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Picks of the Week: 27th February 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**. Parents/carers can register from here and watch the highlights of last year's event at: https://oxlepskills.co.uk/careersfest

You can download our <u>communications pack</u> to help you raise awareness of the parents/carers session. This includes graphics and text that you can share via social media and email, a press release and <u>flyer</u>. The contents are dated to guide you as to what to share and when. Please share these via your own networks and share the pack with the person who looks after comms in your school and ask them to share via your channels. If you have any problems downloading the materials, please contact your Enterprise Coordinator.



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Oxfordshire Events



Uni of Oxford English Open Day

Link to register

The University of Oxford English faculty is holding a virtual open day for **Year 12 students** on **9th March from 10:30-14:30**. This open day features taster lectures, information about the admissions process and a Q&A with current students. <u>Download a</u> <u>poster</u>.

OAS Open Evening

www.oas.ukaea.uk/apprenticeships/events-and-openevenings/apprenticeship-open-evening-march-2024

Oxfordshire Advanced Skills are holding an apprenticeship open evening on **13th March from 18:00-20:00** at their Culham centre. Students will have the opportunity to tour the facilities, meet the team and employer partners and find out about the apprenticeships on offer.



Other Events



www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/careers-with-animals-daytickets-737249020667

Careers With Animals Day is a free, online event from he College of Animal Welfare for those interested in working with animals. It takes place on **2nd March from 10:00-16:00** and covers a range of career choices, such as veterinary nursing, dog grooming, equine welfare, canine hydrotherapy and anthrozoology.

WWF-UK Sustainable Futures Showcase

www.wwf.org.uk/get-involved/schools/sustainable-futures/showcase

Young people aged 13-21 are invited to discover how sustainability can play a role in all types of careers – even ones they might not expect!

From **4th to 12th March at 18:00**, students can join webinars covering sustainable careers in entertainment, fashion, sport, business, finance and farming. Panellists include Tottenham Hotspur's player Amy Turner; Sustainability Director at Depop Justine Porterie; and Executive Chef of Ottolenghi restaurants Neil Campbell. Students will have the chance to hear what actions the guests are taking to be more sustainable in their role and pose the questions that matter to them.

Young people can also enter a competition and be in with a chance of winning an Insight Day at WWF-UK HQ in Woking (all expenses paid) along with bespoke coaching, as they consider their next career steps.

Pathways With The BBC

Link to register

To mark the start of National Careers Week, students can join this webinar on **4th March from 12:30-13:30** to meet members of the BBC's Early Careers team and learn about the apprenticeship opportunities available at the BBC.



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https://careersliveuk.com/national-careers-week-2024

Join CareersLive from **4th-8th March** for National Careers Week. There are broadcasts from a range of organisations throughout the week, including BT Group, M Group Services, Arnold Clark, Anglian Water Services and Weightmans.

Lloyds Careers Live

www.lloydsbankinggrouptalent.com/why-lbg/careers-live

The next Lloyds Careers Live takes place on **5th March at 17:00** and will look at their careers and apprenticeships in technology. Students don't need to have studied technology - if they have curiosity, tenacity, a willingness to learn and a desire to make a difference, they should find out more.





Aspire by UpReach Webinars

https://aspire.upreach.org.uk/live-webinars

Aspire provides information and advice to help **post-16 students** understand their university, further education and career options. They are holding two webinars covering CV writing (**5th March**) and women in STEM (**6th March**) from **17:00-18:00**.

Female Apprentices in Trades

Link to register

At this webinar on **7th March from 15:30-16:30**, students can hear from a panel of female apprentices about their experiences working in the trades, what their career journey has been like and how they hope to progress in the sector in the future.







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www.internationalwomensday.com/EventSearch

International Women's Day 2024 takes place on **8th March** with the theme 'Inspire Inclusion'. You can search for events and activities on the IWD website.

Careers Programmes & Work Experience

Oriel College Residentials

www.oriel.ox.ac.uk/study-with-us/outreach-and-schools-liaison/what-we-do/events-and-prizes/easter-residential-programmes-for-year-12-students

Oriel College, University of Oxford is hosting four one-night residential programmes for **Year 12 students** from non-selective state schools who are predicted to meet the minimum offer of courses at Oxford. Subjects are dates are:

- 25th–26th March: Modern Languages and Linguistics
- 26th-27th March: History
- 27th–28th March: English
- 28th-29th March: Women in STEM

The deadline for applications is 9th March. Any questions, please email outreach@oriel.ox.ac.uk

Civil Service Internship for 100 Autistic Young People

www.ambitiousaboutautism.org.uk/what-we-do/employment/paid-work-experience/workexperience-opportunities/civil-service-internship-2024

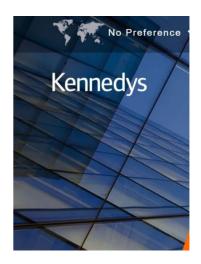
An exciting four-week paid work experience opportunity in the Civil Service is being offered to approximately 100 autistic young people.

This opportunity will provide participants with the chance to experience the Civil Service first-hand, gaining insight into the workplace and doing challenging project-related work. This could be conducting research, providing project support and assisting with the creation of policy documents. As part of the experience, participants will also be offered the opportunity to take part in developmental coaching sessions and other activities.

Kennedys Virtual Work Experience

https://kennedyslaw.com/en/careers-at-kennedys/earlycareers/virtual-work-experience

This on demand programme gives students the opportunity to complete legal work experience virtually, completing real life tasks created by Kennedys trainees and apprentices. They will gain legal analytical skills, develop legal knowledge of the insurance industry and learn critical legal communication.





Mondelez

www.eventbrite.com/e/speakers-for-schools-andmondelez-work-experience-webinar-tickets-780621328407

Mondelez are teaming up with Speakers for Schools to offer virtual work experience to 100 **students aged 14-19** from 8th-12th July 2024. This webinar on **29th February from 16:15-17:00** will explain more about the opportunity.

McLaren Racing

https://racingcareers.mclaren.com/o/register-yourinterest-work-experience-and-interns-2

McLaren Racing periodically offers the opportunity to gain valuable work experience within their engineering, operations and commercial functions. Students can register their interest to be notified when opportunities become available.





www.bimm.ac.uk/fees-finance/future-talent-scholarship

Launching for September 2024 entry, the new BIMM University Future Talent Scholarships provide full 3-year tuition fee scholarships for candidates from a low household income and/or groups under-represented in the creative industries. Deadline to apply: **6th June**.

Competitions

Poetry of Science

https://if-oxford.com/poetry-competition

Entries are now open for the IF Oxford 2024 Poetry of Science competition for young people **aged up to 16 years**. Finalists will perform their poems as part of the science and ideas festival in October 2024. Closing date: **3rd May**.





The Pitch

https://yourgameplan.co.uk/the-pitch

The Pitch is a competition for individual students or groups (2-4) to respond to a real media brief for JD Sports. Students will need to devise an advertising campaign that includes researching the audience, creating a media plan to take it to market and creative examples of their campaign. Open for entries from **1st-31st March**.

www.smallpeicetrust.org.uk/global-underwater-hubcompetition

Global Underwater Hub is supporting this STEM challenge from The Smallpeice Trust, where teams of six **students aged 13-14** will work together on an exciting underwater-themed project. There are regional finals taking place in March.



For Careers Leads

Trinity College CPD Programme

Download a flyer

This programme offers up to date practical information and guidance relating to the University of Oxford application process and the purpose of each stage, for example, the teacher reference, admissions tests and academic interviews. It also has the broader aim of providing careers advisors and teachers with guidance that will help them to support their students in all higher education applications, as well as those who may have the potential to apply to Oxford.

Each session is 90 minutes and takes place after the school day. The next session is in April and will cover personal statements.

ibrick Engineering STEM Workshops

www.house-of-fun.co.uk/ibrick-for-secondary-schools

These are fun and exciting STEM activities for **11-15 year olds** that help develop students' skills in maths, science and engineering. The expertly-designed ibrick kit made with LEGO® bricks complements the learning that students receive in the classroom by adding hands-on learning, all in an atmosphere of enormous fun!

For Key Stages 3 & 4, the ibrick engineering workshops offer an introduction to engineering and STEM concepts and support schools in meeting a range of Gatsby Benchmarks and the Provider Access Legislation (PAL). You can find our more by downloading their <u>brochure</u> and <u>poster</u>, or email <u>bookings@house-of-fun.co.uk</u> for more information about ibrick school workshops.

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The Accelerator is the flagship programme from the Skills Builder Partnership, supporting schools and colleges to embed complete strategies for building students' essential skills. Over 500+ schools, colleges and specialist settings joined in 2023-24. The programme includes training and support for a Skills Leader, along with tools and resources for teachers and real impact for students.

Apply in the Early Bird window (19th Feb- 23rd February) and you will:

- · Receive additional support with your application
- · Have your programme approved before applications open to all
- · Start your funded programme early from April 2024

If you'd like to find out more you can <u>register your interest</u>, <u>download a prospectus</u> and <u>sign up for an</u> <u>information webinar</u>.



SEND Newsletter

Download the newsletter

This half termly newsletter from FutureSmartCareers has lots of events, initiatives and resources for students with SEND.

Applying for Apprenticeships Webinar

https://amazingapprenticeships.com/event/ask-webinarhow-to-find-and-apply-for-apprenticeships

Join this ASK webinar on **29th February at 15:30** for a step-bystep guide to the different vacancy platforms for apprenticeships, including Find an Apprenticeship and tips for supporting your students during the application process.



Work in Theatre Conference

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/work-in-theatre-teacher-conference-2024-tickets-768893821117

Work In Theatre is a nationwide careers programme to improve access to theatre careers for young people and emerging artists.

educators and those who work directly with young people. It will explore the myriad of modern careers available within the professional theatre industry and the varying routes into it - in order to offer the best advice and support for your aspiring students, complement careers services in school and deliver informed and dedicated theatre-careers lessons for young people. Tickets cost £10.



Tech She Can Live Lessons

https://techshecan.org/live-assemblies

Tech She Can are running two 50 minute live lessons for **students aged 11-14** during National Careers Week, covering tech for sustainable transport (**5th March, 11:00**) and tech for sport (**7th March, 14:00**).

Preparing for PD Ofsted

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/preparing-for-your-next-pdofsted-inspection-tickets-816500644407

This online CPD event on **7th March from 16:00-17:00** will equip you with the knowledge and strategies to ace your next personal development Ofsted inspection. Expert speakers will share practical tips and insights to help you navigate the process.



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Impress in Applications Webinar

https://amazingapprenticeships.com/event/ask-webinarhow-to-impress-in-the-application-process

In this ASK webinar on **21st March at 15:30**, you will hear some top tips from current apprentices and apprentice employers and hear directly about the best ways to impress in the apprenticeship recruitment process.

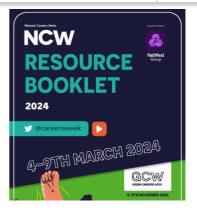
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National Careers Week Resources

https://ncw2020.co.uk/booklets-guides

Download this interactive pdf that provides easy access to all the best National Careers Week resources from NCW and their partners. You can also download a parents guide to National Careers Week.



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Employability Checklist

https://wordsforlife.org.uk/zone-in/activities/make-sureyou-are-employment-ready-with-our-employabilitychecklist

Words for Life have created an employability checklist with some top tips for things that students can do to help them get ready for employment, such as listen to a careers podcast, research online volunteering opportunities, update their CV and host a mock interview with a friend.

Write a CV SEND Activity

Link to the resource

This resource has been created by the CEC and Worcestershire LEP. It is an 8-step guide designed for studemts with SEND on what a CV is and how to write one.





IMI Autocity

www.autocity.org.uk

IMI Autocity from the Institute of the Motor Industry is the onestop-shop for careers information and advice on careers in the automotive sector. With over 200 careers in the industry, this is a great place for students to start exploring their options.

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BBC Bitesize Podcast

www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/brand/p0h80c73

BBC Bitesize has launched The Careers Podcast with guests and career experts to answer questions like 'Where can my subjects take me?'; 'How can I turn my passion into a job?' and 'Is an apprenticeship right for me?'





Geology Career Pathways

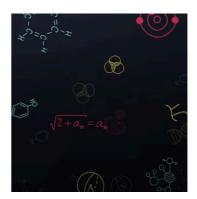
www.geolsoc.org.uk/geologycareerpathways

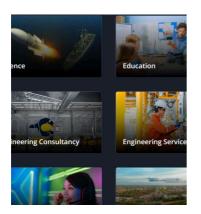
The Geological Society has recently launched a career pathways in geology website, where students can explore different roles around a subject they may be considering studying further.

Physics Careers Insight Pack

https://futurefirst.org.uk/future-first-physics

Perfect for students in **Years 9-11**, this interactive pack from Future First can be completed either in their own time or as part of a classroom activity. Progress is saved as they go, meaning they can complete sections at a time and come back to it.





Gradcracker

www.gradcracker.com

Gradcracker is the UK's careers website for STEM students. Students can search jobs, degree apprenticeships and work placements/internships, watch live and recorded webinars, explore different sectors and download a toolkit.

Apprenticeships

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UJJI

Link to the vacancy

Based in Abingdon, UJJI applies gamification and behavioural sciences to professional upskilling. They are currently recruiting for a Business Apprentice to support training content development and various aspects of business and customer interactions. Closing date: **4th March**.





The Law Apprenticeships Guide

https://online.flippingbook.com/view/971091628

This guide from LawCareers.Net talks through apprenticeships vs uni, explains the different types of legal apprenticeships, answers key questions and gives some case studies of current apprentices.

National Audit Office

Link to the vacancies

NAO are recruiting for their 5 year accountancy apprenticeship to start in September 2024, based in London or Newscastle. They require a minimum of require a minimum of 120 UCAS points. Closing date: **18th March**.





KPMG

www.kpmgcareers.co.uk/apprentice

KPMG works with businesses of all sizes and across different industries to help them to improve the way they work. They are currently recruiting for audit, tax, consulting and business services apprenticeships to start in autumn 2024.

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www.costain.com/careers/routes-intocostain/apprenticeships

Construction and engineering company Costain are recruiting for a range of apprenticeships (level 2-7), from administration and finance to civil engineering and materials technicians.



HSBC

www.hsbc.com/careers/students-and-graduates/studentopportunities/uk-technology-apprenticeship-programme

HSBC are currently recruiting for their Technology Degree Apprenticeship to start in October 2024. Apprentices will work towards a Digital Technology Solutions Professional Degree Apprenticeship (BSc). Closing date: **11th March**.

Dates For Your Diary

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

Deloitte Insight Webinar

27th February, 18:30-19:30

At this webinar, students can find out how they can start working at Deloitte, hear from current apprentices and take part in a live Q&A to have all of their apprenticeship questions answered. <u>Register here</u>.

Bicester Construction Skills Centre

28th February, 16:00-19:00

Abingdon & Witney College are holding an open event at their Bicester Construction Skills Centre. Students will be able to tour the facilities, meet course tutors and find out about the courses and apprenticeships on offer at the centre. <u>Register here</u>.

What University? & What Career? Live

1st and 2nd March

This event will take place at the NEC, Birmingham. Along with the opportunity to meet a large number of employers and higher education providers, it will also feature a Careers Advice Lounge, CV Clinic and a series of seminars. <u>Register here</u>.

2nd March (10:00-13:00 and 15:00-17:00) and 3rd March from 12:00-16:00 Bicester Village are holding a careers fair in their management offices. The event is for students looking for seasonal or part time work and/or a career in retail and hospitality to meet with recruiting employers. Find out more.

Student Space Conference

2nd-3rd March

The National Student Space Conference, taking place at the University of Bristol, is the premier event for students interested in space, uniting them with academics and professionals from across the country to network, share knowledge and discuss challenges facing the sector. Closing date for tickets: 25th February. <u>Find out more</u>.

Medic Mentor UCAT Conference

3rd March

This free virtual UCAT conference 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. <u>Register here</u>.

NHS Careers & Apprenticeships

4th March, 16:00-18:30

Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust are holding a careers cafe and apprenticeship recruitment event for Year 10-13 students at the John Radcliffe Hospital. They can meet a range of healthcare professionals, including apprentices, take part in interactive practical sessions and attend an apprenticeship talk at 16:30 or 17:30. <u>Download a poster</u>.

Women in the Army Webinar

5th March, 16:00-17:00

In celebration of International Women's Day 2024, this webinar is aimed at female Year 9-13 students and will feature a panel of inspiring female ambassadors from the Army, representing professions across 7 different career streams. <u>Register here</u>.

RHS Insight Webinar

5th March, 18:00-19:30

At this webinar, Year 7-12 students can hear form people working at the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) about careers in horticulture. They will find out about opportunities to gain experience and have the opportunity to ask questions to a panel of experts. <u>Register here</u>.

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. Find out more.

12th March, 18:30-19:30

At this webinar, students can learn about apprentice roles at JLR, meet apprentices, hear about the benefits of joining JLR as an apprentice and gain some tips to help them with making an application. <u>Register here</u>.

Unifrog UK University Fair

13th March, 16:30-19:00

Students can get to know more about university by joining this virtual fair. They can join live sessions and get in touch directly with universities across the UK. Participants can get their questions answered and network one-on-one to get top tips on how to find and apply to their dream university course. Find out more.

Battle The Bugs KS4 Study Days

13th and 14th March, 09:30-15:00

These study days for Year 10 and 11 students have been arranged for British Science Week by the University of Oxford. They cover some interesting topics around fighting disease. <u>Register here</u>.

Wilmott Dixon Open Doors Event

18th March, 10:00-12:00

Willmott Dixon is building two buildings at Oxford Brookes University's Headington Hill campus to provide sustainable new spaces for students, staff and the community. They have 30 places available for a site visit as part of Open Doors Week. <u>Register here</u>.

Open Doors Week Visits in Oxfordshire

18th to 23rd March

Open Doors takes visitors behind the scenes to showcase the fantastic range of careers available in construction. There are several events already listed in Oxfordshire, including: Oxford Railway Station with Kier - 19th and 20th March, Culham Science Centre - 19th and 20th March, JSP meet the manufacturer day - 19th March <u>Find out more</u>.

Kier Open Doors Visits at Oxford Railway Station

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

Kier have signed up to the 'Open Doors – Get Into Construction' 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. Register here.

Mansfield Humanities Study Day

25th March, 10:00-16:00

This study day at the University of Oxford Mansfield College is for Year 12 students who are interested in studying a humanities subject at university. Students will take part in multiple academic workshops from different humanities subjects on the theme of 'monster hunt'. Deadline to register: 26th February. <u>Register</u>

here.

25th March, 09:30-16:00

Trinity College, the Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies (OCIS) and the Somali Society are joining forces to offer Year 12 students with Somali heritage the opportunity to experience an academic taster, gain information about admissions and hear from current students with shared identities. Download a poster. Deadline to register: 18th March. <u>Register here</u>.

Better Together

28th March, 09:30-14:30

Better Together is an opportunity for family carers, professionals and organisations who support children and young people with SEND aged 0 - 18 (or up to 25 with an EHCP) to work together to find a positive way forward to improve services and outcomes. <u>Register here</u>.

BAME Humanities Study Day

4th April, 09:00-15:00

Magdalen College, University of Oxford are holding a virtual humanities taster study day for Year 12 students from Black, Asian or Minority Ethnic backgrounds. Deadline to apply: 25th February. <u>Register</u> <u>here</u>.

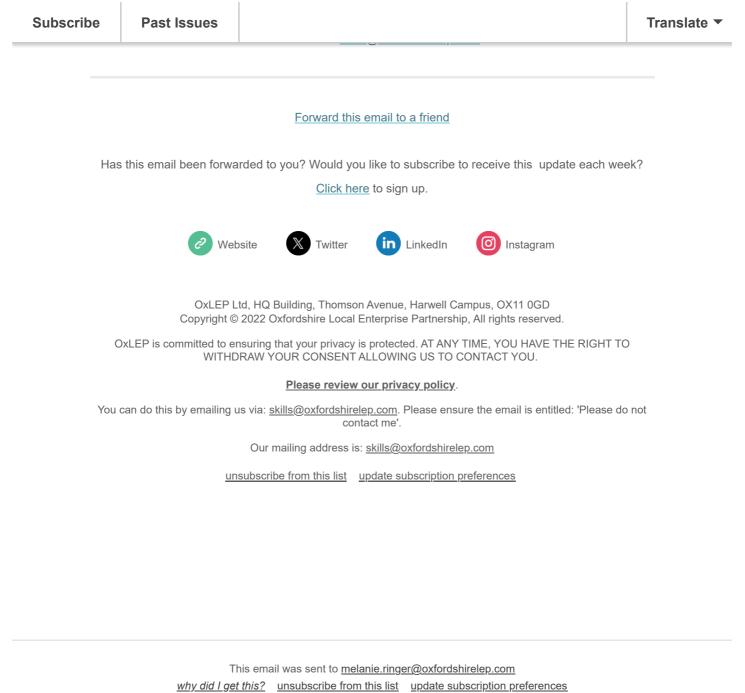
UK University Search Fairs

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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