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Picks of the Week: 31st October 2023

We hope you had a relaxing half term break! 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.



From OxLEP Skills

Advertise Your Careers Activities to Employers

<https://oxlepskills.co.uk/submit>

As you know, our microsite has been up and running now for a few months and we're really keen for **schools/colleges in the Oxfordshire Careers Hub** to post ALL activities that you have coming up that require employer support, from careers detectives and human libraries to mock interviews, work experience and sixth form talks - it's easy to do and will only take a few minutes of your time (example listing below).

We have more and more employers coming to us asking for opportunities to engage with schools and colleges and the first thing we do is signpost them to our microsite. It would be lovely for them to have a wide range of activities to choose from and it enables them to contact you directly. Moving forwards, we hope this creates a far more sustainable relationship between schools, colleges and businesses as we may not always be around to facilitate introductions!

World of Work Day

📅 November 15, 2023 ⌚ 9:00 am - 12:30 pm

📁 [Careers Workshop](#) [Work Experience](#) 📌 [For employers, For training providers](#)

We would like to invite employers to contribute to our Year 12 'World of Work' programme, an in-school work experience morning on Wednesday 15 November. [...]

[MORE INFO](#)



Request Oxfordshire Apprenticeship Ambassadors

<https://oxlepskills.co.uk/schools-colleges/ambassadors>

We have a new cohort of fantastic Oxfordshire Apprenticeship Ambassadors, representing a range of employers such as Grundon Waste Management, Cisco Systems, Darke & Taylor, Savills and Blenheim who have volunteered their time to visit your school/college to share their experience of being an apprentice with your students.

Please use [this form](#) to request an ambassador for your event/s and we will contact them to check their availability.



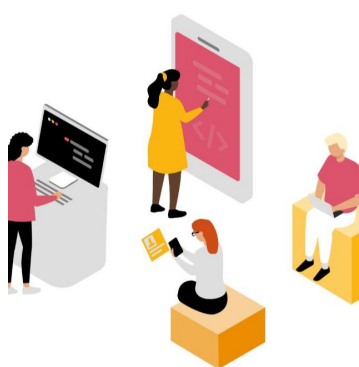
Oxfordshire University Hospitals Teacher Encounter

We would like to say a huge thank you to Shilpa Bhatt and her colleagues at Oxfordshire University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust for hosting a fantastic Teacher Encounter for us this month. Teachers and Careers Leads had the opportunity to visit various departments and find out about the many post 16 and 18 NHS career pathways to help them advise their students and help them to see the link between their studies and potential jobs and careers.

There are so many amazing opportunities for Oxfordshire's young people, ranging from T Levels, apprenticeships at all levels and pre-employment programmes and it was great for the attendees to learn all about them so that they can bring them to life for their students in the classroom.



Events



PwC Virtual Classrooms

www.pwc.co.uk/careers/early-careers/ourevents/virtual-classroom.html

PwC are holding virtual classroom sessions for **Year 10-13 students** from **16:30-17:30** on **8th November** on [apprenticeships](#) and **16th November** on [degree programmes](#) to give an insight into early careers with PwC.

Study in Australia Student Fair

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/study-in-australia-student-fair-11th-november-2023-1pm-5pm-tickets-423511232497

This event on **11th November from 13:00-17:00** will take place at the Rembrandt Hotel in London and is an opportunity for students to meet with representatives from 11 of the top universities in Australia.



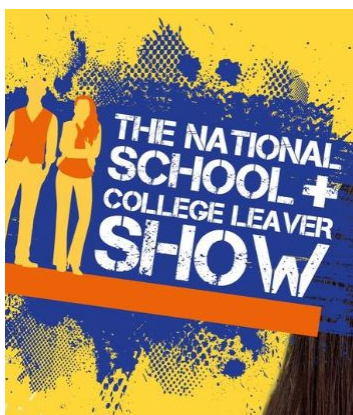
Discover! Creative Careers

[See the full line-up](#)

Speakers for Schools is hosting Discover! Creative Careers week from **13th-17th November**. During the week, they're hosting over 30 virtual sessions with creative employers, ranging from artists to museums and architects. Workshops are live and interactive and are designed to help you meet Gatsby benchmarks 4 and 5. Here are some of the highlights:

- Theatre careers with Palace Theatre & Opera House
14th November, 14:00-14:00, ages 14-19, [book on a group of students](#) by 7th November
- Working in the creative industries with visual artist Laura Dickens
17th November, 09:00-10:00, ages 11-13, [book on a group of students](#) by 3rd November

You can access the full line-up [here](#) - to book on a class, simply complete the booking form at the bottom of each advert page. If you have any questions or would like to find out more, please email Jenny.Miller@speakersforschools.org.



National School Leaver Show

www.nslshow.co.uk/south

The National School Leaver Show will take place on **14th and 15th November** at Ascot Racecourse and will be showcasing exhibitors from across the south of the UK. The show will include apprenticeships, higher education, entry level roles and information about careers and general employment.

Skills London Job Show

www.excel.london/whats-on/skills-london-2023

Skills London jobs and careers fair for **14–24-year-olds** and their families will be held at ExCeL London on **24th and 25th November**, offering up to 35,000 live jobs, training and apprenticeships under one roof. The fair is free to attend and connects you with over 100 potential employers, education and skills providers to give practical advice and information.





www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/skillbuild-national-final-2023-tickets-689895324487

Students interested in a career in construction can be inspired by watching finalists complete in the Skillbuild national final, take part in have a go activities and watch demonstrations in the construction showcase at the Marshall Arena in Milton Keynes on **22nd November 2023 from 10:00-15:00**.

BP Apprenticeships Series

[Link to register for the first session](#)

This virtual miniseries for **Year 10-13 students** starts on **28th November from 18:30-19:30** 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**.



Apprenticeships Accelerator

<https://apprenticeshipaccelerator.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk>

RateMyApprenticeship are holding this virtual event on **17:00-19:30 on 30th November** 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.

Careers Programmes & Work Experience

www.springpod.com/virtual-work-experience/legal-careers-with-tlt/WEXP-00114

TLT LLP is holding an interactive virtual work experience **until 5th November**, which involves an introduction to litigation law, real estate law and commercial law and includes certification upon completion. This opportunity is open to **students aged 13+**.



For Careers Leaders

Skills4Life Residential Programme

www.kingswood.co.uk/post/skills-4-life-16

Residential activity provider Kingswood been working with the National Citizen Service to deliver free and heavily subsidised places for **16-17 year olds** (up to 24 if on an EHCP) on their Skills4Life residential programme for most of the year and have been given some additional funding to offer this amazing opportunity to more young people for free until the end of March.

The Skills4Life programme is accredited by Skills Builder and is designed to support young people on their journeys into adulthood, using the outdoors as a vehicle for learning and personal development. It offers:

- 5 days and 4 nights of adventure, workshops and activities designed to support young people on their journeys into adulthood, using the outdoors as a vehicle for learning and personal development
- Travel to and from your school / college / organisation included
- All food and accommodation included
- All pastoral care – so you don't need staff off timetable or additional support from your organisation
- Choice of 11 Kingswood centres across the UK from the Isle of Wight to Newcastle on any date from now until the end of March

They are currently booking groups (minimum group size of 16) right through to the last arrival date of **31st March**. If you have any young people on EHCP, they can take them up until the age of 24.



A new [guide](#) and [factsheet](#) have been developed to support careers and education professionals to learn more about Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQs) and what they involve, to support you in guiding your students.

UCAS Apprenticeships Hub Launched

www.ucas.com/corporate/news-and-key-documents/news/ucas-launches-new-apprenticeships-service-demand-hits-all-time-high

From 18th October, every applicant who logs into their UCAS student account, known as the UCAS Hub, will now see the most relevant apprenticeship opportunities for them alongside degree courses. Students will be able to search for an apprenticeship at any time throughout the year, as and when employers are hiring, with vacancies updated in real time.

It means applicants are now able to discover and decide between their options all in one place for the first time. In 2024, students will be able to apply for apprenticeships within the UCAS Hub.

T Level Update Webinar

[Link to register](#)

Following recent government announcements regarding T Levels and A Levels, this Amazing Apprenticeships T Level information webinar on **27th November at 15:30** will give you information on what's next and how you can support your students with up to date information.



FutureSmart Careers Newsletter

www.futuresmartcareers.co.uk/newsletters

FutureSmart Careers are the current ASK delivery partner for Oxfordshire. Their monthly newsletter contains lots of useful information and events for you to share with students, parents/carers and colleagues. You can [subscribe](#) to receive it each month.

Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2024

www.timeshighereducation.com/student/best-universities/best-universities-world

The Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2024, released on 27th September, has revealed the world's top universities. The University of Oxford has taken the first place position, with Stanford University in California taking second position.

In total, 1,904 universities across 108 countries or regions are represented in the ranking and 27 of these have at least one university in the top 200. A further 769 universities are listed with "reporter" status, meaning that they provided data but did not meet the eligibility criteria to receive a rank.

Insight into EDT Webinar Series

www.etrust.org.uk/post/insight-into-edt-webinar-series-2023-24

EDT is a charity helping young people to explore engineering and STEM career. These monthly webinars aim to provide careers leaders with information on all STEM experiences, projects and placements that EDT have to offer in 2023/24.



Resources



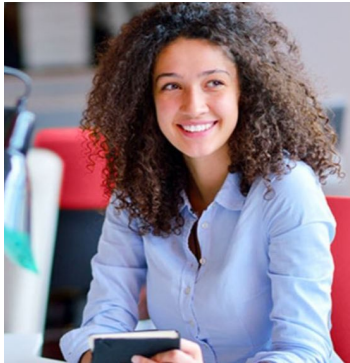
NatWest Career Sense

www.mycareersense.com

The Teachers' Guide has been produced by UniTasterDays.com in collaboration with HELOA - to support the university guidance that is provided by teachers and careers colleagues in secondary schools and colleges.

www.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk/best-apprenticeship-employers

RateMyApprenticeship has announced their 'Best 100 Apprenticeship Employers for 2023-2024'. This is based on the reviews and feedback left by 6,816 young people who completed an apprenticeship in the last year.



Graduate Schemes Guide 2023

www.savethestudent.org/student-jobs/graduate-training-schemes-2011.html

Save The Student has published their 2023 guide to graduate schemes. Their article outlines what a graduate scheme entails and the pros and cons and tips for applying.

16 Jobs for the Future

<https://uk.indeed.com/career-advice/finding-a-job/jobs-for-the-future>

Indeed writes about predictions for 16 promising jobs for the future, including roles such as nurse, tech salesperson, game designer and cyber security analyst and provides detailed job descriptions and average salary expectations.



16 jobs for the future

Here's a list of some of the most promising jobs you may consider pursuing:

1. Nurse [↗](#)

Average national salary: £14.76 per hour

Primary duties: A nurse is a highly trained professional who conducts physical exams, draws blood, takes health history and support patients after injuries. Nurses often provide advice on the best health care practices. They work in hospitals, clinics, and often assist doctors and other medical professionals.



The Parent Perspective

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/the-parent-perspective-podcast>

Episode 8 is the last of a 3 part 'Options October' series. This week the focus is on parents/carers changing careers and upskilling and features guest speakers talking about their experience of apprenticeships as a way to retrain.

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

This month's edition features apprentices working in early years and as solicitors at Farrer & Co. They can also find out more about the 'The Big Ambition' survey and what's involved in a T Level Foundation Year and more.



Apprenticeships



Lowe & Oliver

www.loweoliver.co.uk/apprenticeships

Lowe & Oliver offer electrical and mechanical trade apprenticeships in the Oxford area. They take on apprentices throughout the year and are also looking for next year's intake of apprentices. Students can contact info@loweoliver.co.uk if they are interested in finding out more.

University of Oxford

www.apprenticeships.ox.ac.uk/vacancies

The University of Oxford are currently recruiting for their January cohort of apprentices, including the following apprenticeships: Grants Assistant, Recruitment Assistant, Safety, Health and Environment Technician, Conference and Events Assistant, HR Assistant and Laboratory and Facilities Technician.





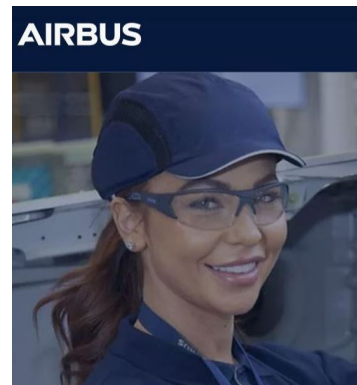
<https://lifetimetraining.co.uk/personal/apprenticeship-vacancies/mandb>

Mitchells & Butlers have some fantastic opportunities available for students to begin their career in the hospitality industry. They currently have chef and bar & waiting apprenticeship opportunities including at The Trout in Wolvercote and Turnpike in Kidlington.

Airbus

www.airbus.com/en/careers/apprentices-and-pupils/apprenticeship-in-united-kingdom

Airbus are currently recruiting for a range of roles in various locations including customer services, aerospace engineering, mechatronics, data analytics and cyber security.



Royal Academy of Culinary Arts

www.royalacademyofculinaryarts.org.uk/what-we-do/apprenticeships

The Royal Academy of Culinary Arts chefs apprenticeship scheme is a pioneering approach to deliver a comprehensive training to young chefs whilst enabling them to work in some of the finest establishments in the UK.

Higher & Degree Apprenticeships

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/higher-degree-listing>

The new Amazing Apprenticeships higher and degree apprenticeship vacancy listing was launched last week, featuring over 250+ live vacancies from 50+ employers across England.



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

Abingdon & Witney College Open Events

1st November (Abingdon) and 15th November (Witney), 15:30-19:00

Abingdon & Witney College is holding open events where tutors, course leaders and careers advisers will be available to help students make the right choice, whether that be a further education course, a T Level or an apprenticeship. [Find out more.](#)

A Conversation With... Construction

2nd November, 12:00-14:00

This event for Careers Leads and teachers at Abingdon & Witney College, Abingdon Campus will include a construction careers information session, networking with local construction employers and tour of the college's new construction and green skills facilities. [Register here.](#)

British Army Apprenticeships

7th November, 16:00

As the Army celebrates its 100th year of offering apprenticeships this year, this webinar aims to provide insight and guidance for young people leaving school on how they can access an amazing apprenticeship and career in the British Army. [Find out more.](#)

Tomorrow's Engineers Week

6th to 10th November

Tomorrow's Engineers Week returns for the 11th year and will help to bring engineering careers to life for young people. Students can complete a Meet the Future You quiz to find out how their skills and interests could match up to a career in engineering. [Find out more.](#)

The Nuclear Connection Science Fair

10th November

The Nuclear Connection Science Fair 2023 is for Key Stage 3-5 students, parents/carers and educators. Through activities, games, presentations and conversations, students will discover everything they want to know about nuclear science and about the places it could take their future careers. [Find out more.](#)

What Career? & What Uni? Live

What Career? and What University? Live takes place at Olympia in London on 10th-11th November. You can book a school trip if you wish and make your parents/carers aware in case they would like to attend with their child/ren. [Find out more.](#)

Get Into Dentistry Conference

11th November, 09:30-15:00

Dental Mentor are running a one-day, online conference for students aged 14 or above who are interested in becoming a dentist. It will cover what it's like to be a dentist, perspectives from recent successful and

Banbury & Bicester College

11th November, 09:30-12:30

Banbury & Bicester College are holding an open evening for students and their parents/carers to explore the newly renovated campus and facilities, meet teachers, tutors, support staff and students and find out about the courses on offer. [Find out more.](#)

Discover! Creative Careers Week

13th-17th November

Students aged 11-18 can hear about different job roles and career pathways across the creative industries, supported by a suite of lesson plans and resources. Download a flyer. Register by 6th October. [Find out more.](#)

Brookes Undergraduate Open Day

18th November

Oxford Brookes University are holding an undergraduate open day to give students and their parents/carers the opportunity to find out what it's like to be a student at Brookes and get an insight into their courses and the support they offer. [Find out more.](#)

Escape Studios Open Event

18th November

Escape Studios are holding an open day for students to find out about their degrees in animation, games and visual effects (VFX), which are designed with industry partners and explore their new campus. [Find out more.](#)

Solicitor Apprenticeships Webinar

21st November, 18:30-19:15

This insight webinar with Dentons is for Year 10-13 students who are interested in a career in law and their parents/carers and will inform them about what a solicitor apprenticeship is and how the programme works. [Register here.](#)

City of Oxford College Open Evening

22nd November, 16:30-19:30

Students and their parents/carers can attend this open event at the City of Oxford College to meet tutors and current students and find out about the courses and facilities at the college. [Find out more.](#)

ACE Training Open Mornings

25th November, 27th January and 24th February, 10:00-12:00 on

ACE Training are holding open mornings for students interested in a career in construction and their parents/carers to drop in to see the workshops, meet the team and find out about apprenticeships and pre-apprenticeships in bricklaying and carpentry. [Download a poster.](#)

Discover BP Apprenticeships

apprentices from bp who will provide invaluable insight and advice and answer questions. Attendees will also gain an understanding of the apprenticeship opportunities and life at bp. [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.](#)

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.](#)

Service Children Pupil Voice Event

6th December, 09:45-14:30

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.](#)

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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