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## Picks of the Week: 2nd May 2023

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## From OxLEP Skills

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### Your Futures Oxfordshire

[Download a poster](#)

A great site designed with young people with SEND in mind and for use across all Oxfordshire schools. Full of information about Oxfordshire LMI with examples of jobs with their descriptions to support young people being able to make decisions about their futures.

We have created [this poster](#) to promote this platform across your schools. This poster can be shared digitally and printed off to be put up around school. Please share this poster with staff, students and parents/carers in your institution.

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## Events

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### [Registration link](#)

This webinar on **14th June from 16:00** will provide an insight into the extensive range of apprenticeships with the British Army, the Army Foundation College Harrogate (AFC) that caters to 16–17 year olds and the application process.

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## Oxford Brookes Open Day

[www.brookes.ac.uk/open-days/undergraduate/undergraduate-open-day-friday-16-june](http://www.brookes.ac.uk/open-days/undergraduate/undergraduate-open-day-friday-16-june)

Oxford Brookes is holding an undergraduate open day on **16th June** which will help students to get a feel for the campus, learn more about the courses on offer and tour the modern facilities.



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## University of Oxford Women in Science Day

### [Application form](#)

The Oxford colleges of Trinity, Jesus, and Wadham are holding a Women in Science Day on **23rd June** for **Year 12 students** who are looking to explore the sciences at university. The University of Oxford offers over 20 different undergraduate courses in science subjects, so we want to showcase just how diverse a degree in the sciences can be. They are inviting 100 Year 12 female scientists to visit the University of Oxford, where they will hear from Oxford academics about a broad range of science subjects through a mixture of lectures and seminars. There will also be admissions advice and support sessions, empowering young women to make informed decisions about the next steps in their education. [Download a graphic](#). Deadline to apply: **12th May**.

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### <https://pathwayctm.com/event/understanding-degree-apprenticeships>

This Pathway CTM webinar with Dyson on **24th May from 18:00-19:00** will give an insight into degree apprenticeships, how they work, what's involved and how to apply. It will include advice and top tips from professionals.

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## University of Oxford Open Days

[www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/open-days-and-visits](http://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/open-days-and-visits)

The University of Oxford are holding undergraduate open days on **28th and 29th June** and **15th September**, giving students the opportunity to have a look around and talk to tutors.



## Uni of Oxford Admissions Webinars

[Registration form](#)

Keble College are holding a range of webinars during **May and June** for **Year 12** students planning to apply to the University of Oxford and their parents/carers. They include 'Oxford Explained', 'Personal Statements', 'Admissions Tests' and 'Preparing for Oxford Interviews'.

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## Careers Programmes & Work Experience

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<https://scienceoxford.com/schools/secondary-schools/insight-weeks>

Science Oxford's STEM Insight Week from **30th May to 2nd June** aims to inspire **Year 10 students** to pursue further education and STEM careers. It includes a visit to Oxford Instruments and workshops with Ricardo and Oxford PV. Deadline to apply: **12th May**.



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## STEM Skills Workshops

<https://scienceoxford.com/schools/secondary-schools/stem-skills-workshops>

Science Oxford's in-school skills workshops give young people an insight into the STEM industry, possible careers and life-based skills. The workshops have been developed in collaboration with local businesses and organisations. Individual workshops have been designed for classes of **Year 9, 10 or 11 students**. Workshops can be mixed and matched for a specific day, or delivered multiple times during the day. See [their website](#) for details and costs.

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## For Careers Leaders



### Flexible Apprenticeships Webinar

[Booking link](#)

This ASK L&D webinar on understanding the flexibilities of apprenticeships on **16th May at 15:30** will explore the support on offer for apprentices and guidance on flexible apprenticeships.

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[Booking link](#)

This ASK L&D webinar on **6th June at 15:30** will provide information and guidance on the different pathways into apprenticeships, including T Levels and traineeships and how you can support your students in choosing the best path for them to access apprenticeships.



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## Resources

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### My Journey, My Future

<https://resources.careersandenterprise.co.uk/resources/my-journey-my-future>

We know navigating the different stages of transition and exploring career pathways can be a time of uncertainty and anxiety for young people and although the transition into different stages of education or the world of work happens at the end of the academic year, preparation for these crucial milestones begins much earlier.

My Journey, My Future brings together a range of resources into one place to help you plan ahead for smooth transitions for all your students now. The resources provide lesson materials, career exploration tools, and engagement videos which can help young people make informed decisions about their education and career goals, and form part of an effective careers programme.

The two key learning outcomes for My Journey, My Future are:

- My Journey: identify, recognise and develop a self-awareness of current employability skill level.
  - My Future: apply understanding to developing an action plan for transition to a possible career pathway.
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[www.plantsciencefutures.org.uk](http://www.plantsciencefutures.org.uk)

An amazing resources to be shared with KS4 and KS5 students interested in biological sciences. Please share this with your science teachers too as it's a great place to find out info about careers in plant science.

## April 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 latest Amazing Apprenticeships Parents' & Carers' pack explores technician apprenticeships, logistic apprenticeships with the RAF, the new apprenticeship guide from Disability Rights UK, information about Graduate Careers Live, post-16 and 18 options.



## Exam Guide for Students

[https://i.emlfiles4.com/cmpdoc/1/0/3/3/0/2/files/102881\\_be-at-your-best---exam-top-tips-guide-1.pdf](https://i.emlfiles4.com/cmpdoc/1/0/3/3/0/2/files/102881_be-at-your-best---exam-top-tips-guide-1.pdf)

The exam season can be a stressful and difficult time for students, so NGTU have created an exclusive 'Be at your best this exam season' guide. The guide is full of lots of helpful advice and guidance from NGTU partners and ambassadors, so your students can feel confident and ready when it comes to sitting their exams this year.

## Apprenticeships

[www.roh.org.uk/learning/young-people/apprenticeships/the-scheme](http://www.roh.org.uk/learning/young-people/apprenticeships/the-scheme)

The Royal Opera House, home to The Royal Ballet, Royal Opera and the Orchestra of the RoH, are open for recruitment for their Level 3 apprenticeship vacancies, including Scenic Carpenters, Scenic Metal Workers, Costume Makers, Creative Venue Technicians, Events Managers and roles in IT and Social Media.



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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.

### Careers and Apprenticeship Fair

4th May, 18:30-20:00

North Oxfordshire Academy in Banbury are holding a Careers and Apprenticeship Fair. This event is open to anyone to attend, including students, parents/carers and those looking for opportunities. [Download a flyer.](#)

### Nursing Associates Facebook Live

10th May, 17:30-18:15

Students can join NHS Health Careers in conversation with nursing associates to find out more about why training as a nursing associate can be a great way to join the NHS. They will be chatting to some nursing associates to find out more about their career journeys so far and what they do in their roles. [Link to the event.](#)

### Revision Masterclass

10th May, 18:30-19:30

At this webinar, students who are preparing for GCSEs and A Levels can join Liverpool John Moores University postgraduate students for a revision workshop and Q&A session led by Success at School. [Register here.](#)

### Be at Your Best This Exam Season

11th May, 12:00-13:00

This NGTU webinar will help your students feel motivated, inspired and driven going into their exams. It features Sam Moinet from The Student Breakthrough sharing advice for students about feeling confident, staying motivated and dealing with stress and anxiety. [Register here.](#)

### Oxford Brookes Year 12 Taster Days

The Breadth of the Biosciences - 12th May

Subjects Included: Animal Biology, Biological Sciences, Biomedical Science, Medical Science

Humanising the Future - 19th May

Exploring the need for humanities and social sciences in a technological future

Subjects Included: Law, Philosophy, Education, English Literature

[Booking form](#)

### Uni of Oxford English Open Day

13th May, 10:30–14:15

The University of Oxford English Department is holding an open day for state schools, aimed at Year 12 students. This is an online event, featuring taster lectures, information about the admissions process, plus a Q&A with current students. [Register here.](#)

### 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.](#)

### Balliol College Taster Day

22nd May, 10:30-16:00

This in-person event is for Year 12 students interested in studying Physics and Philosophy at Balliol College. The event will feature academic sessions, a demonstration Oxbridge interview and a tour of the college. [Booking link.](#)

### St Catherine's College Academic Taster Days

St Catherine's College, Oxford are holding a series of 4 academic taster days, which are free to attend and open to all, with places being allocated on a first come, first served basis:

Geography – 30th May, 10:30–16:15, including an academic session with Professor Fiona McConnell (Professor of Political Geography)

Modern Languages – 31st May, 10:30–16:15, including the opportunity to sample a range of languages that are available at the University of Oxford

Women in STEM – 1st June, 10:30–16:15, including a session with Professor Susannah Speller (Professor of Materials Science) and an opportunity to try a range of STEM based courses

Music – 2nd June, 10:30–16:15, including sample lectures with Dr Andrew Frampton and Professor Laura Tunbridge, and workshops on conducting and composition

[Register here.](#)

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## Useful Links

These include some of the resources that have been shared in previous issues as a reminder.



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[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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