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## Picks of the Week: 28th November 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).



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## From OxLEP Skills

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### SEND Training for Employers

<https://buytickets.at/oxlep/1074494>

The Oxfordshire Careers Hub is offering fully funded training for employers in partnership with the British Association of Supported Employment (BASE) on becoming a more inclusive employer. The aim is to improve employers' confidence in supporting young people with SEND through work experience and also into employment. The training will take place over two sessions, with the first session taking place on **25th January from 10:00-16:00** at the City of Oxford College Blackbird Leys Technology Campus (OX4 6HN).

Please share this fantastic opportunity with your network of employers.

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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**.

like: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=JHPoV2\\_fY3E](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JHPoV2_fY3E)



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## Oxfordshire Events

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### University of Oxford Events

#### **From Gaza to Ukraine and Syria – the challenges of humanitarian action in today’s intractable conflicts**

**28 November, 17:00-18:00**, Trinity College

Trinity College is hosting a lecture by the Mairjana Spoljaric, the president of the International Committee of the Red Cross for students interested in current affairs, politics and international affairs.

To reserve free places for your students, email [Julia.paolitto@trinity.ox.ac.uk](mailto:Julia.paolitto@trinity.ox.ac.uk)

#### **Black British reworkings of The Canterbury Tales**

**2nd February**

The Bodleian Libraries are hosting free performances based on Zadie Smith’s *The Wife of Willesden* and Patience Agbabi’s *Telling Tales* at the Bodleian Library.

To book, email [education@bodleian.ox.ac.uk](mailto:education@bodleian.ox.ac.uk) before **1st December**.

#### **Chaucer Study Days**

**12th and 13th March**

The Bodleian Libraries have updated their popular Chaucer Study Days for spring 2024 to make the most of the new Chaucer exhibition open from 8th December to 28th April. These are for KS5 students studying Chaucer and will take place at the Bodleian Library.

To book, email: [education@bodleian.ox.ac.uk](mailto:education@bodleian.ox.ac.uk)

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<https://abingdon-witney.ac.uk/events/woscp-exploring-careers-event>

The West Oxfordshire Schools Careers Partnership are holding an exploring careers evening on **6th December from 17:00-20:00** at Abingdon & Witney College. There will be around 50 exhibitors for students and their parents/carers to meet, including employers and FE and HE providers. [Download a poster.](#)

## SOFEA Post 16 Options Evening

[www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sofea-post-16-options-evening-tickets-753667217937](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sofea-post-16-options-evening-tickets-753667217937)

[SOFEA](#) are holding an open evening on **17th January from 17:15-19:00** for students and supporting adults to find out about SOFEA's post 16 options including, their pre-apprenticeship programme and their approach, tour the facilities and meet staff. [Download a flyer.](#)



## Other Events



## Morgan Stanley Apprenticeships

<https://morganstanley.tal.net/vx/lang-en-GB/candidate/postings/11126>

At this virtual event on **28th November from 18:00-19:00**, students and supporting adults can hear from Morgan Stanley apprentices about what it's like to work at a global financial services firm, learn about the 2024 apprenticeship programmes and what to expect if you join Morgan Stanley.

<https://careersliveuk.com/partner/kpmg-cop28-sustainability-in-numbers>

At this KPMG broadcast on **29th November at 11:00**, students can learn about COP28, the annual global climate conference, including why it is so important and how to understand many of the numbers we'll be seeing and hearing over the coming weeks. They will also hear from journalists at The Economist about how they use and present numbers.



## RAF World

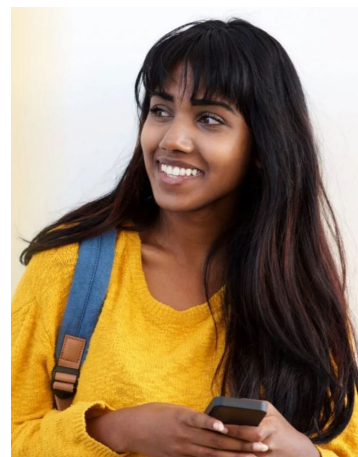
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Students can join this RAF World virtual experience on **29th November from 19:30-21:00**. They will be able to explore 3 different operational zones and find out about roles on offer within the RAF and how these roles come together in a real-life scenario. There will also be live video chat rooms.

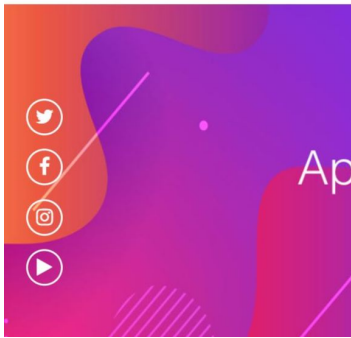
## Careers in PR

[www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/career-guidance-webinar-series-public-relations-tickets-466339643427](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/career-guidance-webinar-series-public-relations-tickets-466339643427)

This webinar on **1st December from 16:00-17:00** from Loop Not Luck will focus on public relations (internal communications) and will consist of industry specific career journeys, top tips, a walk through the day-to-day responsibilities on the job and a Q&A session.







[www.ukuniversitysearch.com/fair-signup/winter-webinars](http://www.ukuniversitysearch.com/fair-signup/winter-webinars)

UK University Search are holding 3 online sessions that cover the key topics of applying, choosing and preparing for university. They take place from **5th-7th December at 12:00-13:15**. There will be live chat Q&A with representatives from the universities taking part, so students can ask questions.

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## NHS Careers Untapped

[Link to register](#)

This webinar on **6th December from 16:30-18:00** is about careers in primary care and the community. Although featuring NHS employers in London, it will still provide a useful insight into clinical and non-clinical roles and career pathways in primary care. [Download a poster](#).



## Women in the Army

[Link to register](#)

At this webinar on **23rd January from 11:00-12:00**, students will hear how women make their mark in the Army and hear about a typical day for women in the Army. They will also be able to ask questions during an interactive Q&A. [Download a poster](#). Deadline to apply: **5th January**.

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## Careers Programmes & Work Experience

### Work Experience in Plumbing and Electrics with TClarke

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Engineering services company [TClarke](#) are working on site at Oxford Brookes University (OX3 0BP) until March 2024 and are offering some work experience opportunities in plumbing and electrical for **students**

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## RateMyApprenticeship Apprenticeship Ambassadors

[www.apprenticeshipambassador.co.uk](http://www.apprenticeshipambassador.co.uk)

RateMyApprenticeship has launched a new Apprenticeship Ambassador programme. This is an opportunity for **students aged 16-19**, to:

- Boost their social media skills
- Network with the UK's biggest brands
- Earn £12/hour

As an Apprenticeship Ambassador, their role is to promote companies' apprenticeship programmes, events and opportunities through their social media platforms and school networks.

As this is a new programme, RateMyApprenticeship are interested in the views of school/college colleagues to help shape it. You can share your views via this short survey:

[www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/apprenticeship-ambassador-programme](http://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/apprenticeship-ambassador-programme)

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## The Cyber EPQ

<https://cyberepq.org.uk>

The CyberEPQ was designed to bridge the gap in Cyber Security qualifications between GCSE Computer Studies and a degree in Cyber Security. It also assists in training potential Cyber Security professionals and those who are looking for a change in career into Cyber Security.

The EPQ is a Level 3 qualification, accredited by City & Guilds, worth up to an extra 28 UCAS points. The course is delivered using a distance learning platform (the Moodle) and can be studied through school or independently.

There are no formal entry requirements for studying the course, but it is recommended that learners have studied at level two prior to the course and must be **14 years old or above** on enrolment.

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## For Careers Leads

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## Interests and Destination Permissions Form

During Compass+ training last week, a document was shared which can be used to help you gather destination and interest of your students. This can then be entered directly into Compass+.

Further information can be found on the [CEC Resources Directory](#).

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## Activate Learning Contact

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My name is Charlotte Roan and I'm the School Partnership Executive for Activate Learning in Oxfordshire. I'm passionate in supporting and empowering young people to access education tailored to their needs and to receive the support necessary.

**Activate Learning can offer you:**

- **Presentations:** to a whole year cohort, or smaller groups if preferred.
- **Careers fairs:** a great opportunity for your students and parents to talk to us at your event and discuss their career plans and the courses available at our college.
- **Parents/carers evenings, options events and post 16 events:** attendance at your event for parents and students to discuss progression to college or on to an apprenticeship.
- **Tours of our college site:** for individuals or larger groups.
- **Lunchtime drop-in:** with our information stand in the lunch hall or library, the students can pick up a prospectus and ask any questions they may have.
- **Application workshops:** we can support students and staff with applications.
- **Destination data and management:** with a Data Sharing Agreement we can provide schools with information on student application status and enrolments.
- **Student ambassadors:** we have a team that can join us at events and provide knowledge and experience from a student perspective.



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## Targeted Youth Support Service

<https://oxme.info/tyss>

A reminder that the Targeted Youth Support Service (TYSS) from Oxfordshire County Council provides support to **young people aged 11-18** across Oxfordshire. The service offers group work and one to one support to young people with social and emotional development to help them to make positive choices,

If you are supporting a young person you feel would benefit from the service, you can refer them via this form: <https://oxme.info/life/tyss-referral-form> (you must have the young person's permission and/or fill in the form together).



## National Minimum Wage Increase

[www.gov.uk/government/news/largest-ever-cash-increase-to-the-minimum-wage](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/largest-ever-cash-increase-to-the-minimum-wage)

The Government has announced its acceptance of the Low Pay Commission's recommendations on minimum wage rates to apply from April 2024. This sees the largest ever increase in cash terms and includes an increase of 21.2% to the 16-17 year old and apprentice rates, taking them from £5.28 to £6.40 per hour.

## Teacher Encounter Programme Expanded

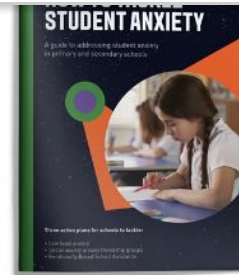
[www.careersandenterprise.co.uk/news/teachers-to-get-work-experience-in-business](https://www.careersandenterprise.co.uk/news/teachers-to-get-work-experience-in-business)

On 22nd November, the CEC announced that their Teacher Encounters programme, which helps teachers to link curriculum subjects to their application in the workplace, will be expanded. A new [report](#) published by the University of Derby shows that the programme is having a positive impact on both teachers and business. The expansion means that 1000 more teachers will be able to benefit from workplace visits over the next 12 months. [Watch the launch video](#) to see Oxfordshire teachers taking part in a Teacher Encounter at Oxford Biomedica.

The report showed that more than 9 in 10 teachers said workplace experiences were a good use of their time and they would like to do them more frequently, they have improved their confidence in having careers-related conversations with their students and they are better able to link their subjects with careers and improve their knowledge of different career pathways into work.

[www.leedsbeckett.ac.uk/student-anxiety-guide](http://www.leedsbeckett.ac.uk/student-anxiety-guide)

Educational psychology experts at the Carnegie Centre of Excellence for Mental Health in Schools have developed a guide for educators to address student anxiety. It includes how to identify anxiety and give your students coping techniques.



## Events for Careers Leads



### Making the Most of NAW Resources

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/event/ask-webinar-naw-2024-how-to-make-the-most-of-the-resources>

During this webinar on **14th December from 15.30-16.00**, you will hear about all the free National Apprenticeship Week 2024 resources available from Amazing Apprenticeships and ideas for how you can make best use of them.

### Try a Trade Successes

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/event/school-successes-sharing-best-practise>

During this webinar on **10th January from 16:00-17:00**, you will hear from schools and colleges who are delivering the Try a Trade programme to their students. They will share best practice and cover how they are engaging students and getting support from parents/carers and colleagues.







<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/event/time-for-change-tackling-social-mobility-through-apprenticeships>

This webinar on **16th January from 13:00-14:00** will discuss why we have seen a decline in those from lower-socio-economic backgrounds starting apprenticeships, particularly from the younger age groups. It will cover latest thinking and data with experts from the Social Mobility Commission.

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## Sharing Information about HTQs

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/event/sharing-information-about-htqs-with-your-school-college-community>

This webinar on **22nd January from 15:45-16:15** will give an overview of the latest news on HTQs, including planning for the 2024 subject roll-out and share idea for how to engage students, parents/carers and colleagues.



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## ASK Termly Update Webinar

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/event/ask-webinar-everything-you-need-to-know-autumn-term-round-ups>

During this termly update on **25th January from 15:30-16:00**, experts from Amazing Apprenticeships and the DfE will highlight what's new in technical education and apprenticeships and cover any recent changes in policy and funding.



[www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/careers-in-the-curriculum-widening-the-team-tickets-681453424537](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/careers-in-the-curriculum-widening-the-team-tickets-681453424537)

During this webinar on **6th February from 16:00-17:00**, The Careers Network will share some impactful tips and strategies on how you can build your careers team and also embed careers within curriculum areas.



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## Resources

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### Advice on Volunteering

<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/careers-advice/advice-on-volunteering>

Some advice from the National Careers Service on volunteering, including ideas for types of volunteering that could be useful for specific careers.

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## Starting a Business

[www.futuresmartcareers.co.uk/blog/help-for-young-people-starting-a-business](http://www.futuresmartcareers.co.uk/blog/help-for-young-people-starting-a-business)

This blog from FutureSmartCareers gives advice for students about starting a business, including advice on getting started, information on the skills they will need and where to find reliable resources to assist them.





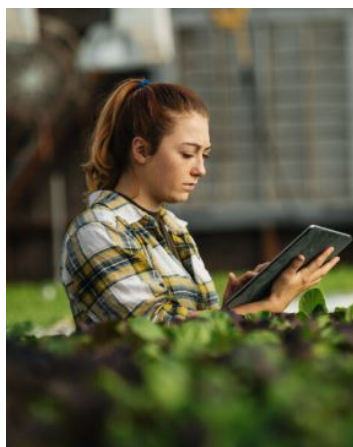
<https://nationalschoolpartnership.com/initiatives/natwest-careersense-find-your-potential>

CareerSense Find Your Potential resources support **13-18 year olds** to discover their strengths and skills for the future world of work. Students will receive personalised information on future careers they may want to pursue, based on their strengths and what they enjoy.

## Not Going to Uni

<https://notgoingtouni.co.uk/downloadable>

Not Going to Uni have a library of online resources to help students with a range of topics like writing a cover letter, creating a LinkedIn profile as a student and interview tips.



## Careers in Sustainability

<https://info.lse.ac.uk/current-students/careers/information-and-resources/employment-sectors/sustainability>

Information about sustainable careers from the London School of Economics and Political Science, including types of jobs, where you can work and how to get there.

## British Army Careers Toolkit

<https://jobs.army.mod.uk/base/careers-toolkit>

This toolkit contains downloadable resources for educators to inform students about the many opportunities the British Army has to offer. The materials cover a range of subjects, including apprenticeships, bursaries, scholarships and job opportunities.





<https://mentallyhealthyschools.org.uk>

Mentally Healthy Schools brings together quality-assured mental health resources, information and advice for schools and further education settings.

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## Apprenticeships & School Leaver Programmes

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### GE Aerospace

<https://jobs.gecareers.com/aviation/global/en/uk-apprenticeships>

GE Aerospace have a range of apprenticeships at level 3 and 6, such as engineering and business, in various locations, including Cheltenham. Vacancies are open now for summer/autumn 2024.



### Deloitte

[www2.deloitte.com/uk/en/pages/careers/articles/early-careers-programmes.html](http://www2.deloitte.com/uk/en/pages/careers/articles/early-careers-programmes.html)

Global professional services firm Deloitte offer a range of early careers programmes, including apprenticeships, to suit a diverse range of 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.

### **Bicester Construction Centre**

28th November, 16:00-19:30

Abingdon & Witney College are holding an open day at their Bicester Construction Centre where students will have the opportunity to tour the facilities, meet the tutors and find out about the courses and

**BP Apprenticeships Series**

Starts 28th November, 18:30-19:30

This virtual miniseries for Year 10-13 students starts with an 'all about apprenticeships' session, which gives an opportunity to meet with current apprentices and take part in a live Q&A. This is followed by an online application assessments session on 12th December and an assessment centres session on 9th January. [Find out more.](#)

**AWE Apprenticeships Parents Event**

29th November, 17:00-19:30

This in person event for parents/carers of students in Years 11-13 will take place at AWE in Aldermaston. They will learn about AWE's apprenticeship programmes, spanning Level 2 to Level 6 in diverse fields such as business, lab technician and nuclear engineering. [Find out more.](#)

**Protecting Our Planet Day**

30th November, 09:00-16:30

Protecting Our Planet Day is inspiring live-streamed event from the UK Space Education Office at STEM Learning, in collaboration with the European Space Agency and the UK Space Agency. [Register here.](#)

**Apprenticeship Accelerator**

30th November, 17:00-19:30

RateMyApprenticeship are holding this virtual event on for students to hear from some of their 'UK's Best Apprenticeship Employers', meet current apprentices and get the low down on how to apply for an apprenticeship and what it's like to work as an apprentice. [Find out more.](#)

**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.](#)

**Accenture Apprenticeships Webinar**

5th December, 18:30-19:30

Students in Years 10-13 and their parents/carers can join Accenture for an insight webinar to hear from apprentices and the recruitment team about starting a professional career within consultancy or technology and how to make their application stand out. [Register here.](#)

**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.](#)



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.](#)

### **We're Hiring! With Rare**

6th December, 18:00-19:30

This virtual event with games studio Rare, students can find out about their new paid internships, what it's like to work in the studio, who you would be working with and what it takes to get hired. They can meet some of the staff and get tips on how to land that dream job. [Register here.](#)

### **Chemistry Conference at Trinity College**

12th December, 15:45–16:45

The Department of Chemistry is hosting its first Christmas Chemistry Conference for Year 12-13 students - A Quantum Christmas Robin - at Trinity College. [Find out more.](#)

### **Apprenticeships with Dunelm**

12th December, 15:30

This webinar with the Dunelm Early Careers will introduce the range of apprenticeships they offer, including from finance, retail, sustainability, logistics, buying & merchandising and insight & analytics and the vacancies that will be available in 2024. [Register here.](#)

### **Army Apprenticeships & Scholarships**

16th January, 18:30-19:30

This webinar offers valuable an insight into educational and career opportunities within the Army and will discuss apprenticeships, bursaries and scholarships. Parents/carers and educators are encouraged to attend. [Register here.](#)

### **Oxford Brookes Science Bazaar**

3rd February, 09:30-16:00

Oxford Brookes Science Bazaar is a free event for all the family and is most suitable for students aged up to 16 years. There is an autism friendly early opening from 09:30-11:30. [Register here.](#)

### **Empathy Week**

26th February - 1st March 2024

Empathy Week is a free festival of webinars, films, resources and events that explore the theme of 'Home' and develop the skill of empathy, a vital skill for success as it underpins the skills of great leadership, creativity and communication. [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.

[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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