

OxLEP Skills: Picks of the Week

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## Picks of the Week: 27th March 2023

We would like to wish you all an enjoyable and relaxing break. You will be receiving Picks of the Week on a Tuesday morning rather than Monday from next term onwards.



## From OxLEP Skills

### Picks of the Week - Change to Tuesdays

After the spring break, we will be moving Picks of the Week to arrive with you on a Tuesday morning. If you receive anything that you feel would be useful to share with other Careers Leads in Oxfordshire and would like us to include it, please send details through to us at [skills@oxfordshirelep.com](mailto:skills@oxfordshirelep.com) by a Thursday afternoon.

## Events



### RAF Logistics Apprenticeships

[Registration link](#)

Students can join apprentices and colleagues from the RAF Logistics team at this webinar on **29th March from 15:00-16:00** to find out more about the different roles available, how to apply and what it's like to be an apprentice with the RAF.

### [Registration link](#)

At this unique coaching and mentoring broadcast on **30th March from 10:00-11:00**, the final session in Vodafone's 'Future Ready' programme. KS3-5 students can learn about all things Vodafone, ranging from apprenticeships to career routes to culture.



## ACE Training Taster Day

Email [Sonia@Acetraining.co.uk](mailto:Sonia@Acetraining.co.uk) to book

ACE Training are holding a workshop taster day on **13th April from 09:30-15:00**. Students who are leaving school this year and considering a career in construction can come along to have a go at bricklaying or carpentry and speak to tutors about finding the right course for them.

## OAS Apprenticeship Open Event

<https://oas.ukaea.uk/apprenticeships/events-and-open-evenings>

At this Oxfordshire Advanced Skills Apprenticeship Open Event on **20th April at 17:00 or 18:00**, students can meet with our staff, current apprentices and employer partners to gain an insight into what it's like to be an apprentice at OAS.



## Be Inclusive at Bentley

[Registration link](#)

At this insight session for **14-19 year olds** on **21st April from 09:30-12:30**, students can find out how they can be part of the future at Bentley Motors and how they strive to be a diverse and inclusive workforce.

### [Registration link](#)

Join this webinar with the DfE on **25th April at 15:00** 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.



## Graduate Careers Live!

<https://graduatecareers.live>

This new 90-minute TV programme on **27th April** will introduce **Year 12 students**, their parents/carers and careers staff to the graduate job market. The programme will provide inspiration and practical careers guidance on the growing number of degree apprenticeships available.

## Women in STEM Insight

[Registration link](#)

This insight session with Virgin Media O2 on **27th April from 15:30-17:30** 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.



## Careers Programmes & Work Experience

### Supported Internship for 16+ with SEND

Oxfordshire County Council are trying to identify young adults who would be interested in a Supported Internship specifically to gain employment within the social care sector. The Supported Internship will be delivered by Oxfordshire Employment and Activate's City of Oxford College. The expectation will be that the interns attend college one day per week in the care suit and 15 hours in a care environment work placement. Students will work with Oxfordshire Employment job coaches in the care environment to develop and grow their skills. The placements will be sourced with the expectation of paid contract at the

Please contact Eleanor at [Eleanor.Gordon-Martin@Oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:Eleanor.Gordon-Martin@Oxfordshire.gov.uk) if you have any young people who may be interested. There is a minimum number of students that need to be on a course in order for it to run. Please get in touch asap if there are any young people who are eligible and interested (or even on the fence!).

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## Exploring Creativity and Careers in the Arts

[www.speakersforschools.org/youth\\_opportunities/exploring-your-creativity-and-careers-in-the-arts](http://www.speakersforschools.org/youth_opportunities/exploring-your-creativity-and-careers-in-the-arts)

City as Studio is Modern Art Oxford's artist led project for **young people aged 16-19**. The Thursday evening sessions will take place from from **16:00-18:00 from 20th April to 29th June** and will focus on developing creative practice, building a portfolio and exploring paths to exciting creative careers, in a fun and relaxed environment. Participants will work with professional artists and develop their artistic voice working collaboratively with other young artists in Oxfordshire. Deadline to apply: **29th March**. [Download a flyer](#) to share with students.

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## End of Life Nursing Insight

[www.speakersforschools.org/youth\\_opportunities/focus-on-nhs-caring-careers-end-of-life-care-nursing](http://www.speakersforschools.org/youth_opportunities/focus-on-nhs-caring-careers-end-of-life-care-nursing)

At this virtual insight day on **20th April from 10:00-14:30**, **students aged 14-19** will have the opportunity to find out what it takes to make patients feel cared for even in their final moments. They will hear from end of life nurses about their roles and what skills it takes to work in this specialism.

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## For Careers Leaders

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## [Download the newsletter](#)

This South East 'What's On' newsletter has details of lots of events, programmes and activities that you can share with your students and their parents/carers. If you're interested in booking groups of students, please contact Jenny Miller, Education Relationship Manager - South East at [Jenny.Miller@speakersforschools.org](mailto:Jenny.Miller@speakersforschools.org).

**WHAT'S ON?**

**National Teen Book Club**  
Join us for our next two cycles of NTBC 2022/23  
- 'The First Move' by Jenny Ireland and 'If Tomorrow Doesn't Come' by Jen St.Jude!  
ANY school/college staff member - a Librarian perhaps - can sign up a group of students and support them every Wednesday for 1-hour in this virtual book club. [CLICK HERE](#) to find out more.

**SPOTLIGHT OPPORTUNITY**  
Women in STEM with Virgin Media O2

**Upcoming Inspiration Broadcasts**  
Our Inspiration Programme has a fantastic line up of speakers throughout the year. Join us on 29th March from 10-10:45am to find out more about the range of career and apprenticeship roles on offer at Virgin Media O2. To sign up to our broadcast 'Push the Boundaries with Virgin Media O2 Apprenticeships', please [CLICK HERE](#)

**Take group bookings from teachers now**  
Book here: [https://www.virginmedia.com/education](#)

Students can also apply individually on the portal.

**DISCOVER MORE WORK EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITIES HERE**

## Careers Excellence Seminar

### [Registration link](#)

Join the CEC on **26th April from 10:00-11:30** for their second Careers Excellence Seminar in partnership with The Gatsby Foundation: 'Ready for the future - what does excellence in experiences of the workplace look like?'

This will be a great opportunity to hear about how leaders in schools, colleges and businesses are creating innovative and personalised solutions to deliver modern and meaningful experiences of the workplace.



## Wave 4 T Level Delays

<https://support.tlevels.gov.uk/hc/en-gb/articles/10414725763218-Wave-4-T-Level-Delays>

The DfE have announced a delay in delivery of some T Levels due to launch in September 2023 to ensure that the qualifications can be delivered successfully and to a high quality. The subjects include Hairdressing, Barbering & Beauty Therapy; Craft & Design and Media, Broadcast & Production.

## Springpod Subject Spotlights

Springpod Subject Spotlights help to give students a taste of what studying at university looks like via online lectures which students can access in their own time. Chris Floyd, Senior Lecturer in Law at Oxford Brookes, has recorded a fascinating session looking at crime and murder. Students will need to create a log-in to access it, but the session is free and available on-demand.

with Subject Spotlights. The free webinars will discuss how you can introduce students to Subject Spotlights, which give an insight into a typical student experience through a mini-lecture course and how Subject Spotlights, such as the law session above, can be built into lesson time. Dates, times and links are below:

**22nd March, 14:00-15:00**

<https://meeting.springpod.com/register-interest-school-webinar-subject-spotlights>

**24th March, 10:00-11:00**

<https://meeting.springpod.com/register-interest-school-webinar-subject-spotlights-0>

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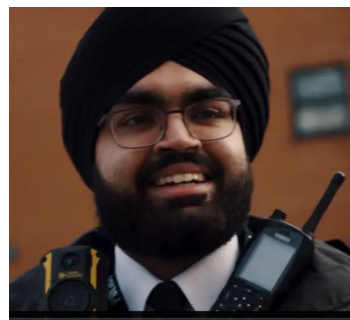
## Resources

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### Police Constable Apprenticeships Film

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/met>

Students can watch this inspirational 5-minute film to learn about the experiences of Met Police Constables, Akeem, Olivia and Gagandeep.



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

Edition 43: March 2023



### March Parents' & Carers' Pack

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



The March Amazing Apprenticeships Parents' & Carers' Pack includes highlights from national apprenticeship week 2023, takes a look at degree apprenticeships and shares guidance on career starter apprenticeships.

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<https://amazonapprenticeships.co.uk/support>

Apprenticeships with Amazon's AWS Spark programme connects educators and learners with group based learning modules delivered through your school or college. These modules are a great way to introduce your students to topics creating the connection between course, academic pathways and careers.



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## Scholarships / Bursaries

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### Cowrie Scholarship Foundation

[www.brookes.ac.uk/study/funding/cowrie-scholarship](http://www.brookes.ac.uk/study/funding/cowrie-scholarship)

Oxford Brookes has partnered with the Cowrie Scholarship Foundation to support three students as part of the Foundation's broader mission to increase higher education access for 100 Black British students over the next decade.

Three Black African or Caribbean students from lower socio-economic backgrounds will be able to access this additional financial support throughout their undergraduate study at Oxford Brookes. The scholarship covers UK tuition fees and a maintenance stipend for each year of their course to support living costs. The scholarship is available to UK undergraduate applicants and the first will be awarded to a student with a confirmed offer to commence study in September 2023.

Eligible students can apply via Oxford Brookes' [Cowrie Scholarship webpage](#). Further eligibility criteria are also outlined on this webpage. The application deadline for the first award is **midnight on 30th April**.

Oxford Brookes will inform the first successful applicant in July 2023.

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### Sidley's Law Undergraduate Bursary Programme

[www.sidleycareers.com/en/europe/london-opportunities?tab=london-undergraduate-bursary-programme](http://www.sidleycareers.com/en/europe/london-opportunities?tab=london-undergraduate-bursary-programme)

If a student is in **Year 13** and holds an offer to study law at a UK university, they could be eligible to apply for Sidley's Undergraduate Bursary Programme in London. As part of their ongoing commitment to increasing diversity at Sidley and in the wider legal profession, their bursary programme will provide financial support to talented law students from less advantaged backgrounds for the duration of their undergraduate study. They hope that their financial support will minimise financial concerns and enable

up to five 5 successful candidates.

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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.

### 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>

### Virtual Engineering Taster Day

13th April, 10:00-15:00

At this Pathway CTM virtual event with Dyson Institute and other top brands, students can learn all about routes, opportunities, and roles within engineering. [Register here.](#)

### 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 book to take a group of students on a bespoke tour, which might be of interest to students considering careers in renewable energy. [Find out more.](#)

### 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.](#)

### 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](mailto: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



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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

[Provider Access Legislation](#)

[Careers Leader Training](#)

[Health Careers](#)

[Amazing Apprenticeships](#)

[Step into the NHS](#)

[Find Your Future](#)

[Choices post 16 resource](#)

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