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Picks of the Week: 4th July 2023

Please share the links in this week's Picks of the Week with your students, parents/carers and colleagues. If you have anything you'd like to share in a future issue, please get in touch at skills@oxfordshirelep.com



From OxLEP Skills

Congratulations to our Careers Champions!

www.linkedin.com/company/oxfordshirecareershubs

This week (3rd-7th July) is The Careers & Enterprise Company's week-long celebration of Careers Champions. The week will celebrate the hard work of the unsung heroes who work tirelessly to help every young person find their best next step.

At our School Leaders Conference last week, we awarded certificates of recognition to six wonderful Oxfordshire Careers Champions - congratulations to them all!

- North Oxfordshire - Sam Baker, The Cooper School
- West Oxfordshire - Helen Haines, Burford School
- City of Oxford - Jess Manns, Greyfriars Catholic School
- South Oxfordshire - Lindsay Powell, Europa School
- Oxfordshire Special School - Annie Hawkins, Mabel Prichard School
- Shining Star - Caroline Craft, Gosford Hill School

Each day his week, we will be telling you all about one of our amazing award winners on our Oxfordshire Careers Hub LinkedIn page - please [check out our page](#) and follow the campaign using the hashtag #CECCareersChampions.

[Download the slides](#)

We wanted to make you aware that we have created a set of slides to support training providers with preparing a meaningful provider encounter, as they may refer to this when working with you to plan an encounter. The first 6 slides give the providers the information they need to make their encounter meaningful and slide 7 onwards contain information and resources which they choose to use alongside information about their own offer. The slides are also available on [our new website](#).

High Sheriff Young Engineer Awards

www.lucygroup.com/high-sheriff-young-engineer-awards-winners-2023

We attended the annual High Sheriff Young Engineer Awards on 26th June at Abingdon & Witney College. The awards recognise students who show great promise in the fields of engineering, resistant materials and design technology. Schools across the county were invited to nominate students aged 12-18 across three age categories, Years 12 & 13, Years 10 & 11 and Years 8 & 9.

Entries were judged by a panel, including representatives from Lucy Electric, The Engineering Trust and Abingdon & Witney College. The panel said that this years was particularly competitive, with some of the strongest entries they've ever seen. It was great to see so many of the schools and colleges in the Careers Hub being represented by their talented students! The finalists are below:

Year 12 & 13 Award

- Winner: Kye Gustafsson – Abingdon & Witney College
- 2nd place: Michael Vereker – King Alfred's Academy
- Joint 3rd place: Emily Saunders – UTC Oxfordshire
- Joint 3rd place: Olivia Estevez – Wood Green School

Year 10 & 11 Award

- Winner: Tom Wigley – St Birinus
- 2nd place: Lilly Broome – Burford School
- Joint 3rd place: Jed Thorburn – Futures Institute
- Joint 3rd place: Leon Conway – Burford School

Year 8 & 9 Award

- Winner: Lucy Busson – Fitzharry's
- 2nd place: Olivia Taylor – Chipping Norton School

Team Award

High Sheriff Award

- Winner: Kye Gustafsson – Abingdon & Witney College

You can find out more about the students and their projects [here](#). For more information on the High Sheriff Young Engineer Awards, please contact Marea Brown on tel: 01235 216 301 or 0758 320 6924, or email: marea.brown@abingdon-witney.ac.uk.



Events



STEMFest 2023

<https://learnliveuk.com/stemfest>

STEMFest 2023 is a virtual exhibition from **4th-6th July** for future scientists, technicians, engineers and mathematicians to find out all about the companies who are exhibiting. This year the zones are Space, Technology (Cyber Security), Environment & Energy and Manufacturing.

Uni Session for Parents/Carers

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ox4ox-families-a-guide-to-university-supporting-your-child-tickets-611116835907

The Access Team at Trinity College, University of Oxford are offering an online sessions for **parents/carers of Year 10-12 students on 6th July from 18:00-19:30**, giving a guide to the University and the application process. Please share the flyer with parents and carers at your school.





T Level Placements Insight

<https://event.webinarjam.com/register/736/vyxm6ivgk>

Parents and carers are invited to join CareermapTV and Pearson live on **27th July at 17:00** to learn more about T Levels, from the structure of a typical programme and understanding the industrial placement to the progression opportunities available.

University of Oxford Chemistry Conference

<https://chem.web.ox.ac.uk/event/autumn-chemistry-conference-2023>

The University of Oxford Department of Chemistry are holding a conference on **28th September from 16:00-18:00 for Year 12 and 13 students and their teachers** to find out more about the cutting edge research happening in the field of chemistry and the department.

The conference will feature talks from Professor Tom Brown (Professor of Nucleic Acid Chemistry in the Departments of Chemistry and Oncology) and Professor Claire Vallance (Professor of Physical Chemistry in the Department of Chemistry).

The department are arranging for Oxford colleges to give a brief college tour before the event (capacity permitting), which would be incorporated into your visit. If you would like to attend the conference in person, please complete the [school visit booking form](#) specifying how many students you would be bringing and which college you would prefer to tour (please note that we cannot guarantee a college tour before the conference).

If you have any questions, please email Matt Fifield from the Chemistry Department at:

outreach@chem.ox.ac.uk.

Careers Programmes & Work Experience

Get Ready 4 Work

<https://oxme.info/news/get-ready-4-work-programme-0>

The Get Ready 4 Work Programme is a 7-week programme for **young people aged 17-18** looking for support with getting ready for work. Sessions will cover:

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- Job searching
- Interview skills
- Making a CV
- Applying for jobs and courses

Starting from **18th July**, the sessions will take place on **Tuesdays from 11:00-13:00**, in the Community Space at the Westgate Library, Oxford.

Students can sign up for the Get Ready 4 Work Programme by contacting the EET team directly at eetreferrals@oxfordshire.gov.uk. [Download a flyer](#).

Summer Reading Challenge Volunteering

www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/leisure-and-culture/libraries/volunteering-oxfordshire-libraries/summer-reading-challenge

Oxfordshire Libraries are looking for volunteers **aged 13+** to help with the Summer Reading Challenge. Volunteers will help during the summer holidays to sign children up for the challenge and give out rewards. They could also get involved in events, displays and other library activities. Their support will help children keep up their reading fluency through the long school holidays whilst having lots of fun!

They are looking for people who are reliable, enthusiastic, organised, enjoy working with children and confident talking to their parents and carers. The minimum age for a volunteer is 13 however, those under 16 will need their parent or carer's permission. Volunteers 16 and over will need a reference from someone who is not a friend or family member.

For Careers Leaders

DfE and UCAS partnership

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/workshops-webinars>

Join this webinar on **4th July from 15:30-16:00** to learn more about the partnership between the Department for Education and UCAS and their plans to share apprenticeship vacancies across systems.



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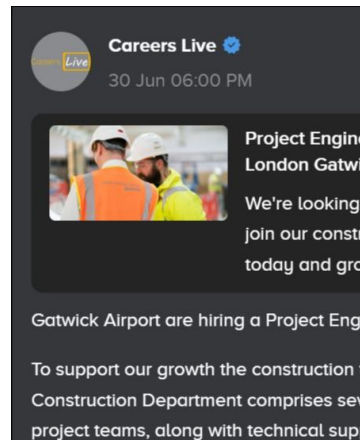
www.gov.uk/government/publications/apprenticeships-bursary-for-care-leavers/apprenticeships-care-leavers-bursary-policy-summary

The Apprenticeship Care Leaver Bursary will be increasing from 1st August to £3,000, which is for eligible apprentices who are in care or are care leavers. The bursary aims to help remove financial barriers that care experienced apprentices may have in accessing or completing an apprenticeship.

The Careers Wall

<https://careersliveuk.com>

The Careers Wall is an interactive live news feed from Careers Live which features current jobs, work placements, information on businesses and more. You can comment, like and bookmark posts and develop ongoing contacts with employers for future interaction and to extend your network.



Maths4Girls Webinar

<https://mailchi.mp/founders4schools/m4gwebinar12thjuly>

Maths4Girls are holding a webinar on **12th July from 17:00-17:30** for anyone interested in finding out more about the aim of Maths4Girls, what it offers and how the online platform works. You will also have the opportunity to ask any questions.

Resources

www.topapprenticeshipemployers.co.uk

The new Top 100 Apprenticeship Employers and Top 50 SME Apprenticeship Employers for 2023 were launched during a special live broadcast on 29th June. Congratulations to Oxfordshire employers Darke & Taylor and Ignite Sport for making the top 50!

TOP 100 SME Apprenticeship Employers Rankings 2023

The Top 100 SME Apprenticeship Employers celebrates England's outstanding small & medium-sized apprenticeship employers in 2023, recognising their commitment to creating new apprenticeships, the diversity of their apprentices, and the number of apprentices who successfully achieve their apprenticeships. The rankings are produced annually by the Department for Education, in partnership with High Flyers Research, who independently assess and rank the nation's top apprenticeship employers.

Rank	Employer	Industry	Rank	Employer	Industry
1	Lee Manley Accountancy	Accountancy	36	Lyness & Kustant	Construction
2	100 UK Builders for Business	Construction services	37	Metrolink	Logistics & Transport
3	FD Packs	Business services	38	Blackby Waterports	Leisure, Hospitality & Retail
4	Edmentum	Education	39	Landis Dental Products	Manufacturing
5	Leas Fleet Hire Solutions	Logistics	40	Ortiva	Engineering services
6	Green Recruitment	Recruitment	41	Interconnect UK	Energy services
7	Adaptive	Advertising	42	Unit Connect	Recruitment
8	Green Recruitment Care	Recruitment	43	First Capital Network	Construction
9	Bluebird Technology Solutions	Technology	44	West Wymondley	Building services
10	Beacons	Business services	45	East View Ltd	Manufacturing
11	Contemporary Values	Recruitment	46	David Colvin	Manufacturing
12	Jama Institute	Logistics	47	Overprints Group	Business services
13	LL Group	Business services	48	Avia Motors	Manufacturing
14	Dot Networx Caster	Business services	49	Brand The Children	Education
15	Roe Brickwork	Construction	50	Westparent	Business services
16	Electro	Business services	51	Westport	Recruitment
17	South County Outdoor	Leisure	52	Goodbourne Hubby	Manufacturing
18	Smiths Cable Group	Manufacturing	53	Claydon Centre Children	Education
19	Avanti Response	Health & Social Care	54	Ignite Sport	Leisure, Hospitality & Retail
20	UK 24	Manufacturing	55	Ignite Engineering	Manufacturing
21	Leas Fleet Hire Solutions	Logistics	56	IGC City Business	Education
22	Leas Fleet Hire Solutions	Logistics	57	Blackbird Building	Manufacturing
23	IG Recruitment	Business services	58	ALC Group	Engineering & Industrial
24	Sen-Light	Business services	59	IGC	Education
25	DealsDirect.com	Construction	60	Robson Precision	Manufacturing

Entry Criteria: From 1st April 2023, the Top 100 SME Apprenticeship Employers were open to apprenticeship employers with 10-249 employees and a minimum of 3 apprentices. Each employer entering for the ranking provided three key pieces of data - the number of apprentices that started a new apprenticeship with the employer from 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023, the quantity of their new apprentices, and the number of apprentices that successfully completed apprenticeships during the year. Employer entry data was independently verified, weighted according to the size of the employer, workload, and then scored, in order to calculate the 2023 rankings.



June Parents & Carers Pack

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

The June edition of the Amazing Apprenticeships Parents & Carers Pack explores green apprenticeships, apprenticeships in the fashion industry, active outdoor apprenticeships, advice on finding an LGBTQ+ inclusive employer and more.

Apprenticeship Poster Pack

www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/influencers/resources-for-schools

A suite of new Amazing Apprenticeships posters have been developed to help schools to promote the fantastic opportunities available through career starter apprenticeships and signposts students on where to find out more.



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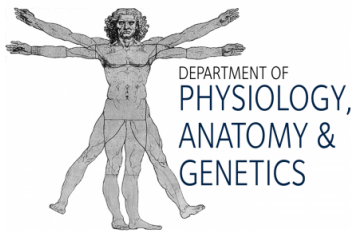
<https://lifetimetraining.co.uk/personal/apprenticeship-vacancies/mandb>

Mitchells & Butlers have lots of apprenticeship opportunities, including chef and bar & waiting apprenticeships at The Trout in Wolvercote! A great way to start a career in hospitality with some fantastic benefits, including a 33% staff discount.

Thames Valley Police

<https://tvpcareers.co.uk/roles/police-officer>

Thames Valley Police are currently recruiting for their Police Constable Degree Apprenticeship. The majority of time for new apprentice recruits will be in force on frontline duties and they will earn a starting salary of £29,682 p/a. Applicants must be 18+ by their 1st day in the role.



University of Oxford

www.apprenticeships.ox.ac.uk/vacancies

The University of Oxford is currently recruiting for an Apprentice Administration and Events Assistant in the Department of Physiology, Anatomy & Genetics. The apprentice will complete an 18-month Level 3 Business Administrator Apprenticeship qualification. Closing date: 17th July.

Dates For Your Diary

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

Youth Employment Week

3rd-7th July

Youth Employment UK have announced this the launch of a new annual event. Youth Employment Week will celebrate all things youth employment and will focus on the theme for this year of 'Opportunities for

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Festival of Apprenticeships (London)

4th July

Festival of Apprenticeships is a roadshow exhibition promoting and celebrating all things apprenticeships.

[Find out more.](#)

Parents/Carers Uni Webinars

6th July

The Access Team at Trinity College, University of Oxford are offering two online sessions for parents/carers of Year 10-12 students, giving a guide to the University and the application process. They can choose to attend one or both sessions. Please share the flyer, which has the registration link, with parents and carers at your school. [Register here.](#)

Into Games Festival

12th July, 10:00-14:00

This event takes place in Brighton and will also be live streamed. It aims to help people interested in a career in the games industry to make connections and develop their skills to help them get started in their dream role. [Register here.](#)

Metropolitan Police Engineering Apprenticeships

12th July, 15:00-16:00

This webinar with the Met Police's Operational Support Unit will explain how engineering apprentices can kickstart their career and work on surveillance solutions that help to keep people safe. [Find out more.](#)

Oxford Careers Fair

1st September, 10:00-14:00

Oxford Careers Fair takes place at Oxford Town Hall. With a range of employers exhibiting, there will be opportunities to consider for individuals of all ages and abilities. [Find out more.](#)

University of Oxford Open Day

15th September

The University of Oxford are holding undergraduate open days, giving students the opportunity to have a look around and talk to tutors. [Register here.](#)

National Manufacturing Day

28th September

National Manufacturing Day will see factories and sites opening their doors to give an insight into the sector through open events and tours, giving students the opportunity to find out about jobs and careers in manufacturing. Employers will be adding their events to an interactive map. [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

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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.](#)

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](#)

[Disability Rights UK Get Ahead](#)

[Provider Access Legislation](#)

[Careers Leader Training](#)

[Into Games](#)

[Amazing Apprenticeships](#)

[Your Game Plan](#)

[Find Your Future](#)

[Choices post 16 resource](#)

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