

OxLEP Skills: Picks of the Week

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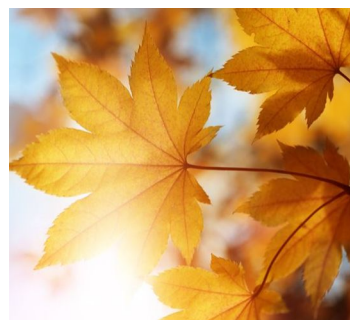


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Picks of the Week: 3rd October 2023

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.



From OxLEP Skills

Oxford University Hospitals Teacher Workplace Encounter

[Download a poster](#)

We have organised a Teacher Workplace Encounter with Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust on **12th October from 12:15-15:30**, which will give up to twelve teachers the opportunity to immerse themselves in the workplace by attending an on-site industry experience at the John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford, funded by Oxfordshire Careers Hub. A £125 bursary is available to cover costs.

Participating teachers will visit a number of active hospital departments and find out about employment opportunities and NHS career pathways, including apprenticeships and work experience.

There are still a few spaces available -.please email susan.ledgard-hoile@oxfordshirelep.com by **5th October** to sign up.

A Conversation With... Construction

<https://careersleadersconstruction.eventbrite.co.uk>

We are holding an event for **Careers Leads and teachers**, which will include an information session,

Employers Willmott Dixon and Hill Group (TBC) will showcase the various programme available to young people, including apprenticeships and share information and guidance on entering the industry. There will also be an opportunity to network with businesses operating within the construction industry in Oxfordshire.

Abingdon & Witney College will lead tours of their recently opened construction learning facilities and share information with you about the courses they have available focusing on green skills within construction, so that you can advise your students about these.

Oxfordshire Events



Oxford STEM Fest

<https://scienceoxford.com/oxford-stem-fest-to-shine-light-on-stem-careers-this-october>

Oxford Instruments' STEM Fest is for **students in Year 9 and above** and will take place on **24th October from 13:00-16:00** at the Science Oxford Centre in Headington. Attendees will meet speakers from academia, start-ups and industry giants and enjoy hands-on interactive experiments in the 'innovation zone'.

Other Events

T Levels Celebration Week

<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/explore-your-education-and-training-choices/t-levels>

This week is T Levels Celebration Week (**2nd-6th October**). The National Careers Service T Levels page contains some useful information and short films that you could share with students and the [Amazing Apprenticeships T Levels newsletter](#) has links to a free resource bundle, including a student activity pack.





[Link to register](#)

This insight webinar with Dentons on **21st November from 18:30-19:15** 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.

Careers Programmes & Work Experience

STEM Insight Week

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

Science Oxford are running a STEM Insight Week for Year 10 and 11 students during October half term (**23rd-27th October**). They will meet a variety of people working in STEM businesses and take part in workshops to help them develop skills for higher education and work. Applications close: **11th October**.



Science Oxford In-School STEM Activities

STEM Career Days

<https://scienceoxford.com/schools/secondary-schools/stem-career-days>

Bookings are open for these in-person, bespoke STEM Career Days. Career Days are a full day 'off timetable' for a whole year group (up to a maximum of 200 students), suitable for **Year 7, 8 or 9 students**, and are tailored to individual school requirements. You could choose a 'Challenge Day' or a 'Carousel' of activities and build some of their STEM Skills Workshops into the programme for the day. Each day is rounded off with a talk to highlight the value of STEM skills across a wide range of roles and to inspire STEM careers. A day costs £495+VAT (including 2 members of staff).

STEM Skills Workshops

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

These in-school Skills Workshops give young people an insight into the STEM industry, possible careers and life-based skills. These 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**.

Early Career Programmes & Apprenticeships in Horseracing

<https://careersinracing.com/early-careers-programmes-apprenticeships>

Have your students ever thought about a career in the horseracing industry? There are various career paths they can take, some of which they may never have even thought about and a wide range of training available to support them on their journey.

Foundation training at racing schools, the National Horseracing College and the British Racing School leads to completing an apprenticeship in a racing yard, which allows you to work hands-on with horses.

There is also an option for those that want to work with horses but maybe don't want to ride. The National Stud offers an Entry to Stud Employment Course for those with no experience handling horses, leading to a role in the breeding industry.

If media interests your students, then there is the Racing Media Academy who provide students with work experience and training at some of the largest media companies within Horseracing. This involves a one-week course at the British Racing School, followed by a paid placement in one of the many racing media outlets. Applications are invited in November.



Riot Games Esports Broadcasting Masterclasses

www.eventbrite.com/e/riot-games-esports-broadcasting-cadetship-with-1000-dreams-fund-tickets-718043686997

1,000 Dreams Fund and their partner Riot Games want to help up and coming women in esports production and gaming. They are running a series of 4 masterclasses to give an insight into Riot Games and the world of esports broadcasting and production, starting on **1st November at 18:00** and running until January 2024.

They are also offering women 18+ the opportunity to apply for a three month paid cadetship at Riot

Awards & Competitions



Young Scientists of the Year

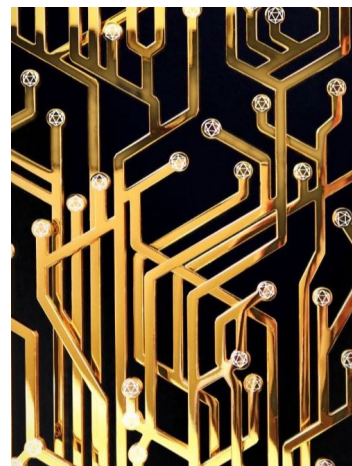
<https://scienceoxford.com/events/young-scientists-year-2>

Nominations are now open for Science Oxford's Young Scientists of the Year, which recognises hard work, commitment and achievement in science for **Year 13 students**. Nominations close: **15th October**. The awards will take place on **16th November from 18:00-21:00** at the Science Oxford Centre in Headington.

Create The Trophy Competition

<https://qeprize.org/trophy>

Every year, the Queen Elizabeth Prize for Engineering trophy is found through the 'Create the Trophy' competition. The competition gives **young people aged 14-24** the opportunity to get involved, testing their design skills using the latest in 3D-design technology - the free QEPrize 3D Design Studio app. Closing date: **11th December**.



For Careers Leaders

Help To Hit Gatsby Benchmark 4

<https://pathwayctm.com/teacher-zone/gatsby-4-videos> (account required)

On the Pathway CTM Teacher Zone (login required), there are careers in the curriculum videos that you can embed in your lessons, which look at how school subjects can relate to the world of work. Featuring some of Pathway CTM's employer partners such as PwC, Channel 4 and Thales, employees from these

The videos cover different subjects and are around 5-12 minutes long, making them an easy and accessible way to help you hit your GBM4 target.



Amazon Class Chats

<https://amazonfutureengineer.springpod.com>

Inspire your students about future career pathways in tech with live Class Chats delivered by experts from Amazon. They'll have the opportunity to explore the many exciting careers in the tech industry and find out what they need to get there. Check out the Class Chat schedule or choose the on-demand experience at a time that suits you.

Overview of Ofsted Thematic Survey of CEIAG

www.outstandingcareers.co.uk/ofsted?aid=33248

This blog from Janet Colledge, AKA Careers Defender, published on Monday 2nd October, summarises the [independent review of careers guidance by Ofsted](#) which was published on 29th September. As well as covering the main findings, Janet highlights the bits that Careers Leaders need to be aware of. The next in the blog series will look at the recommendations.

Outstanding Careers Provision: Managing the Costs

<https://complete-careers.com/conference-october-2023>

This virtual conference on **11th October from 09:30-13:00** will consider key recent career related policy and practice with a focus on what Careers Leaders and practitioner realistically can do. This conference will help Careers Leaders and practitioners to appreciate their worth and the limitations of their capacity within their budget, resources and qualifications/experience. Hear simple, effective and practical methods to help you influence change or share the workload in your organisation and protect the most valuable resource – you!

National Virtual Professional Careers Forum

www.linkedin.com/feed/update/urn:li:activity:7114522841001115648

If you would like to join over 200+ other passionate careers professionals, email Julie Poppleton at j.poppleton@chaseterraceacademy.co.uk and she will add you to the delegate list.

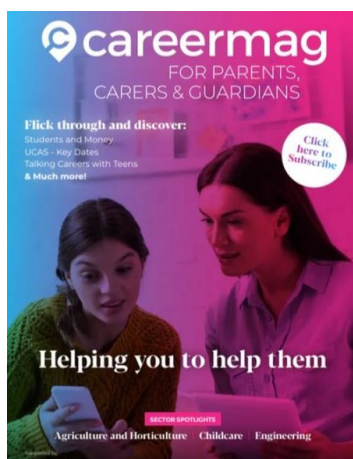
ERSA Youth Employment Forum

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-youth-employment-forum-employer-partnerships-tickets-726677651417

The Employment Related Services Association (ERSA) Youth Employment Forum, in partnership with Youth Futures Foundation, are holding an online forum on **23rd October from 10:00-11:30**, which will focus on building partnerships with employers. There will be presentations the Prince's Trust and AutoNoMe, on their approach.



Resources



Careermag for Parents/Carers

<https://careermag.co.uk/careermag-parents-carers-guardians>

The latest edition of Careermag for Parents, Carers & Guardians from Careermag is now available. It contains expert guides, tips and advice to help them 'talk careers with teens' and support their young people on post 16 and 18 options, money, UCAS and more.

University Guide 2023-24

<https://mc.successatschool.org/university23>

The Success at School University Guide 2023-2024 for parents and carers is now available to download. It covers everything from UCAS to accommodation to studying abroad and includes expert, first-hand advice from universities and employers.



Inspirational Women in STEM

With [Ada Lovelace Day](#) coming up on **10th October**, you might be thinking of talking to your students about her and other inspiring women in STEM. Here are some ideas...

Marie Curie (1867-1934):

Marie Curie was a pioneering physicist and chemist known for her groundbreaking research on radioactivity. She was the first woman to win a Nobel Prize and remains the only person to have won Nobel Prizes in two different scientific fields (Physics in 1903 and Chemistry in 1911).

Amelia Earhart (1897-1937):

Amelia Earhart was a pioneering aviator and the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean. Her adventurous spirit and determination broke gender barriers in aviation. Her legacy encourages young girls to pursue careers in aviation and other male-dominated fields.

Mary Jackson (1921-2005):

Mary Jackson was an American mathematician and aerospace engineer who worked for NASA. She made vital contributions to the field of aerospace engineering and helped break down racial and gender barriers in the space industry. Her mathematical expertise played a critical role in her work at NASA.

These women, like Ada Lovelace, defied societal norms and made groundbreaking contributions to their respective STEM fields. Their stories serve as powerful examples of what can be achieved with passion and dedication and they continue to inspire young female students to pursue careers in STEM.



Focus on Female Engineers

<https://constructive-voices.com/category/women-in-engineering>

This inspiring and thought-provoking podcast series features remarkable female engineers talking about their jobs and career journeys.

www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/influencers/student-activity-packs

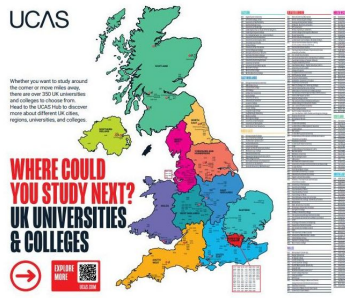
These interactive activity packs aim to inform students about apprenticeships and traineeships and inspire them to think about their career options. There are packs for **Year 7-9 students** and **Year 12-13 students**.

STUDENT APPRENTICESHIP GUIDE

For students in years 12 to 13 considering apprenticeships as a career option.



UCAS



UCAS Uni/College Map Poster

[Download the poster](#)

This poster 'Where could you study next?' shows UK universities and colleges on a map to help students see where they are located.

The Parent Perspective

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

Episode 4 of The Parent Perspective podcast is now available. This episode looks at how employers are supporting real diversity in apprenticeships and asking how does that impact diversity in the workplace.



Apprenticeships & School Leaver Programmes



[Download a flyer](#)

SOFEA have created a new pre-apprenticeship programme for **16-18 year olds** who aren't quite ready for an apprenticeship. This is a 1 year programme that includes 3 days a week paid placements in sectors such as hospitality, warehousing and admin. They are taking expressions of interest for September 2024 - please email Ria@sofea.uk.com.

Hill

www.hill.co.uk/trainees

Through their Management Trainee Programme, Hill are committed to developing housebuilding professionals of the future. The programme, similar to a degree apprenticeship, enables trainees to be paid a competitive salary whilst working towards a BSc (Hons) degree. Trainees will have a guaranteed job when they graduate.



AWE

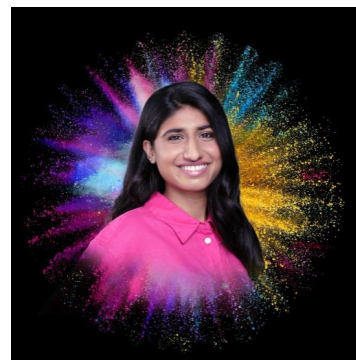
www.awe.co.uk/careers/early-careers/apprenticeships

For nearly 70 years, AWE have been at the forefront of nuclear weapons research and development. Their applications are now open for a variety of roles in the Reading area, including nuclear engineering, metrology technician, quality inspector, business admin, HR, lab technician and ICT.

Deloitte

<https://apply.deloitte.co.uk/UKEarlyCareers>

Deloitte are currently recruiting for their BrightStart Higher Apprenticeships in roles like assurance and audit in a range of locations. Apprentices get on-the-job experience from day one, with fast progression on a structured career path.



Dates For Your Diary

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

The Henley College Information Evening

3rd October, 17:30-20:00

The Henley College are holding an information evening where students and their parents/carers can tour the campus and facilities and meet teaching staff and current students. [Find out more.](#)

European Fusion Teacher Day

6th October, 14:00-17:00

This virtual event organised by FuseNet is for science and physics teachers. It aims to introduce nuclear fusion to teachers so that they can share their knowledge and create enthusiasm for the field of fusion at the secondary education level. Educational materials are also available, which will be introduced during the event. [Find out more.](#)

Brookes Undergraduate Open Day

7th October

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.](#)

Get Into Medicine Conferences

7th & 8th October, 09:30-15:30.

Medic Mentor are running a series of one-day, online conferences for students aged 14 or above who are interested in becoming a doctor. They will cover topics including the application process, UCAT & BMAT and how to gain work experience. [Find out more.](#)

Oxford Science + Ideas Festival

7th-28th October

IF Oxford features a wide range of inspirational events, talks and workshops for all ages covering a huge variety of topics. [Find out more.](#)

Role Model Week 2023

9th-13th October

The 3rd annual Role Model Week from Founders4Schools will celebrate role models and their importance for future career success. Register for a starter pack to give you ideas about how your school can take part. [Find out more.](#)

Ada Lovelace Day

10th October

[out more.](#)

Howden Insurance Careers Day

12th October, 10:00-14:30

Howden are holding a 'world of insurance' careers day for students aged 16+ at Ascot Racecourse. Students can take part in skills sessions, a mini carers fair and a Q&A session with current employees about their career journeys. Lunch and a tour are included. [Find out more.](#)

North Oxfordshire Apprenticeship Fayre

12th October, 16:00-18:00

North Oxfordshire Apprenticeship Fayre will take place at Lock29 in Banbury and is for anyone wanting to find out about apprenticeships both locally and nationally. Please share the poster with staff, students and parents/carers and put it up across your schools to ensure everyone knows it's on! [Download a poster.](#)

IBM Early Careers Webinar

17th October, 18:30-19:30

This webinar is for Year 10-13 students and their parents/carers. They will learn about many different opportunities available at IBM and hear from some of their current interns about their experience so far. [Find out more.](#)

Parents/Carers Creative Careers Webinar

18th October, 18:30-19:30

During this webinar, parents/carers can hear from four creative industry employers about roles available and the importance of creative skills in the workplace. [Register here.](#)

Property Needs You

24th October, 10:00-15:00

This online taster day takes place is a collaboration between twelve of the UK's largest real estate consultancies. It will give attendees an insight into careers in property, from building to selling and includes a speed meet session, practical task and Q&A. [Find out more.](#)

British Army Apprenticeships

7th November, 16:00

As the Army celebrates it's 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

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 current applicants, application advice, interviews and more. [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.](#)

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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

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](#)

[Into Games](#)

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