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Picks of the Week: 30th January 2024

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From OxLEP Skills

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>

We will be sending you a **communications pack** to help you raise awareness of the parents/carers session after the Careers Leaders meeting this **Wednesday 31st January**, where we will talk you through the pack.



Apprenticeships Webinar for Parents/Carers

With National Apprenticeship Week taking place next week, please remind parents/carers that we are running an apprenticeships awareness broadcast (students are encouraged to attend too!) with LearnLive on **6th February 2024 from 18:00-19:00**.

Parents/carers will be able to hear an overview of apprenticeships, watch Oxfordshire apprentices talking about their experiences, hear the employer perspective and ask any questions via live chat.

After the webinar, there will be an **opportunity to chat with employers** who offer apprenticeships via our **Find Your Future** virtual careers platform - <https://oxlepskills.co.uk/findyourfuture>



Oxfordshire Events

Electrical Apprenticeships Open Evenings

JTL Training are holding two open evenings during National Apprenticeship Week for students interested in electrical apprenticeships and their parents and carers (booking essential). They will have the opportunity to tour facilities, meet staff and local employers who are looking for apprentices.

JTL Oxford (booking is essential due to the secure site the centre is located)

www.eventbrite.com/e/799960803297

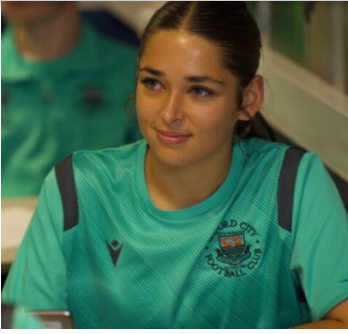
5th February, 16:30-19:00, Culham Science Centre near Abingdon, OX14 3DB

JTL Birmingham (location may be preferable for students in North Oxfordshire)

www.eventbrite.com/e/799984072897

8th February, 16:30-19:00, Rocky Lane, Birmingham, B6 5RQ

If you have any questions, please contact Kirstine Ginger, Learner Assessment Manager at kirstineginger@jtltraining.com



<https://velocityfootball.co.uk/contact-us>

Velocity Football is a post 16 education and football programme. Students can go along to an open evening on **7th February at 18:30** at Oxford City FC to meet the tutors and coaching team and chat with current learners. Email courses@ignitesportuk.com for details.

Open Doors Week Visits in Oxfordshire

<https://opendoors.construction/#events>

Open Doors takes visitors behind the scenes to showcase the fantastic range of careers available in construction. The event, which is delivered by Build UK, will take place from **18th to 23rd March**.

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

St John's College Study Days

www.sjc.ox.ac.uk/access-and-outreach/our-programmes-sjc/study-days

Study days at St John's offer high-achieving **Year 12 students** at non-selective state schools an opportunity to experience higher level study in their chosen subject. Participants attend talks and workshops led by tutors, find out more about the course at the University of Oxford and what tutors are looking for and meet current St John's students.

Applications are now open for study days in a range of subjects running between **February and June**.

[Download a poster](#)

Battle The Bugs KS4 Study Days

[Download a poster](#)

These study days for **Year 10 and 11 students** have been arranged for British Science Week by the

- Back from the Dead (History of Science Museum)
- Careers, Research and You (Ineos Oxford Institute at Trinity College)
- Fight the Fungus (Chemistry Teaching Lab)

Register at: <https://bit.ly/BtB2024>

Chaucer Study Days

[Download a poster](#)

The Bodleian Library has a major new Chaucer exhibition open until **28th April** and is running some study days for **KS5 students** studying Chaucer on **12th and 13th March** to help them make the most of the exhibition. Email education@bodleian.ox.ac.uk to book.



Chaucer Here and Now Exhibition Visits

The Bodleian has a major new Chaucer exhibition open from 8 December 2023 to 28 April 2024. This is a fantastic opportunity for you students to see rare Chaucer manuscripts in the gallery and focus on issues of material survival and on-text reception. The exhibition, curated by Professor Malvyn Turner, charts how this unconventional poet – who came to be known as the ‘Father of English Literature’ – has always been created anew by different generations: most recently, Chaucer has been reimagined by diverse voices and inspired creative reimaginings. We encourage schools to book a visit, whether or not your English students are studying The Canterbury Tales.

Chaucer’s World Study Days

We have updated our popular Chaucer Study Days for Spring 2024 to make the most of the exhibition. Booking is now open for these free full-day events on Tuesday 12 March and Wednesday 13 March for KS5 students studying Chaucer. We are anticipating high demand, so please [get in touch](#) to book.

Performances and Workshops

We will be hosting free performances on the evening of 2 February 2024 based on Ben’s British re-imaginings of The Canterbury Tales, which centers the life of itinerant and Romance Agass’s Telling Tales. The exhibition will also be open for visits. A small number of tickets have been reserved for school groups. Book via email before 1 December 2023 to avoid spaces on a first come first served basis.

Online Resources

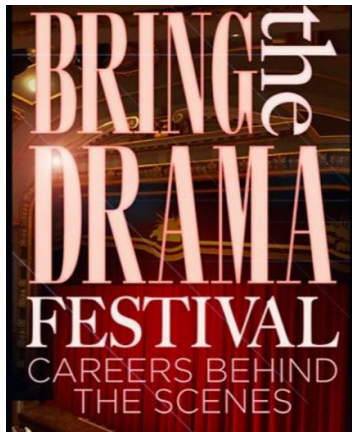
Don’t forget that we have some fantastic recorded Chaucer lectures with handouts to support note-taking, and suggested extension-reading available on our [Learning Resources page](#).

Get in Touch

Email the Bodleian Education team on education@bodleian.ox.ac.uk, complete our [contact form](#), or call us on 01865 277084.

Chaucer: not for you? We are always keen to hear about the type of English content

Other Events



Bring The Drama Careers Festival

[Link to news article](#)

The festival will run alongside BBC Two acting talent show Bring The Drama and will provide a 6 week programme of careers events around the UK, showcasing behind-the-scenes jobs in the creative industries, including theatre. Details will be available via the free [ERIC app](#) from **1st February**.

NGTU Apprenticeships Live

www.youtube.com/watch?v=YqwsDKCwHqI

Not Going To Uni are holding a live apprenticeships broadcast on **2nd February from 17:00-19:30**. Organisations such as The Metropolitan Police, EDF Energy and Bentley Motors will be



IBM National Apprenticeship Week Events

www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/ibm-apprentice-community-76693924593

During National Apprenticeship Week (**5th to 11th February**), IBM will be hosting a variety of informative online events for students, parents and educators. These events are designed to provide valuable insights into the apprenticeships offered by IBM, as well as their application process. Attendees will have the chance to meet current apprentices and foundation managers, who oversee the apprentices at IBM.

- IBM Mock Exploration Sessions: provide hands-on experience and explores career paths within IBM (open to students only).
- IBM Apprentice Panel: apprentices share their experiences about life at IBM and answer questions about the programme.
- Themed Talks: focus on workplace confidence and public speaking as an apprentice.
- Application Workshop & 'Meet the Managers': offers application guidance and an opportunity to meet IBM foundation managers.



Warner Bros. Apprenticeships

[Registration link](#)

Warner Bros. Discovery's Early Talent Team is hosting a virtual apprenticeships event on **6th February at 18:00**. Attendees will find out about apprenticeships in the entertainment industry and hear from some of their apprentices about their roles.

Unifrog Apprenticeships Fair

<https://unifrogapprenticeshipsfair.vfairs.com>

At this virtual fair on **7th February at 16:30-19:00**, students can explore the latest apprenticeship opportunities, attend live sessions with employers including BBC, Lloyds Banking Group and NHS and network one-on-one to get top tips.





<https://bigassembly.org>

The Big Assembly 2024 will take place on **13th February**. Over 140,000 people across the UK will tune in to the virtual assembly to hear from apprentices, employers, parents and education providers.

Royal Mail Taster Day

<https://pathwayctm.com/event/royal-mail>

Royal Mail are holding a free taster day on **13th February** from **10:00-15:00** in London to give students an insight into careers with Royal Mail. They will take part in an interactive task, meet apprentices and get answers to all their questions in a Q&A session.



AWE Taster Day

<https://pathwayctm.com/event/a-day-in-the-life-awe>

Year 12 and 13 students interested in getting a taste of what it could be like to work with the UK's largest defence researching facility can visit AWE's head office in Aldermaston on **14th February** from **10:00-15:00** to see behind the scenes and meet current apprentices.

Careers Programmes & Work Experience

Rebellion Work Experience

<https://careers.rebellion.com/#/job/648EB0500D>

Independent video games studio [Rebellion](https://careers.rebellion.com/#/job/648EB0500D) is offering work experience at their Oxford studio location to support their belief in nurturing talent and providing valuable hands-on experience to individuals who are passionate about gaming and eager to learn. Participants will have the chance to work alongside industry professionals, gain practical skills and contribute to the development of their projects, whether they are

This work experience is designed to provide participants with a comprehensive learning experience, tailored to their specific interests and goals. They will have the opportunity to experience real projects, receive mentorship and guidance from experienced professionals and learn about the tools they will need to succeed across a range of industries.

At Rebellion, we believe in equal opportunities and diversity. We welcome applicants from all backgrounds and identities. If you are ready to take the first step towards a rewarding and exciting career in the entertainment industry, apply now and let us help unleash your potential! unleash your potential!

Current dates available are: **22nd to 26th April, 20th to 24th May, 24th to 28th June and 22nd to 26th July**. Deadline to apply: **16th February**.

Uncover Engineering

<https://eng.ox.ac.uk/events/uncover-engineering>

Uncover is a free residential programme run by the University of Oxford Department of Engineering Science that gives **Year 10 girls and Black African and Caribbean heritage students** the opportunity to explore Maths and physics subjects in the context of engineering studies, while offering a glimpse into university life.

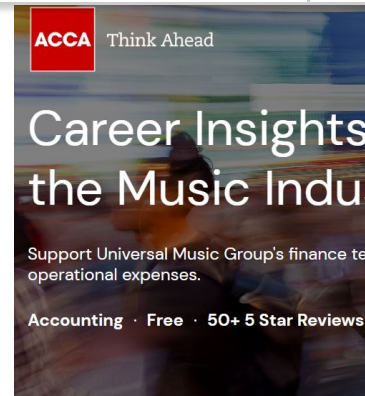
'Uncover for Girls' is for Year 10 girls or students who identify as a girl or non-binary and will take place from **2nd to 5th April**.

'Uncover for Black African and Caribbean heritage students' is for Year 10 students who identify as being of Black African heritage or Black Caribbean heritage and students of mixed-race with Black African and Caribbean heritage. It will take place from **9th to 12th April**.

Deadline to apply: **31st January**.

www.theforage.com/simulations/acca-apac/accounting-for-the-music-industry-8igf

This accounting for the music industry job simulation from ACCA is a way for students to get a taste of what a job in this area would be like. It is free, takes 1-2 hours and is completed at their own pace. Participants carry out tasks they would have to do as an accountant with Universal Music Group.



Astra Zeneca Virtual Work Experience

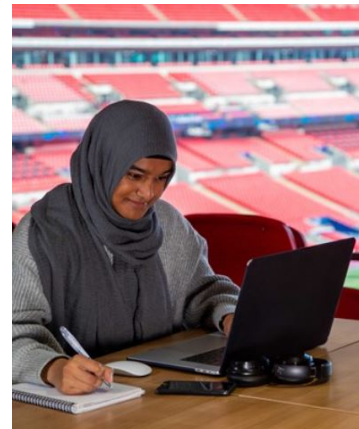
<https://careers.astrazeneca.com/early-talent>

AstraZeneca will be hosting virtual work experience weeks for **Year 10 students** during **June and July**. The experience will showcase the development of a medicine, including the different functions involved and the early careers entry points into these roles. Students can [register their interest](#) now.

HE Course in Football Development

www.ucfb.ac.uk/your-degree/undergraduate-degrees/certhe-in-football-development

[UCFB](#) has launched a new Certificate of Higher Education in Football Development, in collaboration with the Football Association, to support career opportunities for those looking to enter the football industry.



For Careers Leads

Tokamak Energy STEM Outreach Programme

<https://tokamakenergy.com/community>

Through their STEM Outreach Programme, Tokamak Energy run a range of activities aim to inform,

to see some of the technology and equipment they're developing to achieve clean and sustainable fusion energy.

They would like to hear from Oxfordshire schools about how they can bring the power of the sun and stars to the classroom. Contact STEM@tokamakenergy.com

Resources



Parents/Carers Apprenticeships Guide

<https://mailchi.mp/successatschool/apprenticeships-2024-parents>

The 4th edition of the Success at School apprenticeships guide for parents and carers will be available to download from 5th February. They can sign up in advance for immediate download access.

January Parents & Carers Pack

www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/influencers/support-for-parents-and-guardians

The pack explores plans for National Apprenticeship Week 2024, a 10-step plan for apprenticeships, the new Medical Doctor Degree Apprenticeship, T Levels in Agriculture and HTQs.



Parents

Find out how to help your child with their career.

It All Starts With Skills

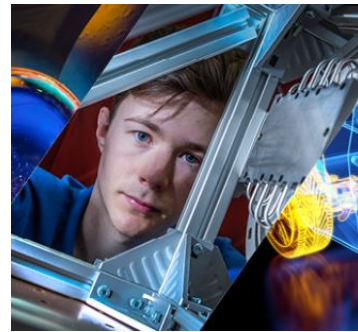
www.skillsforcareers.education.gov.uk

The DfE have launched a new high-profile skills campaign which invites young people, adults and businesses to engage in skills and technical education, such as apprenticeships, T Levels, HTQs, Skills Bootcamps and more.

STFC

<https://stfccareers.co.uk/apprenticeships>

STFC are currently recruiting for a range of apprenticeships, including engineering, computing, project management and lab technician. Closing date: **18th February**.



Darke & Taylor

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

Darke & Taylor are currently recruiting for their 2024 intake of electrical, datacomms and fire & security apprentices. Interested students should email apprentice@darkeandtaylor.co.uk.

University of Oxford

[Link to the vacancy](#)

The University of Oxford are currently recruiting for a Lab Technician Apprentice to start in April in the Department of Biology, alongside their [talent pool for September 2024](#).



Oxford Health

[Link to the vacancy](#)

Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust are currently recruiting for a Pre-Registration Pharmacy Technician Apprentice based in Kennington. Closing date: **18th February**.

[Link to the vacancy](#)

St John Fisher Catholic Primary School, Littlemore are recruiting for a Teaching Assistant Apprentice to support teaching staff in the classroom. Closing date: **5th February**.



Dunelm

www.dunelmcareers.com/our-roles/early-careers.aspx

Dunelm are currently recruiting for a variety of apprenticeships in a range of locations, including insight & analytics and retail degree apprenticeships. Closing date: **16th February**.

Mazars

<https://jobs.mazars.co.uk/jobs/early-careers>

Leading international professional services firm Mazars have apprenticeship opportunities available in audit, tax and advisory services in various locations.



Medical Doctor Degree Apprenticeship

[Download a news bulletin](#)

East Suffolk and North Essex NHS Foundation Trust have announced a partnership with Anglia Ruskin University to provide their new Medical Doctor Degree Apprenticeship from September 2024. Students interested in applying **must** attend an in-person pre-application information event on **17th, 21st or 24th February** in order to be considered to apply. Register at: <https://forms.office.com/e/dbUBjMgHWZ>

www.gov.uk/guidance/government-social-research-degree-apprenticeship-programme

Government Social Researchers study and analyse aspects of society, like people's behaviour, opinions and needs. This 4 year degree apprenticeship could be based in 1 of 14 government departments. There are online Q&A sessions taking place on [5th](#) and [21st](#) February. Closing date: **28th February**.



Astra Zeneca

<https://careers.astrazeneca.com/early-talent>

Astra Zeneca have a range of apprenticeships, including scientific, business, operations, project management, digital and data. The majority are based in either Cambridge or Macclesfield.

Atkins

[Link to the opportunities](#)

Atkins are recruiting for a range of apprenticeships in the fields of engineering, design and project management. There are roles in various locations. Closing date: **20th February**.



Dates For Your Diary

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

Unseen Careers in HR

30th January, 10:00

Cash processing firm Vaultex UK are running a series of virtual Careers Live broadcasts. The first one is about careers in HR. This will be followed by monthly broadcasts covering tech, finance and operations.

[Register here.](#)

Google Digital Apprenticeships

30th January, 18:30-19:30

Apprenticeship Accelerator

1st February, 17:00-18:40

Join RateMyApprenticeship and some of the UK's Best Apprenticeship Employers for round two of their exclusive look at apprenticeships on , where you'll discover how to ace the application process. [Register here.](#)

Deloitte ASPIRE Insight Event

1st February, 18:00-19:00

This virtual event is for Year 12 students to get an insight into the programmes Deloitte offer. They will also have the chance to network with potential employers and get a certificate for attending. [Register here.](#)

Army Apprenticeships Webinar

1st February, 16:00-17:00

At this webinar, attendees will hear about the range of apprenticeship opportunities available for individuals looking to start a career in the British Army. [Register here.](#)

Oxfordshire Advanced Skills Apprenticeship Open Events

1st February, 13th March and 16th April, slots at 18:00 and 19:00

Oxfordshire Advanced Skills are holding open evenings for students to meet tutors, employer partners and apprentices and tour the facilities. [Find out more.](#)

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.](#)

NAW2024 Sunday Surgery

4th February, 10:00-12:00

Amazing Apprenticeships' Anna Morrison is running an open surgery for those who have questions about National Apprenticeship Week. [Register here.](#)

Activate Apprenticeships Webinar

5th February, 09:15-10:00

Activate Apprenticeships are holding a webinar for potential apprentices. Attendees will hear an overview of apprenticeships, learn where to find vacancies and hear the view of an employer. [Register here.](#)

Festival of Apprenticeships

5th February, 12:00-13:00

This free online event from Pathway Group is a one-stop shop for anyone looking to find out more about apprenticeships, from discovering opportunities with organisations first-hand, through to guidance on how to apply for and make the most of an apprenticeship. [Register here.](#)

6th February, 18:00-19:00

Oxfordshire Careers Hub is teaming up with LearnLive to run an apprenticeships awareness broadcast for parents and carers (students are encouraged to attend too!) during National Apprenticeship Week.

[Register here.](#)

Ask an Apprentice Webinar

7th February, 18:30-19:30

Success at School are celebrating Apprentice Wednesday by holding an online 'ask an apprentice' panel discussion. Attendees will hear from 3 apprentices and be able to ask any questions they have. [Register here.](#)

Keble College Subject Taster Days

12th, 13th and 14th February

Keble College, University of Oxford hosts annual subject taster days for prospective Year 12 students. Three taster days are available in February, Engineering Science, Philosophy and Computer Science.

[Register here.](#)

UKAEA Apprenticeship Open Day

13th February, 14:30-19:30

UKAEA are currently recruiting for a range of apprenticeships and are holding an open day for interested students to talk to hiring managers and the early careers team, as well as hear first-hand experiences from past and current apprentices. [Register here.](#)

Materials Science Open Days

13th & 14th February, 16th February (online) and 12th & 13th March

At these open events for Year 11 and 12 students at the Department of Materials, University of Oxford, students can experience what studying Materials Science at Oxford is like. [Register here.](#)

Oxford Brookes Undergraduate Open Day

17th February

The next Brookes undergraduate open day includes campus tours, course and subject taster sessions, accommodation talks and the opportunity to meet staff and students. [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.](#)

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

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. [Register here.](#)

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.](#)

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.](#)

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. [Find out more.](#)

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](#)

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