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Picks of the Week: 5th March 2024

Happy National Careers Week! Please share these links 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

OxGROW Virtual Mentoring

[Download a flyer](#)

Could you, or any of your colleagues, share your knowledge and experience to support local people (aged 18+) to get closer to employment through light touch virtual mentoring? It's a great way to develop your mentoring skills!

The OxGROW virtual mentoring platform, developed by OxLEP Skills in partnership with [Connectr](#), links volunteer mentors with people (18+) who are looking for support and guidance with how to successfully navigate the challenging world of job seeking, or looking to change career.

- ✓ Develop skills whilst making a real difference to the lives of local people
- ✓ Just 1 hour a week on average
- ✓ Mentors manage their availability
- ✓ Discover a diverse pool of potential talent
- ✓ Meet Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) goals
- ✓ Meaningful volunteering opportunity
- ✓ Free vacancy and event promotion

Email skills@oxfordshirelep.com to find out more about becoming a virtual mentor.

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 and watch the highlights of last year's event at:

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

You can now download the [student guide](#) to share with students who are attending during the day to help them plan for their visit and also those who aren't attending during the day to encourage them to register for the twilight session.

You can also download our [communications pack](#) to help you raise awareness of the parents/carers session. This includes graphics and text that you can share via social media and email, a press release and [flyer](#). The contents are dated to guide you as to what to share and when. Please share these via your own networks and share the pack with the person who looks after comms in your school and ask them to share via your channels. If you have any problems downloading the materials, please contact your Enterprise Coordinator.



Oxfordshire Events



Shakespeare Schools Festival

<https://bit.ly/ShakespeareSchools24>

A night of 4 abridged and adapted Shakespeare plays on **28th March from 19:00-22:00**, performed by Year 10-12 East Midlands school students at Magdalen College. A great opportunity to see unique versions of the plays and support young people with great aspirations as they take to the stage.

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

St John's College, University of Oxford are holding a History and History of Art Study Day for **Year 12 students** on **17th April**.

Attendees will meet Oxford tutors and students and experience academic taster sessions. Deadline to apply: **20th March**.

[Download a flyer.](#)

HISTORY AND HISTORY OF ART STUDY DAY
17TH APRIL

ABOUT US Apply by: 20th March

St John's College, Oxford, is pleased to announce that applications for our History and History of Art Study Day are now open! The Study Day is open to all Year 12 students attending a non-selective state school in the UK.

Are you thinking about studying History or History of Art at university? Would you like to meet Oxford tutors and students, and experience academic taster sessions? Sign up now!

WHAT'S INVOLVED?

- 📌 Academic taster sessions led by Oxford History and History of Art tutors
- 📌 Information on applying to History and History of Art at Oxford
- 📌 A Q&A session with current History and History of Art tutors and students
- 📌 A tour of St John's College and lunch in Hall

TO SIGN UP:

- 📌 Complete the application form on our website by the 20th March using this QR code
- 📌 All events are **free to attend**. For qualifying students, a travel grant is also available.

CONTACT US
@sjc_access

SIGN UP NOW!

Other Events



CRBE GWS Insight Session

<https://pathwayctm.com/event/cbregws-insight>

Global Workplace Solutions is one of real estate firm CBRE's biggest and fastest growing business units. They are holding a virtual insight session for **Year 11-13 students** on **7th March from 18:00-19:00** to find out about career opportunities available with CBRE GWS, including level 3 technical engineering roles.

Get a Reel Job Open Event

www.escapestudios.ac.uk/events/get-a-reel-job-breaking-into-animation-and-vfx

This open event at Escape Studios in London on **9th March from 10:00-16:00** is about breaking into animation and visual effects.

The morning session is designed for 10-16 year-olds and parents/carers and the afternoon session for ages 16+.





[Link to register](#)

At this event from Thames Valley Police on **17th March from 10:00-14:00** at Milton Keynes Blue Light Hub, students can explore the diverse career options available within the police, fire and ambulance services and meet people who work in them.

Lloyds Careers Live

www.lloydsbankinggrouptalent.com/why-lbg/careers-live

The next Lloyds Careers Live takes place on **2nd April from 17:00-18:00** and will look at their careers in client management and customer care.



Actuarial Careers Webinar Series

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd61Yh0YBIyBIFwvxUVor9eTNTF-HfHy4C9SOpYQJWEFE2vvQ/viewform>

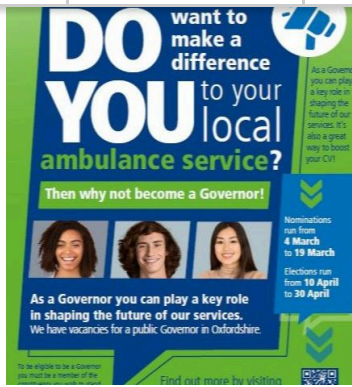
Success at School have partnered with the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries who are here to tell students about actuarial careers and where Maths can take you.

They are holding a series of three webinars ranging from what is an actuarial career and where could Maths take you? to an application skills masterclass with all the tips on how to ace interviews and pass numerical reasoning tests. Each webinar will be covering a different topic and they recommend students come to all three. The dates for the webinars are:

- 16th April 2024
- 30th April 2024
- 24th September 2024

Once students have [registered their interest](#), they will receive an email with more information about how to sign up.

Careers Programmes & Work Experience



www.scas.nhs.uk/elections

South Central Ambulance Service have a vacancy for a public governor in Oxfordshire. They are keen to recruit a young governor (must be **aged 16+**) to represent young people in Oxfordshire. Interested students can watch a 'day in the life of a young governor' film to find out more about the role. [Download a poster.](#)

The SAMEE Project

<https://samee.co.uk>

The SAMEE Project run an employability project for people with SEND interested in employment and particularly self-employment. They have different courses for young people to take part in including an employment centre and support with interviews and CVs and self-employment support.

They're based in Bournemouth but cover Oxfordshire, Berkshire and Thames Valley Reason. You can get in touch with the SAMEE team on 01202 424477 or 07967 452558 or email sam@samee.co.uk.

DigData Career Challenges

<https://digdata.online/library-resource>

Your students can gain virtual work experience with data champions. Complete the relevant registration form for your year group and they will send you all the information and tools required to complete their career challenges. On receipt of your work experience submittals you will receive a certificate. Each challenge takes around 7-10 days.



› [BT Career Challenge](#)



› [CACI Career Challenge](#)



› [ITV Career Challenge](#)



› [Lloyds Banking Group Career Challenge](#)

Ernst and Young Career Starters Programmes

www.ey.com/en_uk/careers/students/programmes/schools/ey-career-starters

These programmes are designed to help students in **Year 11 and 12** to discover more about an EY apprenticeship and the wealth of exciting career possibilities available to them.

networking with EY apprentices and leaders. There are two programme options available, Financial Futures and Female Tech Futures.



Brightside Online Mentoring

<https://brightside.org.uk>

Brightside aim to connect young people in **Years 10-13** facing **barriers** with inspiring mentors online. Their mentors share their experience and insights, giving young people a different perspective from home or school. If you have any questions, please email email nicole.meek@brightside.org.uk

Competitions

BAFTA Young Presenters

<https://bafta.org/youngpresenters>

BAFTA is looking for two winners, **aged 10-14 and 15 -18**, to host its events and content for children and young people at the London HQ and represent BAFTA at special events around the country. This year's theme is 'My Voice Matters'. [Download a poster](#). Deadline for entries: **17th April**.



Micro-Tyco

www.wildheartsgroup.com/microtyco

Micro-Tyco is a leading global entrepreneurship competition which challenges young people to work together and develop innovative solutions to address The United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. Deadline for initial submissions: **28th March**.

Top 10 Most Desirable Jobs

www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zcjhg2p

Doctor has topped the list of jobs teenagers want the most when they're older, up two places since last year according to the annual BBC Bitesize Careers survey of more than 4,000 13-16-year-olds. The NHS was the number 1 organisation they would like to work for.



Mapping the Apprenticeship Landscape Webinar

[Link to register](#)

RateMyApprenticeship are holding their first ever virtual coffee morning for schools and colleges on **14th March from 11:00-12:00**. The topic will be "Mapping the Apprenticeship Landscape in 2024" and will discuss key trends and insights into the apprenticeship market for 2024.

RateMyApprenticeship have seen a soaring interest in apprenticeships from students this year, with website visits increasing by 25%. They are becoming an increasingly hot topic and RateMyApprenticeship want to share some valuable insights with their careers network. They will be joined by an expert panel of employers, careers advisors and apprentices, who will be there to answer a live Q&A from the audience.

Their Future in our Hands Webinars

Their future in our hands is a two part webinar series for school and college advisors and educators on transitions and employment for people with SEND, being delivered in partnership with BASE and DFN Project Search.

Part 1, 13th March, 15:45

www.wholeschoolsend.org.uk/events/their-future-our-hands-part-one

Part 1 will explore the theme of school to career transitions, the benefits of employment, supported employment, the role of a school / college and how it fits with Ofsted requirements.

Part 2, 21st March, 15:45

www.wholeschoolsend.org.uk/events/their-future-our-hands-part-two

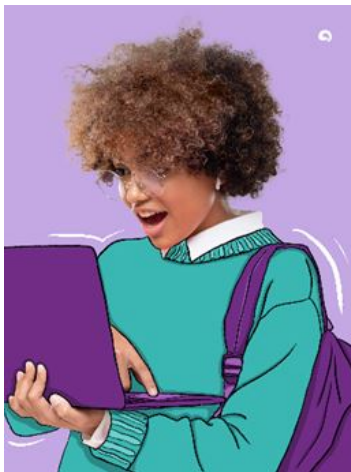
Part 2 will reflect on employment pathways, the Internships Work programme, how to bring it to life in schools and overcome barriers.

Unifrog Teacher and Advisor Conference

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/unifrog-teacher-and-advisor-conference-london-tickets-776826708597

This conference will take place on **23rd May from 09:30-15:15** in London. It's free to attend and includes lunch, snacks and a goody bag.

- Network with top employers and universities to get the latest opportunities for your students
- Gain exclusive insights on student intentions from Unifrog and other experts in the industry and advice on how best to support them
- Share and learn best practice tips from careers leaders at Unifrog schools and colleges
- Learn how using Unifrog's Placements tool, psychometric testing and PSHE lesson pack can streamline and strengthen your CEIAG strategy



Student Apprenticeship Survey

www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/ratemyapprenticeship-survey-schools

RateMyApprenticeship are conducting a survey to gather insights into what is driving student behaviours when it comes to their careers. The results of the survey will be shared in May. Please share with your students, who could win a £50 Amazon voucher for taking part.

ERIC Monthly Creative Careers Talks

www.meet-eric.com/register-school-talks

On the last Wednesday of every month from 12:30-13:00 ERIC hosts online talks for schools and colleges (20 mins talk, 10 mins Q&A). You can stream it live to your students to give them an overview of what the creative industries is, what creative careers look like and ask any questions they have.





www.youthemployment.org.uk/teachers-resources

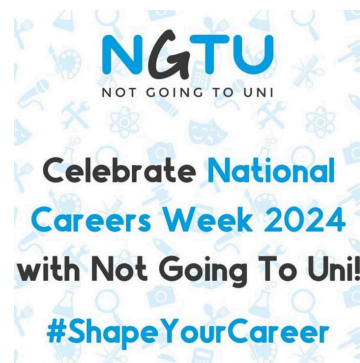
Join the YEUK Careers Education Community to receive monthly news and information including updates from them, their partners and government policy and access free, expert-led careers education resources.

Resources

NotGoingToUni Instagram

www.instagram.com/p/C34qjztMGeF/?hl=en

NGTU will be posting during NCW on Instagram, Facebook, X, LinkedIn and TikTok for their #ShapeYourCareer campaign. NGTU ambassadors will be taking over their Instagram stories every day to share career insights and answer questions.



NURSE

Meet **Kelby**, a level 5 Nursing Associate apprentice within the NHS.

Apprentice Story Films

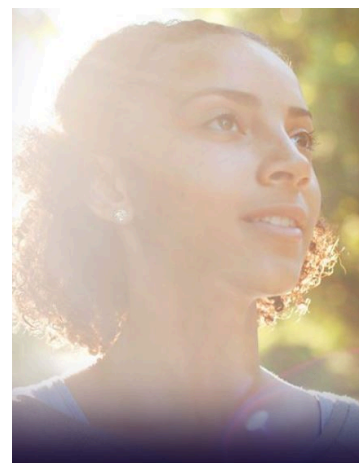
<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/ncw>

Inspire your students with Amazing Apprenticeships' collection of over 20 apprentice story films, featuring roles such as software engineer, chef, firefighter, sports business manager, nurse, zookeeper and more.

BBC Bitesize Careers

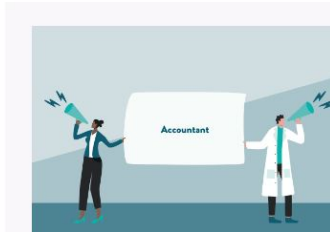
www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/groups/cj13rxxpq0vt

Inspire your **students aged 11 to 16** to explore their future careers with new videos, quizzes, job profiles, celebrity job swap and classroom activities. Join online each weekday during National Careers Week for 10-minute classroom activities covering a range of sectors and roles, including healthcare, art, creative and media and technical roles.



Jobs A-Z

1 to 10 of 631 results



Success at School

<https://successatschool.org>

The Success at School website has [33 Career Zones](#) and [600+ new job profiles](#) for your students to explore. The job profiles explain what you'll do in the role, the different ways to get there and the qualifications you need.

International Women's Day Flashcards

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/a-z-apprenticeships>

Amazing Apprenticeships have released the second volume of their 'Apprenticeship A-Z Flashcards' to mark International Women's Day on **8th March**. The 26 flashcards feature inspirational apprentices and their employers in a wide variety of industries and job roles.



February Parents & Carers Pack

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

This edition includes highlights from National Apprenticeship Week 2024, takes a look at functional skills, shares key insights into logistics apprenticeships and more.

T Levels Resources

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/t-levels>

Amazing Apprenticeships have a range of T Levels resources, including a new quick guide for parents and carers, which includes information about courses available, industry placements, progression routes and useful links.



T Levels Parents and Carers' guide

Learn more about T Levels with this Parents and Carers guide.

[VIEW RESOURCE](#)

The fashion industry and creative sector offer a broad range of roles that we often don't get to learn about. Here, Fashion Minority Report breaks down the responsibilities of each role and the skills required.

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Brand Strategist	P
Cc	P
CAD Technician	P

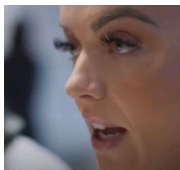
<https://fashionminorityreport.com/careers>

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Tech Jobs Quiz

www.bcs.org/it-careers/tech-job-quiz

This short quiz from the Chartered Institute for IT matches students' answers with the people working in real roles in the tech industry, who also took the quiz, to see which jobs might best suit them.



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designers at Prodrive

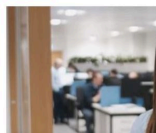
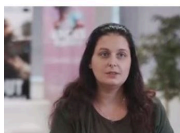


Seb
Junior Design Engineer at
Prodrive

Designing Your Future Films

www.designtechnology.org.uk/for-education/media-video-and-podcasts/videos

A set of videos from The Design & Technology Institute to inspire career choices for students in the design, engineering, creative, manufacturing and digital sectors..



Talking Law Podcast

<http://ow.ly/8ILQ30sAeS2>

Joanna Hughes is passionate about solicitor apprenticeships as a route into the legal profession. Dr Sally Penni MBE finds out why in a new episode of Talking Law Podcast, supported by Joanna Hughes Solicitor Apprenticeships.





<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/apprenticeships-with-the-british-army>

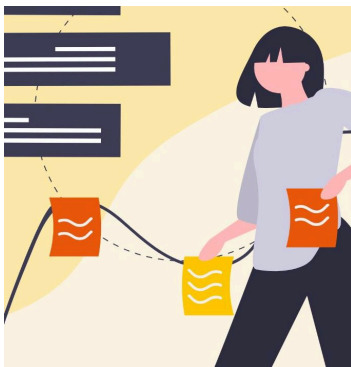
In partnership with Amazing Apprenticeships, the Army has released a new suite of resources which aim to inform and inspire students about apprenticeship opportunities with the Army, including quizzes, subject posters and guides.

Apprenticeships

Nielsen

[Link to the opportunity.](#)

Consumer intelligence company Nielsen are currently recruiting for their level 6 Business Management Degree Apprenticeships. Apprentices will gain a BA (Hons) Degree in Business and Management Practice, certified by Oxford Brookes University, alongside invaluable experience.



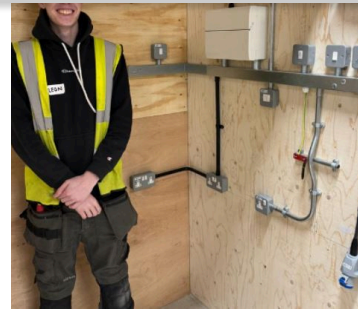
Olamalu

www.olamalu.com/software-development-degree-apprentice

Olamalu, a web technology firm in Witney, are recruiting for a Software Development Degree Apprentice to start in August 2024. Closing date: **12th April**.

<https://form.typeform.com/to/fMgDCjXo>

Electrical and mechanical contractor Lowe & Oliver are currently accepting applications for their apprenticeships. Apprentices will support the installation, maintenance and repair of electrical and mechanical services.



UKAEA

<https://careers.ukaea.uk/early-careers>

UK Atomic Energy Authority are currently recruiting for a range of interesting apprenticeships, including nuclear waste decommissioning, nuclear health physics monitoring, internal comms, cyber security and data technician.

Thame Town Council

www.thametowncouncil.gov.uk/2024/02/27/business-administration-apprentice

Thame Town Council are recruiting for a level 3 Business Admin Apprentice, who will have the opportunity to work with every department, councillors and many stakeholders to make a difference in the town.



CMS

<https://cmsemergingtalent.com/programmes/solicitor-apprenticeships>

CMS are recruiting for their 6 year long Solicitor Apprenticeship programme in London and Sheffield. Apprentices will undertake a law degree in Legal Practice and Skills (LLB) at the University of Law at an appropriate location. Closing date: **1st March**.

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/tesco>

Tesco's Stronger Starts level 2 Retail Apprenticeship doesn't ask for any qualifications or experience as entry requirements. Applications open in June but students can register their interest now. The minimum starting salary is £20,629.44 (36 hours per week).



Fashion Apprenticeships

www.fashion-enter.com/index.php/apprenticeship

The Fashion Technology Academy, based in London, offers a range of apprenticeships in the fashion industry, including level 2 sewing machinist, level 3 pattern cutter, level 4 product technologist and level 5 bespoke tailoring.

Teacher Degree Apprenticeships

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2024/02/04/teacher-degree-apprenticeships-how-they-work-and-when-to-apply>

The DfE have announced a new Teacher Degree Apprenticeship, which will aim to support schools to recruit more teachers into classrooms. They expect applications to open from autumn 2024 for training to start in autumn 2025.



Dates For Your Diary

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

NCW 2024 With CareersLive

4th-8th March

Join CareersLive for National Careers Week. There are broadcasts from a range of organisations throughout the week, including BT Group, M Group Services, Arnold Clark, Anglian Water Services and

WWF-UK Sustainable Futures Showcase

4th to 12th March, 18:00

Young people aged 13-21 are invited to discover how sustainability can play a role in all types of careers – even ones they might not expect! Students can join webinars covering sustainable careers in entertainment, fashion, sport, business, finance and farming. [Find out more.](#)

Women in the Army Webinar

5th March, 16:00-17:00

In celebration of International Women's Day 2024, this webinar is aimed at female Year 9-13 students and will feature a panel of inspiring female ambassadors from the Army, representing professions across 7 different career streams. [Register here.](#)

Lloyds Careers Live

5th March, 17:00

The next Lloyds Careers Live will look at their careers and apprenticeships in technology. Students don't need to have studied technology - if they have curiosity, tenacity, a willingness to learn and a desire to make a difference, they should find out more. [Register here.](#)

RHS Insight Webinar

5th March, 18:00-19:30

At this webinar, Year 7-12 students can hear from people working at the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) about careers in horticulture. They will find out about opportunities to gain experience and have the opportunity to ask questions to a panel of experts. [Register here.](#)

Aspire by UpReach Webinars

5th and 6th March, 17:00-18:00

Aspire provides information and advice to help post-16 students understand their university, further education and career options. They are holding two webinars covering CV writing (5th March) and women in STEM (6th March) from 17:00-18:00. [Find out more.](#)

Female Apprentices in Trades

7th March, 15:30-16:30

At this webinar, students can hear from a panel of female apprentices about their experiences working in the trades, what their career journey has been like and how they hope to progress in the sector in the future. [Register here.](#)

International Women's Day Events

8th March

International Women's Day 2024 has the theme 'Inspire Inclusion'. You can search for events and activities on the IWD website. [Find out more.](#)

Uni of Oxford English Open Day

day features taster lectures, information about the admissions process and a Q&A with current students.

[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.](#)

Apprenticeships at JLR Webinar

12th March, 18:30-19:30

At this webinar, students can learn about apprentice roles at JLR, meet apprentices, hear about the benefits of joining JLR as an apprentice and gain some tips to help them with making an application. [Register here.](#)

Unifrog UK University Fair

13th March, 16:30-19:00

Students can get to know more about university by joining this virtual fair. They can join live sessions and get in touch directly with universities across the UK. Participants can get their questions answered and network one-on-one to get top tips on how to find and apply to their dream university course. [Find out more.](#)

Oxfordshire Advanced Skills Open Evening

13th March, 18:00-20:00

Oxfordshire Advanced Skills are holding an apprenticeship open evening at their Culham centre. Students will have the opportunity to tour the facilities, meet the team and employer partners and find out about the apprenticeships on offer. [Register here.](#)

Battle The Bugs KS4 Study Days

13th and 14th March, 09:30-15:00

These study days for Year 10 and 11 students have been arranged for British Science Week by the University of Oxford. They cover some interesting topics around fighting disease. [Register here.](#)

Wilmott Dixon Open Doors Event

18th March, 10:00-12:00

Wilmott Dixon is building two buildings at Oxford Brookes University's Headington Hill campus to provide sustainable new spaces for students, staff and the community. They have 30 places available for a site visit as part of Open Doors Week. [Register here.](#)

Open Doors Week Visits in Oxfordshire

18th to 23rd March

Kier - 19th and 20th March, Culham Science Centre - 19th and 20th March, JSP meet the manufacturer day - 19th March [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.](#)

Mansfield Humanities Study Day

25th March, 10:00-16:00

This study day at the University of Oxford Mansfield College is for Year 12 students who are interested in studying a humanities subject at university. Students will take part in multiple academic workshops from different humanities subjects on the theme of 'monster hunt'. Deadline to register: 26th February. [Register here.](#)

Somali Students Access Day

25th March, 09:30-16:00

Trinity College, the Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies (OCIS) and the Somali Society are joining forces to offer Year 12 students with Somali heritage the opportunity to experience an academic taster, gain information about admissions and hear from current students with shared identities. Download a poster.

Deadline to register: 18th March. [Register here.](#)

Better Together

28th March, 09:30-14:30

Better Together is an opportunity for family carers, professionals and organisations who support children and young people with SEND aged 0 - 18 (or up to 25 with an EHCP) to work together to find a positive way forward to improve services and outcomes. [Register here.](#)

BAME Humanities Study Day

4th April, 09:00-15:00

Magdalen College, University of Oxford are holding a virtual humanities taster study day for Year 12 students from Black, Asian or Minority Ethnic backgrounds. Deadline to apply: 25th February. [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.](#)

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](#)

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