to take part, please email Rosie directly at education@bodleian.ox.ac.uk to discuss convenient dates.

Virtual Nursing Taster Day

[Download a poster](#)

This NHS England virtual insight session on **1st June from 10:00-15:00** is for students interested in exploring a nursing career and is a great opportunity to get an insight from those who are doing the role and the pathways into nursing.

Virtual Nursing Taster Day

NHS England

Thursday 1st June | 10am-3pm

What will you get out of it?

- Introduction into Nursing.

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

Springpod

Nursing Online Work Related Learning

What's Involved?

- Live workshops with employers
- Work and assignments
- Fits into your schedule

This programme is **open to students** that are aged between **14-25 years old**.

Scan the QR Code to Apply Now!

In partnership with:

Benefits

- This programme is free for students.
- You'll get practical skills and knowledge.
- Add the experience to your CV and Personal Statement.
- You'll earn a certificate if you complete the programme.

NHS Virtual Work Experience

For any aspiring medics, nurses (with some midwifery) and allied health professionals, NHS Health Education England have funded 2 new Springpod virtual work experience programmes for **students aged 14-25**. Download the flyers for details.

- [Allied health professional online work related learning](#)
- [Medicine online work related learning](#)
- [Nursing online work related learning](#)

Book a Maths4Girls Event

<https://m4g.founders4schools.org.uk/results/56f4cd3f-2481-4733-ad06-0444d7d3b763>

Maths4Girls has a range of volunteer role models who can be booked for an event at your school. Have a look at the business volunteers and arrange a bespoke event for the summer term.



For Careers Leaders

Trinity College Teacher CPD

[registration-3](#)

Trinity College Oxford's Access Department are hosting series of twilight online CPD seminars. The next seminar will be on the theme of Supporting Students through the Process of Writing a Competitive Personal Statement. This is Teachers and PGCE Students interested in supporting students to apply to the University of Oxford, or Higher Education in general.

Competition



Step into the NHS

www.stepintothensh.nhs.uk

The Step into the NHS schools competition is open until **30th April**. See the judging criteria to make sure your students' entries are in with a chance of winning.

KS3: <https://orlo.uk/9FXDd>

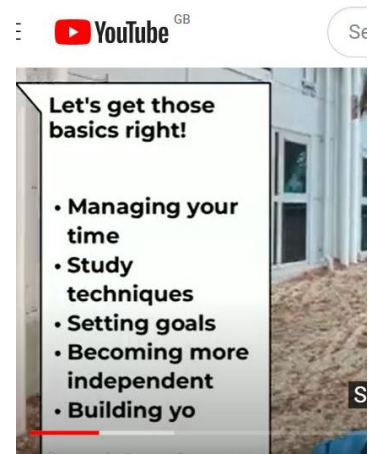
KS2: <https://orlo.uk/F2yba>

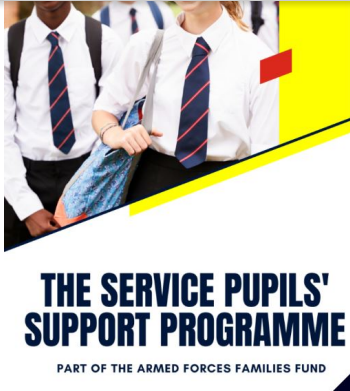
Resources

Study Skills YouTube Series

[Link to example video](#)

Do you have underperforming or anxious **Year 11, 12 or 13 students**, who need a boost with their study skills? Oxford Brookes have a new YouTube series helping students to build confidence with the basics of studying. The short videos can be watched at home, or at school within tutor time. Register your interest via [this form](#).





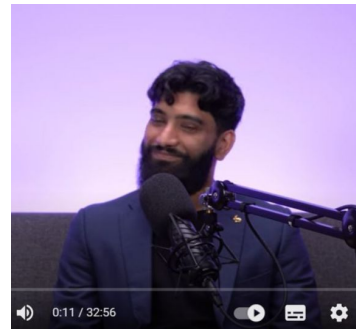
<https://covenantfund.org.uk/programme/the-service-pupil-support-programme>

Specifically supporting **Service pupils aged 4-18 years**, this MOD funded programme will offer grants of £5k to £80k for projects supporting pupils from currently serving families. Schools may submit their own bid, as well as being part of a 'cluster bid', if these are for different initiatives.

My Career Podcast

<https://youtu.be/vOQOMKic3cc>

This Pathway CTM podcast talks to Ismail Islam, who works for Atkins. Prior to this he studied at university, all the way up to Masters level, but looking back would he do the same thing now?



Apprenticeships



NIQ

[Link to the vacancy.](#)

NIQ (Nielsen) are currently recruiting to their Level 6 Chartered Management Degree Apprenticeship, based in Oxford, to start in September. Apprentices will gain a BA (Hons) Degree in Business and Management Practice, certified by Oxford Brookes University. The degree will focus on the theory behind a range of business functions, such as Customer Success, Consumer and Analytics and Operations.

[Download vacancy information](#)

Kingerlee are recruiting for Apprentice Construction Site Management Trainees to work alongside their site teams to gain an awareness and understanding of the whole construction process. They will work towards a Level 4 Apprenticeship with the potential to move onto a degree qualification.



LCMB

www.lcmb.co.uk/we-are-recruiting-four-apprentices

LCMB Building Performance Ltd are looking to take on 4 apprentices to join their rapidly growing business.

- BEng (Hons) Building Service Design Engineer, Level 6
- HNC Building Services Engineering Technician, Level 4
- HNC Building Services Engineering Technician, Level 4
- Junior Energy Manager, Level 3

Dates For Your Diary

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

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.](#)

Graduate Careers Live!

27th April

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.](#)

Careers and Apprenticeship Fair

4th May, 18:30-20:00

North Oxfordshire Academy in Banbury are holding a Careers and Apprenticeship Fair. This event is open to anyone to attend, including students, parents/carers and those looking for opportunities. [Download a flyer.](#)

Revision Masterclass

10th May, 18:30-19:30

At this webinar, 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.

[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](#)

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