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Picks of the Week: 27th February 2023

We need your help! Please help us promote Careers Fest twilight session with your parents/carers by sharing the resources in this week's Picks of the Week.



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Careers Fest Parent/Carer Twilight Session

[Download a flyer for parents/carers](#)

[Download a social media graphic](#)

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

Please help us to promote the parents/carers twilight session at Careers Fest on **22nd March from 15:30-18:30** by sharing the flyer with your parents/carers and sharing the social media graphic via your social channels to help us make sure that as many parents/carers as possible are aware of the opportunity.

Compass Evaluation Reminder

A reminder for Careers Leaders whose schools/colleges are part of the Oxfordshire Careers Hub. Please complete your compass evaluation for this term by **24th March 2023**. Your Enterprise Coordinator will be in touch to see if you need any support to do this.

Civil Engineering Sponsored Degree

[Sponsorship and application details](#)

[Application form](#)

[Current students](#)

Do you have any students who are thinking of studying Civil Engineering at university? MJA Consulting are once again offering their sponsorship opportunity, which sees students getting financial support and access to work experience throughout their degree. They will earn a monthly salary for the duration of their degree and have access to professional support from day 1. They will have full employment status with MJA and are guaranteed a job at the end of their degree. MJA have offices in Abingdon and Bicester. Closing: **17:00 on 10th March.**

Events

Shell Live Online Careers Challenges

<https://digdata.online/shell-live-online-career-challenge>

Shell are holding live online career challenges this week for students to find out about the different questions they ask themselves and the data they use to help answer them.

Next Step Shell live online career challenge (Years 10-13)

28th February, 17:00

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

Can you advise us on where the location(s) of these EV charging hubs should be in the UK, considering many factors, commuters, holiday makers, taxi drivers etc. We will supply you with all the information you need to make these recommendations to us to assist Shell meet their clean energy target.

Shell live online career panel

2nd March, 18:30

<https://digdata.online/shell-live-online-career-panel>

We invite students, educators, parents/carers and career leaders are invited to join Shell and find out more about their different data careers and disciplines.



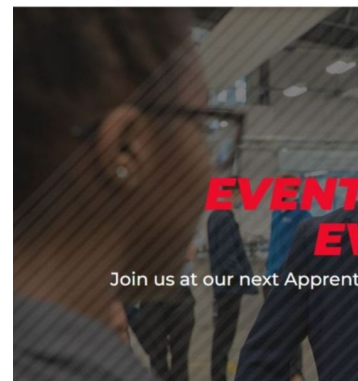
[Download a poster](#)

The West Oxfordshire Learning Partnership are holding an Apprenticeship Fair on **16th March from 18:00** at The Marlborough C of E School. There will be 40+ stands offering employment and careers information and an opportunity for students and their parents/carers to hear first-hand from Apprentices.

OAS Open Event

www.oas.ukaea.uk/apprenticeships/events-and-open-evenings

Oxfordshire Advanced Skills are holding their next open evening on **21st March**. Join them to learn more about their Engineering Apprenticeship programmes, tour the facility and speak to current Apprentices, employers and the training team.



Careers in Business Expo

[Registration link](#)

This virtual expo on **22nd March from 08:00-20:00** hosted by ACCA is designed to equip **students aged 13-18**, parents/carers and educators with information about careers in various areas of business, the skills required, how to acquire them and the various entry pathways available. Content will be on demand until 21st April.

EKFB Immersive Experiences

As part of Open Doors Week 2023, EKFB are offering the exciting opportunity to have a look behind the scenes on the UK's biggest infrastructure project, HS2. All opportunities are fully risk assessed and you will be provided with a copy of the young persons' risk assessment in advance of the experience.

ELITE@EKFB

a maximum number of 30 students. The experience will last three hours.

ELITE@EKFB uses high-quality production values, industry-leading technology and a hard-hitting narrative to deliver a powerful immersive experience, giving participants a lasting awareness of their responsibility for upholding the values of the project, and the practical communication tools to stay safe while working on site. Attendees will experience 'ELITE Lite', a compact immersive training experience highlighting some of the dangers of working in a construction environment. Attendees will be taken through a number of scenarios leading up to a serious incident on site, played out by professional actors on different sets, before taking part in an 'unpick' session to discuss what went wrong and how the incident could have been avoided.

Flannery Skills Hub

They are running this activity on **13th and 14th March**, with a maximum 20 students per session, three sessions each day. The experience will last three hours and is suitable for **SEND learners**. These activities are particularly suited to students with an interest in careers related to engineering, construction or health and safety.

Attendees will be able to have a go on the realistic plant simulators to test their skills as plant drivers. They will also learn about people plant interface and plant blind spots, and how to stay safe on a site with live machinery operating.

Flannery's Operator Skills Hub is a purpose built operator training centre built on HS2's A422 Brackley Road compound in Westbury, Buckinghamshire. It is run by Flannery Plant Hire, in cooperation with EKFB, the joint venture of Eiffage, Kier, Ferrovial Construction and Bam Nuttall.

Please email Becky Rowley - Rebecca.Rowley@ekfb.com to book your place.

Construction Site Visits for Small Groups: 15th March

[Download the flyer](#)

A great opportunity for individual students interested in construction, or a group of students, 12 maximum. As this is a live site, **participants must be aged 16 and over**. Also, as the site is only partially complete, there will be no reasonable provision for disabled access.

Willmott Dixon Interiors site on **Botley Road** is hosting **Open Doors sessions** on **15th March**. Botley Road, otherwise known as Inventa, is a refurbishment and extension of existing buildings which will create employment space comprising laboratories, offices and collaborative working areas. Visitors will be able to look around the site, whilst gaining the knowledge of the overview of the project, the progress that has been made and what the finished space will look like.

Careers Programmes & Support

RCN Prince of Wales Nursing Cadet Scheme

[Download a poster](#)

The RCN Prince of Wales Nursing Cadet Scheme gives **16-25 year olds** an introduction to potential careers in nursing and health and social care through health care related learning modules and a clinical observational placement. It will start during the Easter holidays from **3rd to 6th April** at Oxford Brookes' Marston Road Campus, with placements taking place in May/June 2023. Students will develop their life skills, grow in confidence and understand what it means to work in nursing and health care.

Contact Adam Poland at healthtec@buckscollegegroup.ac.uk to apply by **12th March**.

OICB Free Summer Beauty Course

<https://mailchi.mp/4c21e5124f2c/free-summer-pre-apprenticeship-course>

Oxford International College of Beauty are running a free summer course for **students aged 16-18** to learn basic beauty therapy skills before choosing to go on to A Levels, college or an Apprenticeship.

The course will run **every Tuesday in July from 10:00-14:00** and will give students the opportunity to see if they like beauty. They will also have the opportunity to develop their skills and gain some work experience, while learning how to prepare for work, present themselves at work and develop their CV writing skills. They will also get support with finding an Apprenticeship placement if desired.

Oxford Brookes - Next Steps Explained

<https://sites.google.com/brookes.ac.uk/next-steps-explained-23>

Oxford Brookes have launched their 'Next Steps Explained 2023' programme, which helps undecided **Year 13 students** take the leap in applying to university. This includes students who aren't sure if Oxford Brookes is a top choice for them. They focus on this in two ways:

1. Breaking down some of the key processes involved in applying for and financing a course at a university

Content will be updated from now until the end of September.

Oxford Brookes - Year 12 Taster Days

www.brookes.ac.uk/outreach/post-16/subject-taster-days

Do you have any students who are thinking of going to university but are unsure what course to study? Perhaps they are unsure of what student life can offer or what it feels like to study at university level. Oxford Brookes' taster days give **Year 12 students** first-hand experience, including taking part in lectures and interactive sessions. Taster days take place from **09:30 to 14:00**. You can book a group of your students on any of the taster days. [Download a poster](#).

Future Talent Programme

[Download the newsletter](#)

The British Beauty Council has launched its industry-first Future Talent programme. The programme is a beauty-specific career development programme designed to increase awareness of STEM careers in the beauty industry. You can find a wide variety of films which cover cosmetic science, sustainability, fragrance and technology on [YouTube](#) and [The British Beauty Council website](#). The films are digestible, engaging and inspiring. Perfect for science lessons or assemblies, the 7 films unearth the other side of beauty.

The Council also have a unique cohort of British Beauty Council Ambassadors who are leading entrepreneurs, creatives and business leaders in the industry. If you are interested in having an Ambassador visit your school, please get in touch with futuretalent@britishbeautycouncil.com

PwC Virtual Insight Programme

www.pwc.co.uk/careers/early-careers/our-programmes/insight-weeks.html

PwC's Virtual Insight Programme is open to **Year 11 students** who are predicted at least 5 GCSEs (including English and Maths) at grade 4 or above and **Year 12 students** who are on course for at least 96 UCAS points. It is designed to provide students with an insight into different business areas and the chance to build their network whilst developing their employability skills. Closing: **10th March**.

www.meet-eric.com/register-school-talks

ERIC creative industries career discovery platform is holding a range of free, online events to give your students the opportunity to find out all about careers in the creative industries.

Talk series: ERIC & Creative Portal x National Careers Week (6th-10th March)

ERIC and Creative Portal are collaborating to host an event series throughout National Careers Week, all about careers in the Creative Industries. The talks will be continued throughout the day at key times.

Talk series: ERIC x Speakers 4 Schools x Creative Portal

Twice a month, ERIC are co-hosting an event in which students hear from 2 professionals from an area of the creative industries. Hear all about their career paths, advice they have for students hoping to get into that creative industry and relevant helpful careers resources.

Monthly talk: Careers in the Creative Industries

This repeating 30 minute introductory talk is designed to give schools a basic overview of what the landscape of creative careers is and give them a chance to ask questions.

Pathway CTM 1-2-1 Support for Students

<https://calendly.com/student-mentoring-with-max/student-mentoring?month=2023-02>

Pathway CTM are offering students 1-2-1 support sessions every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday during term time from 15:00-17:00. This is in a form of a 15 minute virtual session that they can book in, where it is dedicated time to them. They can receive advice and support wherever they need it, whether that be through the 1st stage of an application with their CV or the last stage, prepping for an assessment centre.

For Careers Leads and School Colleagues

Apprenticeships Policy Webinar

[Registration link](#)

At this webinar on **1st March from 15:30**, you will hear from the Department for Education and Amazing Apprenticeships on the latest updates in Apprenticeships, including the Care Leaver Apprenticeship bursary, changes in Traineeships and how the ASK programme can support the Provider Access Legislation.



Resources

Supported Internship Resource

www.ndti.org.uk/assets/docs/What-are-Supported-Internships-Easy-Read.pdf

This easy read guide is designed for young people and their support networks to answer questions about Supported Internships and getting a job.

What are supported internships?

A supported internship is a bespoke study programme to support SEND students aged 16 to 24 with an education and health care (EHC) plan to gain the right skills needed in the modern workplace. The young person can have attended a mainstream or special school, as long as they have an EHCP. It is a partnership between the employer, the education provider and the supported employment provider working together to overcome any barriers and make it a success for all concerned.

The learner remains in education and splits their academic week (Monday to Friday) up between the unpaid placement and their tailored study with the education provider. The internship with an employer involves the learner carrying out tasks or duties similar to that of an employee, but with the emphasis on the learning aspects of the experience.

Placements are aimed at the learner being hands-on rather than observational, this gives a 'real' employment experience and allows employers to see what you can do.

You can find out more about the Supported Internships in Oxfordshire [here](#).



Talentino! Spring Newsletter

[Download the newsletter](#)

This newsletter has a focus on careers for young people with SEND. It includes some useful guidance and resources.

www.gov.uk/government/publications/t-levels-resources-for-teachers-and-careers-advisers

During National Apprenticeship Week, the Department for Education released 16 new T Level subject leaflets providing an overview of the different subjects, details of the course content and ideas for progression.

courses on an industry placement with an employer. These typically last for around 5 weeks and allow students to put their new knowledge and skills into practice and gain confidence in the workplace. Individual employers and training providers agree how the placement will work – whether as a block of time, a series of day releases or a combination of both. For the T Level in Accounting, the placement may take place in a wide range of employers, for example accountancy companies, local government departments, large retail organisations or other organisations. A student's guide to industry placements can be found here.

What could this course lead to?
This course is suitable for anyone wanting a career in the accounting sector. Career options might include Accounting Technician, Cashier, Assistant Accountant, Finance Assistant and Sales Ledger Clerk. Students can also use their T Level to progress to a related higher-level apprenticeship, higher technical qualifications or a university degree.

Where can students find out more?
Career advisors will be able to help students to find out more and choose the option that best suits their aspirations for progression. Students should contact their nearest T Level provider for details of the courses they offer.



RICS Mentoring Portal

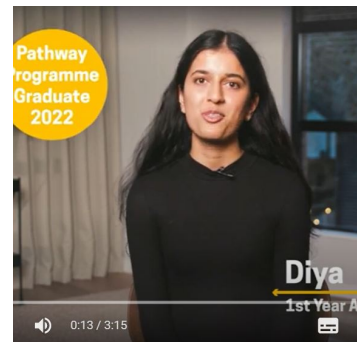
<https://rics.connectr.co.uk/surveyors>

The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors' (RICS) is providing **KS4 & 5 students** with the unique chance to learn more about the range of opportunities available within the surveying sector via digital mentoring. The RICS Connectr portal gives students safe-guarded access to digital mentors (RICS members) to ask questions about their jobs, routes into the sector and industry knowledge.

Preparing for Interviews Film

www.youtube.com/watch?v=62dFTYiCzel

Pathway CTM have created this short film to give students hints and tips on how to prepare for an interview. It includes a first year Assurance Apprentice with EY sharing her advice.



If you don't feel ready to undertake an apprenticeship, there are options that could help prepare you.

Combine work and study - T Levels

Designed in partnership with employers, T Levels are a combination of classroom and on-the-job training. They are broadly equivalent in size to three A levels and can help you get into skilled employment, University, or a higher apprenticeship. Each T Level includes an in-depth industry placement that lasts at least 45 days, which means that you get valuable experience in the workplace.

<https://nationalcareerservice.org.uk/ask/your-education-and-training-choices/t-levels>



Study - Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQs)

Designed in line with the knowledge and skills that employers say they need. The first teaching of approved HTQs began in September 2022 in digital subjects. Qualifications in construction and health and science are coming in 2023, and a full roll-out will take place over a four-year period. HTQs can lead to high skilled, highly paid jobs in a wide range of sectors, giving you a step up in your chosen career or further study.

<https://nationalcareerservice.org.uk/ask/your-education-and-training-choices/higher-technical>



Work - Supported Internships

A Supported Internship is an unpaid work-based study programme for young people with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) that usually lasts for one year. It includes an extended work placement that lasts for at least 6 months. You'll take the first step from education into the workplace while gaining the skills you need to get a paid job.



Pre-Apprenticeship Options

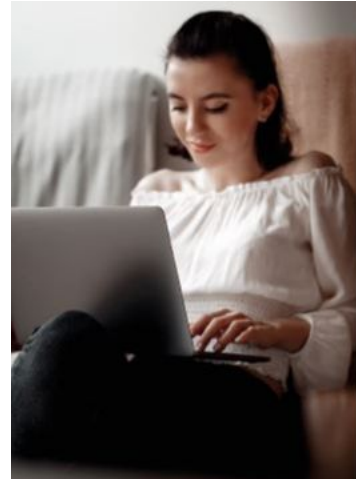
[Download the guide](#)

Some students may not feel ready to go straight into an Apprenticeship. There are lots of other options that can help to prepare them and this new guide highlights some of the different pathways that they can explore, from T Levels to Supported Internships and volunteering.

IHG® Skills Academy

[Download a flyer](#)

The IHG® Skills Academy is a virtual learning portal that houses free skills building and education materials. It is accessible to anyone on any device and is used to build confidence and employability skills. It can help students to build their confidence, get employment ready and find out more about a career in hospitality.



Career Zones

Explore our Career Zones to find out all about the different jobs heading to college or uni. We've packed each zone with helpful resources.

Accountancy

Administrative & Clerical

Success at School Career Zones

<https://successatschool.org/careerzones>

Success at School have brought 33 Career Zones together on their website for students to explore. They can check out what jobs they can find in each Career Zone and what they need to do to qualify for their dream profession.

Apprenticeships

Darke & Taylor

<https://darkeandtaylor.co.uk/careers/apprenticeships>

Darke & Taylor are currently recruiting for Electrical Apprentices. Their [2023 prospectus](#) is now available to download, which gives full details about the programme, future prospects and the application process.





[Apprentice Technical Coordinator](#)

[Apprentice Contract Surveyor](#)

Hill are currently recruiting for two Degree Apprenticeship roles, which may be of interest to students who are looking to start a career in construction. They close at the end of April. Contact: trainees@hill.co.uk

Kite Packaging

<https://uk.indeed.com/viewjob?jk=2aeab87fbced85e4>

Kite Packaging are running their Management Apprenticeship Programme starting in September 2023. Their Thames Valley base is in Swindon.



Apprenticeships with Standard Chartered Bank

Students who are interested in a career in trading, financial services or a business environment may be interested in these Apprenticeship roles in the heart of the City of London. Closing: **3rd March**.

Level 6 Financial Markets Apprenticeship

www.sc.com/en/global-careers/early-careers/financial-markets-apprenticeship

3 year programme - train to work on the trading floor of a global bank. You will also take the CISI and CFA professional qualifications which are compulsory financial services exams.

Level 4 Investment Operations Specialist Apprenticeship in Client Coverage

www.sc.com/en/global-careers/early-careers/client-coverage-apprenticeship

2 year programmes - if you are a good communicator and like to work with clients, this role might be for you. You will learn about all the products and services we offer and promote them to our clients. You will also sit your CISI exams. Although this is a Level 4 apprenticeship, much of the learning you receive is similar to the Level 6 and is a challenging and enjoyable pathway into financial services.

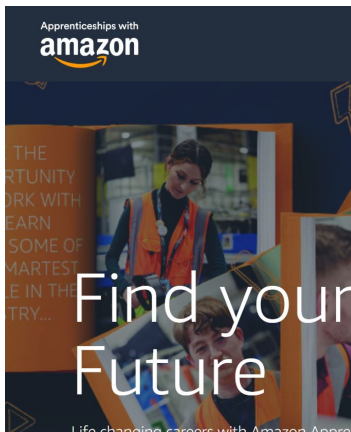
Key Information:

Salary: £28,000 per annum

Location: Based in Moorgate, London, heart of financial district

Grades: We recruit on potential, not grades

Who should apply? We flourish on diversity – even if you have ZERO knowledge of banking, we're



Amazon

<https://amazonapprenticeships.co.uk>

All of Amazon's programmes are now live to apply to for their 2023 intake, including HR, logistics and operations, digital, engineering, PR and creative. Students can also watch recordings of their recent series of 10 webinars to find out more about the different programmes.

DLA Piper

www.dlapipergraduates.com/uk/apply/options.html

DLA Piper's Solicitor Apprenticeship is 6 years in length and provides the opportunity to become a qualified solicitor with a degree level 7 qualification. In 2023, their Solicitor Apprentices will join their Birmingham or London office.



Dates For Your Diary

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

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

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.](#)

Aerospace in Your Future

6th March, 17:30-20:00

RAL Space are holding an event 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. [Find out more.](#)

What University? & What Career? Live - Access for All

21st March, 09:30-15:30

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 and will include webinars, interactive topic-led chatrooms and an extensive resource library. [Register here.](#)

Met Police Apprenticeships

21st March, 15:00-16:00

Join the Metropolitan Police 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. [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

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](#).

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](#)

[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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