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## Picks of the Week: 26th September 2023

Please share the links in Picks of the Week with your students, colleagues, parents and carers. If you would like to include anything in a future issue, please get in touch at [skills@oxfordshirelep.com](mailto:skills@oxfordshirelep.com).



## From OxLEP Skills

### A Conversation With... Construction

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

We are holding an event for **Careers Leads and teachers**, which will include an information session, networking and tour, on **2nd November from 12:00-14:00** at Abingdon & Witney College, Abingdon Campus.

Employers Willmott Dixon and Hill Group (TBC) will showcase the various programme available to young people, including apprenticeships and share information and guidance on entering the industry. There will also be an opportunity to network with businesses operating within the construction industry in Oxfordshire.

Abingdon & Witney College will lead tours of their recently opened construction learning facilities and share information with you about the courses they have available focusing on green skills within construction, so that you can advise your students about these.

**Picks of the Week: 19th September 2023**

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**From OxLEP Skills****Save The Date: Careers Fest 2024**

Next year's Careers Fest will take place at The Kassam Stadium on Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st March 2024. Please save the dates and we will be in touch with further details shortly.



<https://oxlepskills.co.uk/picks-of-the-week>

Current and previous issues of Picks of the Week are available to download in pdf format from our website. You could link to this page from your website or newsletter to enable students and parents/carers to access the newsletter every week. They are also available to download via our resource library: <https://oxlepskills.co.uk/category/picks-of-the-week>

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## Oxfordshire Events

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### Reminder: The Nuclear Connection Science Fair

[Download a flyer](#)

**Last chance** to register for your students take part in The Nuclear Connection - the deadline to express an interest is **29th September**.

The morning slots are now full but there is still some availability in the afternoon, possibly for a whole year group. The organisers are happy to talk to schools/colleges who may struggle with transport costs for small or large groups of students and will look at how they can support this.

The Nuclear Connection Science Fair 2023 is for **Key Stage 3-5 students, parents/carers and educators**. It will take place on 10th November in Oxford. Through activities, games, presentations and conversations, students will discover everything they want to know about nuclear science and about the places it could take their future careers.

There is also a **poster competition**, which could be set as homework. Your students could have their work displayed at The Nuclear Connection Science Fair and be awarded prizes by leading nuclear industry figures.

If you are interested in the science fair and/or the poster competition, please contact [louise.honeymann@nuclearwasteservices.uk](mailto:louise.honeymann@nuclearwasteservices.uk). Louise is happy to fully brief schools on both parts of the project and will ensure that students feel well prepared before attending the fair. Please can you share this information with your science department.

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## Other Events

## Space for Everyone Tour

<https://learnliveuk.com/uk-space-agencys-space-for-everyone-tour-online>

The UK Space Agency's Space For Everyone tour online will be a captivating live broadcast designed for budding space enthusiasts. It takes place via LearnLive on **29th September from 14:00** and includes Oxford Space Systems talking about the role of the arts and highlighting the unexpected ways creativity fuels innovation.



## Property Needs You

<https://pathwayctm.com/event/property-needs-you-virtual-taster-day>

This online taster day takes place on **24th October from 10:00-15:00** and 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.




## ASK Information Webinars

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/workshops-webinars>

The Apprenticeship Support and Knowledge in schools and colleges (ASK) programme are running a series of 30 minute webinars this academic year, covering topics such as apprenticeships, Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQs) and T Levels.

### UPCOMING WEBINARS

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Webinar	Date	Time
 Knowledge is power – what are the post-16 and post-18 technical education options?	Mor Sep	3:30
 Getting to grips with HTQs	Thur Oct	3:45
 Understanding apprenticeships	Thur Oct	3:30

## Discover! Creative Careers Week

[Download a flyer to share with students](#)

Speakers for Schools is delivering Discover! Creative Careers Week from **13-19th November**. During the

studios, theatres, museums, architects and more.

Some sessions are for young people to sign up to directly and others are for educators to book for a group. You'll find all the sessions on the [schedule page](#) and you can [download a flyer for students](#). All sessions are fully funded for **young people aged 11-19** attending a state funded school or college.

The aim of the week is to help demystify creative careers and inspire young people to consider it as a career pathway. The creative industry is thriving in the UK, having contributed £109 billion to the economy in 2021 (Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport) and there is real potential for talented young people.

### Opportunities for students with SEND

As part of this week, there are some specific opportunities for students with SEND. The deadline to apply is **30th October**.

- [Question the professionals](#) - Leeds Museum & Galleries, **13th November, 13:30-14:00**  
This is a virtual discovery workshop for **young people aged 11-19**, meaning an educator will need to book on and then broadcast the video call out to their class
- [Careers in the UK museum and heritage industry](#) - Newcastle Castle, **15th November, 13:00-15:00**. This is an insight session for **young people aged 14-19** and they will need to apply individually. There is an application process so they can't guarantee that all young people will be accepted

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## Get Into Dentistry Conference

<https://medicmentor.co.uk/online-get-into-dentistry-conference>

Dental Mentor are running a one-day, online conference for **students aged 14 or above** who are interested in becoming a dentist on **11th November from 09:30-15:00**. It will cover what it's like to be a dentist, perspectives from recent successful and current applicants, application advice, interviews and more.

## Careers Programmes & Work Experience

[Download a flyer](#)

For those who haven't experienced one of these before, Mollie's opens its doors to the local community - educators, charities and community groups - everyone is welcome! It is an opportunity to experience behind the scenes at Mollie's and have some fun. They welcome attendees with a 'backstage' site tour, then give a demo on how to create their famous milkshakes, followed by giving everyone the opportunity to have a go at creating their own.

This could be a great experience for students interested in a career in hospitality. The masterclasses take place at Mollie's Motel & Diner (on the A420 at Buckland) from **14:00-16:00** and are running monthly from **5th October to 20th June 2024**.

It is a really popular event, completely free and open to everyone!

Please email [rebecca.lester@mollies.com](mailto:rebecca.lester@mollies.com) to reserve your date. Suggested maximum group size is 8, to guarantee engagement and give everyone a chance to have a go.



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## Active Citizenship - Student Events

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

Oxfordshire County Council are inviting students to take part in one of their young people's sounding board events which are happening across the county this autumn. This fantastic opportunity will bring students of all ages together to be immersed in citizenship and democracy through active learning to share views about budgets and prioritising. These events will take place in **mid/late November within school hours (10:00-14:00)** with lunch provided. Each school will be able to bring up to 12 students with accompanying staff.

This could be a good experience for students interested in careers in politics or government, for example. Please register your school's interest by [contacting the Engagement and Consultation Team](#).

There are limited spaces at each event. If you have any questions, please email [consultations@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:consultations@oxfordshire.gov.uk)

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## OxTrail 2024 Learning Programme

#OxTrail2024 is a fundraising project in aid of Sobell House Hospice Charity, which could make a fun and interesting enterprise activity, particularly for younger students.

OxTrail is Oxfordshire's first ever art sculpture trail, which will take place in the summer of 2024. People will either paint, sponsor or find ox sculptures in various locations around the city. Joining the OxTrail herd is free and provides the opportunity to engage staff, pupils and parents in community-wide fundraising efforts for Sobell House Hospice. Students can design and paint their own mini ox, which the school gets to keep.

The Learning Programme is sponsored by Oxford Brookes University and will make a range of educational resources available for lesson planning, including resources based around OxTrail maps such as a history trail, eco trail, built environment trail etc. The project will also provide constructive and age-appropriate resources to help children learn about the work of Sobell House and what palliative and end of life care are.

You can register interest and download an information pack from the [website](#).



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## Sustainable Futures: Virtual Work Experience Day

[www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sustainable-futures-virtual-work-experience-day-tickets-710209775557](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sustainable-futures-virtual-work-experience-day-tickets-710209775557)

Founders4Schools is holding Sustainable Futures during Green Careers Week on **7th November from 10:30-14:30**. This is a virtual work experience session exploring careers and skills needed to succeed in the green economy and is for **students aged 14-18+**.

Students will engage with inspiring role models, take part in workplace tours and learn what a typical day really looks and feels like. Additionally, students will take part in a project where they will examine a real business task related to sustainability and plan how they will tackle it!



## For Careers Leaders

### Introduction To Try A Trade

[Link to register](#)

At this webinar on **4th October from 16:00-17:00**, colleagues from Checkatrade and Amazing Apprenticeships will tell you about [Try a Trade](#), a new free careers programme, which aims to inspire students about apprenticeships and careers in domestic trades, including resources and support for students in searching and applying for live trades apprenticeship vacancies.



### CEIAG: Government Response to Report

<https://publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm5803/cmselect/cmeduc/1848/report.html>

The Education Select Committee launched its inquiry into careers education, information, advice and guidance in January 2022 and published its report on 29 June 2023. The Government published its response to this last Thursday 21st September, stating their vision for careers and a broad summary of their, in addition to a response to each of the Committee's 27 recommendations. FE Week have published an [article about the report](#).

The response lists three Government priorities for the next phase of reforms:

- *A single, unified careers system. We want a clear and unified all-age careers system, with fully integrated digital and in-person services, that support individuals to move seamlessly through their skills, training and career journey.*
- *Skills, training and work experience. We want to give skills parity of esteem with academic pathways and to have a much stronger focus on dynamic and high-quality skills, training and work experience.*
- *Social justice. We believe that everybody, regardless of background, should be able to make the most of their talents. We want to ensure that young people and adults receive the support they*

**Live Vacancies Report - Vale of White Horse (as of 18/01/2020)**

Date: 18/01/2020

The following information has been designed to be shared with the public. It is important that these reports are used only as a guide, and that you are aware that vacancies that appear to have no application. Please do not contact the employer unless stated in the vacancy. Registered & Currently Active Candidates refers to those who have been registered with the Education Skills Funding Agency (ESFA).

**Key:**

- No applications have yet been received for this vacancy
- Applications going directly to employer website and can't be counted

Vacancy Title
Team Leader Apprentice
Teaching Assistant Apprentice
Teaching Assistant Apprentice
Racing Equine Groom Apprentice - Horse Care - Racing
Pharmaceutical Operator Apprenticeship
Marketing Apprentice
Leisure Team Member Apprentice
IT Support Apprentice
IT Helpdesk Apprentice
Early Years Apprenticeship at Busy Bees Shellingford (Level 2)
Digital Marketing Apprentice
Digital Marketing and Social Media Apprentice
Dental Nurse Apprenticeship
Dental Nurse Apprenticeship
Dental Nurse Apprenticeship
Business Administrator Apprentice

## Apprenticeship Vacancy Listings

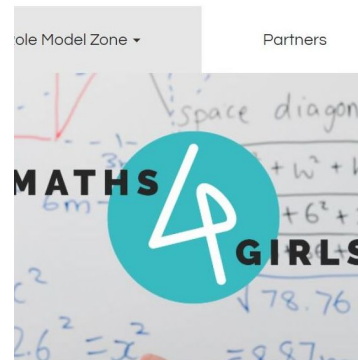
Email: [Communications.ESFA@education.gov.uk](mailto:Communications.ESFA@education.gov.uk)

The DfE send weekly apprenticeship vacancy listings showing all live vacancies broken down by local authority. If you're not already signed up, this is a great way to see what vacancies are currently available, as well as which organisations offer apprenticeships. To receive these, email [Communications.ESFA@education.gov.uk](mailto:Communications.ESFA@education.gov.uk) and request the south region, which includes separate spreadsheets for Cherwell, Oxford, South, Vale and West.

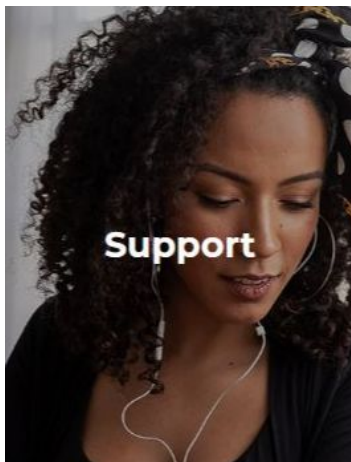
## Maths4Girls

<https://m4g.founders4schools.org.uk>

M4G partners with universities, industry and education to provide high quality information skills sessions and careers workshops in classrooms and zoom-rooms with people who use maths in their current roles across a number of industries.



## Resources



## CareerScope

<https://careerscope.uk.net>

CareerScope is a one-stop-shop for all things careers in hospitality, leisure and tourism. Their mission is to support people from all backgrounds and ages, attract talent into the industry and ultimately promote hospitality as a great place to work. They have resources, programmes and support available to help people reach their full potential.



[www.adhdfoundation.org.uk](http://www.adhdfoundation.org.uk)

[ADHD Foundation](#) is the UK's leading neurodiversity charity, offering a strength-based, lifespan service for the 1 in 5 of us who live with ADHD, Autism, Dyslexia, Dyspraxia, Dyscalculia and Tourette's syndrome.

Here are the links to 2 booklets to support understanding for those living with or caring for those with ADHD:

- [A teenager's guide to ADHD](#)
- [Understanding and supporting my child's ADHD](#)

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## September Parents/Carers Pack

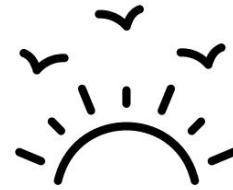
**Parents and Carers' Pack**  
Helping your child to search and apply for apprenticeships



Edition 48: September 2023

[www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/influencers/resources-for-parents](http://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/influencers/resources-for-parents)


The latest parents/carers pack from Amazing Apprenticeships includes features on apprenticeships in law, Army apprenticeships, T Levels and supported internships.





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## Women in STEM Films

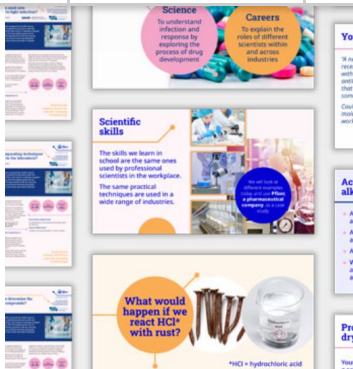
These films showcase the remarkable journeys of women in STEM, leaving a lasting legacy for future generations. They could be useful to share with students as inspiration to consider a career in STEM.

 **Hidden Figures** - unveils the extraordinary contributions of three African-American women mathematicians at NASA during the 1960s, breaking barriers in space exploration.

 **Radioactive** - portrays Marie Curie's pioneering work in radioactivity, highlighting her scientific brilliance and challenges as a female scientist.

 **Gorillas in the Mist** - tells the inspiring story of Dian Fossey's dedication to protecting mountain gorillas in Rwanda, showcasing her pioneering contributions to primatology and conservation.

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[www.pfizer.co.uk/responsibility/science-education/breakthrough-science-school-programme](http://www.pfizer.co.uk/responsibility/science-education/breakthrough-science-school-programme)

These 4 Pfizer Breakthrough Science curriculum resources, alongside video content of diverse stories, skills and career journeys of working in STEM, aim to bring science to life in the classroom. They have been designed for **students aged 11-16**.

## Apprenticeships & School Leaver Jobs

### University of Oxford

[www.apprenticeships.ox.ac.uk/vacancies](http://www.apprenticeships.ox.ac.uk/vacancies)

The University of Oxford are now recruiting for their January 2024 cohort and are advertising HR and Finance roles, an IT and AV Support Officer Apprenticeship at Kellogg College and Business Admin Apprenticeships at the Centre for Medicines Discovery and Blavatnik School of Government.



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www.oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/careers

### Oxford Health - Podiatry

<https://tinyurl.com/mrxuhzr4>

Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust are currently recruiting for Podiatry Assistant Trainees across Oxfordshire, giving the opportunity to gain an Assistant Practitioner Foundation Degree in Podiatry while you work. Closing date: **9th October**.

<https://pwcukcareers.com/3ZhRK1M>

PwC are currently recruiting for apprenticeships in consulting, operational programmes and tax. Applications are also open for their Flying Start Degree Programme, which provides the opportunity for school leavers to earn a salary and fast-track their career while studying for their chosen subject.



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## Dates For Your Diary

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

### **EWE Talk Open Event**

27th September, 11:00-14:00

EWE Talk is Oxfordshire's newest alternative provision dedicated to enhancing social, emotional and mental health through interacting with sheep as therapy animals. They are welcoming staff from mainstream and special school's in Oxfordshire to visit their facility in Tetsworth. [Download a flyer.](#)

### **National Manufacturing Day**

28th September

National Manufacturing Day will see factories and sites opening their doors to give an insight into the sector through open events and tours, giving students the opportunity to find out about jobs and careers in manufacturing. Employers will be adding their events to an interactive map. [Find out more.](#)

### **University of Oxford Chemistry Conference**

28th September, 16:00-18:00

The University of Oxford Department of Chemistry are holding a conference for Year 12 and 13 students and their teachers to find out more about the cutting edge research happening in the field of chemistry and the department. [Find out more.](#)

### **Bicester Village Recruitment Event**

30th September and 1st October

This event at Bicester Village is an opportunity for students interested in seasonal work and/or a career in retail or hospitality to meet with employers looking for passionate people to join their teams. [Find out more.](#)

### **Get Into Medicine Conferences**

30th September and 7th & 8th October, 09:30-15:30.

Medic Mentor are running a series of one-day, online conferences for students aged 14 or above who

**The Henley College Information Evening**

3rd October, 17:30-20:00

The Henley College are holding an information evening where students and their parents/carers can tour the campus and facilities and meet teaching staff and current students. [Find out more.](#)

**European Fusion Teacher Day**

6th October, 14:00-17:00

This virtual event organised by FuseNet is for science and physics teachers. It aims to introduce nuclear fusion to teachers so that they can share their knowledge and create enthusiasm for the field of fusion at the secondary education level. Educational materials are also available, which will be introduced during the event. [Find out more.](#)

**Brookes Undergraduate Open Day**

7th October

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.](#)

**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.](#)

**Role Model Week 2023**

9th-13th October

The 3rd annual Role Model Week from Founders4Schools will celebrate role models and their importance for future career success. Register for a starter pack to give you ideas about how your school can take part. [Find out more.](#)

**Ada Lovelace Day**

10th October

Ada Lovelace Day is an international celebration of the achievements of women in STEM. You can download classroom resources and find out about events that are taking place in support of the day. [Find out more.](#)

**Howden Insurance Careers Day**

12th October, 10:00-14:30

Howden are holding a 'world of insurance' careers day for students aged 16+ at Ascot Racecourse. Students can take part in skills sessions, a mini carers fair and a Q&A session with current employees about their career journeys. Lunch and a tour are included. [Find out more.](#)

North Oxfordshire Apprenticeship Fayre will take place at Lock29 in Banbury and is for anyone wanting to find out about apprenticeships both locally and nationally. Please share the poster with staff, students and parents/carers and put it up across your schools to ensure everyone knows it's on! [Download a poster](#).

### **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

During this webinar, parents/carers can hear from four creative industry employers about roles available and the importance of creative skills in the workplace. [Register here](#).

### **British Army Apprenticeships**

7th November, 16:00

As the Army celebrates its 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

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### **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](#).

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### 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.](#)

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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

[Oxfordshire Your Futures](#)

[Get The Jump](#)

[Uni Taster Days](#)

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