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Picks of the Week: 5th December 2023

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From OxLEP Skills

Apprenticeships Webinar for Parents/Carers

<https://careersliveuk.com/partner/oxfordshire-careers-hub>

We are teaming up with LearnLive to run an apprenticeships awareness broadcast for parents and carers (students are encouraged to attend too!) on **6th February 2024 from 18:00-19:00**, which is during **National Apprenticeship Week**. 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 a live chat with the speakers.

Please share this link with your parents/carers and students. **Please note: when visiting the registration page, click on 'Upcoming events' to see the details of the broadcast.** We will share a flyer and social media graphics in due course to help you spread the word.





UK University Search Fairs

www.ukuniversitysearch.com/fair-signup

There are lots of UK University & Apprenticeship Search fairs taking place at universities and stadiums next spring, including at Oxford Brookes University on **12th June**. The fairs give students the opportunity to meet universities and apprenticeship providers and attend seminars.

Careers Programmes & Work Experience

Work Experience for Young People With SEND

As part of [SEND Live 2024](#), Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) are offering up to 10 young people with SEND the opportunity to do work experience at, and in preparation for, the event. These roles include IT and technology, catering, event preparation and event management (job descriptions available to download below). There is scope for roles in additional areas for the right candidates.

- [Catering job description](#)
- [Event management job description](#)
- [Event preparation job description](#)
- [IT and technology job description](#)

Please share these with young people who may be interested in the roles and support them to understand the role and then apply if they want to.

Applications can be made via an expression of interest, a written paragraph, drawings, or photos of why the young person is interested in the role and sent to Lydia.martin@oxfordshire.gov.uk. Applicants successful at this first stage will be offered a 1:1 discussion in person or via teams with the OCC SEND Team to discuss further.

Deadline for applications: **Friday 22nd December**.

If applications cannot be made with the student for this date, please send an expression of interest on the young person's behalf and include information about why they would be suitable for the role. This can then be followed up with other applications. Successful candidates will be given support in the run up to the event, including visits to the venue and introductions to the staff they will be working with.

Oxme Refresh - Student Feedback Opportunity

<https://oxme.info/news/have-your-say-our-website>

The Education, Employment & Training Team at Oxfordshire County Council are redeveloping the Oxme website to give it an updated look and ensure it meets the needs of young people in the future.

To help them understand what young people want and need from the website, they are inviting **young people aged 13-19** to complete a feedback form, where they can share their thoughts on the website and what they would like to see on the re-developed site: <https://oxme.info/oxmeinfo-user-feedback-form>

They are also looking for young people to take part in a re-development interview with their developers, which is an opportunity to have further involvement in the re-design and learn how websites are created - this could be a good work experience opportunity for students interested in web design, IT or communications.

If you have any questions, please contact oxme@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Competitions

Step into the NHS

www.stepintothens.nhs.uk/secondary-schools

The Step into the NHS competition is for **Key Stage 3 students**. It has ready made lesson plans that include career related learning for your students, accompanied by the incentive of amazing prizes.

Students are challenged to choose an NHS career that interests them. Once chosen, they research the career's key responsibilities, skills, experience and qualifications via a job description activity sheet. This learning is then used to create a fun and lively job advertisement to appeal to their peers. There is a film to introduce the competition and a one lesson launch available to download.

Students can enter individually or in teams of up to four. Entries must be received no later than **23:59 on 30th April 2024**.



<http://chemistryrace.com>

Chemistry Race is an undergraduate student-led one-day competition for teams of **sixth form students** to tackle problems across the chemical sciences, aiming to stretch students who are interested in studying chemistry beyond the A Level curriculum. Registration opened on 4th December.

Royal Society of Chemistry Top of the Bench 2024

www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/visiting-and-outreach/outreach-events/rsc-top-bench-2024

What: this year's Top of the Bench Thames Valley local section heat to select the team to go forward to the national finals in 2024

When: 10th January 2024, 10:00-14:30

Who: teams of four students, made up of two Year 9, one Year 10 and one Year 11

Where: teams will compete against other schools at the University of Oxford's chemistry teaching labs

Further information: students need to be accompanied by an adult and must live or go to school in the Royal Society of Chemistry Thames Valley local section area to be eligible. Small bursaries are available for state funded schools to help with costs, please do ask for further details if this would help to make it possible for your school to attend

Contact: to register email: thames.valley.rsc@gmail.com

For Careers Leads

Springpod Careers Ambassadors

www.springpod.com/virtual-work-experience/careers-ambassador/WEXP-00210

Springpod has an on demand careers ambassador programme for **students aged 13+**, which provides them with the essential skills and knowledge to become a careers ambassador and gives them a certificate on completion. This is a great resource if you are thinking of developing a careers ambassador scheme.



Upgrading to Compass+ & Using Future Skills Questionnaire

find some useful links below:

- You can access a range of [Compass+ support resources](#) including the CEC's handy checklists to support you at every stage of your Compass+ journey
- Future Skills Questionnaire resources:-
 - [Implementation resources](#) (including checklist)
 - [SEND guidance](#)
 - [Learner Guide PowerPoint Presentation](#)
- View all of the resources to support you with [using Compass+ effectively with a partner platform](#)
- View the CEC's national webinar programme and [register for a webinar](#) or [watch a previous webinar recording](#)
- You can search and access [all Help Centre articles](#)
- have not yet upgraded to Compass+, you can find out more about [upgrading to Compass+](#)

If you have any questions about Compass+, please get in touch by emailing the team at Compassplus@careersandenterprise.co.uk

PRCA Schools Outreach Programme

www.prca.org.uk/schools

The Public Relations and Communications Association (PRCA) is the world's largest professional PR body, representing more than 35,000 PR professionals in 82 countries worldwide. They have a school outreach programme, which is designed to broaden the talent pool for the PR industry and inspire the next generation of public relations professionals.

They are working with their members and schools to educate **students aged 16 and over** on the benefits of a career in PR and communications. You can access a 'Get to know Public Relations' magazine and [careers in PR film](#) to share with students and request a PRCA member to speak to your students. [Register your interest](#).

Teacher Development Course on Careers

<https://resources.careersandenterprise.co.uk/resources/teacher-development-course>

This CEC course is designed to support subject teachers in understanding the role they play in careers education and how they can, through their subject, support young people to make informed choices about their best next step and potential career pathway.



Careers Advent Calendar

[Link to the advent calendar](#)

This free festive Careers at Christmas advent calendar from [Panjango](#) is perfect for use during form time or as a lesson starter activity.

Apprenticeships Explainer Film

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/resource/the-apprenticeship-assembly-film>

Amazing Apprenticeships have created an 8 minute long animated film which explains what apprenticeships are, highlights their benefits and addresses some commonly asked questions and misconceptions. It's perfect for assemblies or as an introduction to apprenticeships.



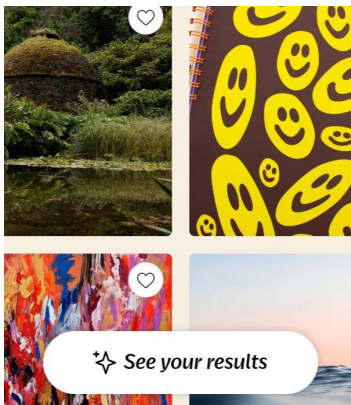
New Look CEC Resource Directory

<https://resources.careersandenterprise.co.uk>

The Careers & Enterprise Company have been working hard to improve the look and navigation of the platform so you can easily find the high-quality, tailored resources you need to make a difference in careers education. You can search over 400 resources in the directory.

<https://nationalschoolpartnership.com/initiatives/natwest-careersense>

In this free, easy-to-use, 1 hour workshop, **students aged 13-18** can explore key transferrable skills through a series of tasks, identifying when each skill is used and reflecting on their own capabilities. There is the option to have a bank ambassador join the workshop to help bring learning to life.



WonderWhat

www.wonderwhat.co.uk

WonderWhat is a creative careers finder for **13/14+ year olds**. It has a nice feature where students can click on images they like to receive ideas for 3 careers they might enjoy, with real time sector salary information, news and ideas for social accounts they could follow.

Apprenticeships

Aldi

www.aldirecruitment.co.uk/apprenticeships/stores-apprenticeship

Aldi offer two stores apprenticeship pathways - career starter (level 2 retailer, no qualifications required) and store management (also includes level 3 retail team leader, GCSE maths and English grade 4+ required). They are currently recruiting for both in Oxfordshire.



Dates For Your Diary

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

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.](#)

Accenture Apprenticeships Webinar

5th December, 18:30-19:30

Students in Years 10-13 and their parents/carers can join Accenture for an insight webinar to hear from apprentices and the recruitment team about starting a professional career within consultancy or technology and how to make their application stand out. [Register here.](#)

UK University Search Webinars

5th-7th December, 12:00-13:15

UK University Search are holding 3 online sessions that cover the key topics of applying, choosing and preparing for university. There will be live chat Q&A with representatives from the universities taking part, so students can ask questions. [Register here.](#)

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.](#)

NHS Careers Untapped

6th December, 16:30-18:00

This webinar is about careers in primary care and the community. Although featuring NHS employers in London, it will still provide a useful insight into clinical and non-clinical roles and career pathways in primary care. [Register here.](#)

We're Hiring! With Rare

6th December, 18:00-19:30

This virtual event with games studio Rare, students can find out about their new paid internships, what it's like to work in the studio, who you would be working with and what it takes to get hired. They can meet some of the staff and get tips on how to land that dream job. [Register here.](#)

Chemistry Conference at Trinity College

12th December, 15:45–16:45

Apprenticeships with Dunelm

12th December, 15:30

This webinar with the Dunelm Early Careers will introduce the range of apprenticeships they offer, including from finance, retail, sustainability, logistics, buying & merchandising and insight & analytics and the vacancies that will be available in 2024. [Register here.](#)

Army Apprenticeships & Scholarships

16th January, 18:30-19:30

This webinar offers valuable insight into educational and career opportunities within the Army and will discuss apprenticeships, bursaries and scholarships. Parents/carers and educators are encouraged to attend. [Register here.](#)

SOFEA Post 16 Options Evening

17th January, 17:15-19:00

SOFEA are holding an open evening for students and supporting adults to find out about SOFEA's post 16 options including, their pre-apprenticeship programme and their approach, tour the facilities and meet staff. [Register here.](#)

Women in the Army

23rd January, 11:00-12:00

At this webinar, students will hear how women make their mark in the Army and hear about a typical day for women in the Army. They will also be able to ask questions during an interactive Q&A. Download a poster. Deadline to apply: 5th January. [Register here.](#)

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.](#)

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.](#)

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

[Uni Taster Days](#)[Provider Access Legislation](#)[Careers Leader Training](#)[Into Games](#)[Amazing Apprenticeships](#)[Your Game Plan](#)[Find Your Future](#)

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