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OxLEP Skills: Picks of the Week







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Picks of the Week: 5th September 2023

Welcome to the first Picks of the Week of the new academic year. We hope you had a relaxing summer break. If you would like to include anything in a future issue of Picks of the Week, please get in touch at skills@oxfordshirelep.com.



From OxLEP Skills

Request an Apprenticeship Ambassador

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

We have been joined by some new Apprenticeship Ambassadors this term, who work for employers such as Hill Group, Milestone Infrastructure, Grundon, Cisco and the University of Oxford. You can see some of their profiles on our Apprenticeship Ambassadors web page. If you'd like an apprentice to come and share their experiences with your students, or support an event you're planning, please complete our <u>form</u> to submit your request.



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www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/nursing-degree-in-adult-and-childrens-nursing-open-day-16-september-2023-tickets-686626707967

Oxford University Hospitals, in partnership with the Open University, is launching a three-year, direct entry degree in both adult and children & young people's nursing for their February 2024 cohort. Students can find out more at this open evening on **16th September** at the JR in Oxford. <u>Download a poster</u>.

Making Tracks Into Construction with EKFB

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/making-tracks-into-construction-ekfb-schools-gala-tickets-675048958607

EKFB, (building HS2 in our area) are running interactive careers sessions for schools on **21st and 22nd September** at their Bicester site. **Students in Years 7-13** are invited to come along and experience the world of construction with EKFB. Sessions will last 90 minutes and will include hands-on, interactive activities, such as simulators and drones, covering the following areas:

- · Engineering
- · HGVs and plant equipment
- · Ecology and the environment
- Archaeology
- · HS2 and EKFB works

The Friday morning sessions are aimed specifically at SEND students, with lower numbers and a quieter atmosphere. If you would like to bring students who have additional needs, sessions can be tailored to suit your students, e.g. smaller group sizes and a calmer atmosphere please contact Becky (Rebecca.Rowley@ekfb.com) with the specific needs of your students to make sure they are fully accommodated. EKFB can support with transport costs if this is a barrier to your students being able to attend.

EKFB are constructing HS2 in our area, the largest infrastructure project in Europe. The activities will be engaging, hands on and will be delivered by staff working on the project. This an incredible opportunity and we hope you'll be able to take some of your students to experience this.

EWE Talk Open Event

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mental health through interacting with sheep as therapy animals. They are welcoming staff from mainstream and special school's in Oxfordshire to visit their facility in Tetsworth on **27th September from 11:00-14:00.** They will show you what they do and how they can support your students. You can find further information about EWE Talk in their brochure and on their website.



Henley College Information Evening

www.henleycol.ac.uk/events/information-evening-event

The Henley College are holding an information evening on **3rd October from 17:30-20:00**, where students and their

parents/carers can tour the campus and facilities and meet teaching staff and current students.





Role Model Week

www.founders4schools.org.uk/about/role-model-week

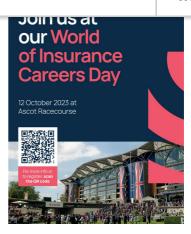
Founders4Schools are holding the 3rd annual Role Model Week from **9th-13th October**, which recognises the importance of positive role models to inspire students. You can <u>register</u> for a starter park to get some ideas for activities you could run during the week.

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https://cloud.comms.howdengroup.com/World-of-Insurance-Careers-Day

Howden are holding a 'world of insurance' careers day on 12th October from 10:00-14:30 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. Register by 15th September.





National Interview Week

https://yourgameplan.co.uk/events/national-interview-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**. It takes place from **4th-8th December** and there are 30-100 free places available per school or college.

Careers Programmes & Work Experience

GKN Automotive - Kevin Rye Memorial Skills Initiative

The Kevin Rye Memorial Skills Initiative offers a work placement of up to 315 hours at GKN Automotive Innovation Centre in Abingdon, to be arranged around study any time from 1st October 2023 until 31st August 2024. The opportunity is for **Level 3 students** with basic technical/digital skills and a passion for engineering.

Students wishing to apply should email caroline.wood@gknautomotive.com with their name, contact details, a brief summary of what they are studying and what the work experience would mean to them by **15th September**.

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- > How to apply?

 - Send us your name, contact details and a brief summary of what you are studying
 Tell us what this experience would mean to you. Feel free to be creative! Video applications accepted. - Return to Caroline Wood caroline.wood@gknautomotive.com by 15th September 23
- Want to find out more?
 - Don't hesitate to contact Caroline to arrange a call
 - Read about Archie's experience





StarterMotor

www.startermotor.co/Careers

Based at Bicester Heritage, StarterMotor aims to see the next generation of young people driving, maintaining and enjoying historic cars. StarterMotor hosts career days introducing students in Year 9 and up to the wealth of opportunities in the historic car sector, from apprenticeships to sales, marketing to design, event management to insurance and finance and more. Typically around 300 students will visit a suitable site and, in groups of around 30, enjoy bespoke presentations from specialists and industry leaders. If your school might like to attend, please email info@startermotor.co for details.

Brookes Engage

www.brookes.ac.uk/outreach/post-16/brookes-engage

Brookes Engage is a free outreach programme for Year 12 students who are thinking about their next steps and would like to get a taste of what university is like. Contact schoolsandcolleges@brookes.ac.uk if you would like the team to give an in person or virtual presentation for your students. Closing date: 3rd November.



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www.youngreporter.co.uk

The Young Reporter Scheme is a schools programme giving students aged 14-18 an opportunity to write for a real live online newspaper. The programme runs for eight months during the school term, with various opportunities offered along the way.

Bursaries & Awards

Young Scientists of the Year

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

Nominations for the Science Oxford Young Scientists of the Year are now open to recognise outstanding **Year 13 students**.

Educators can nominate up to three students by **15th October**. A celebration event will take place on **16th November** at the Science Oxford Centre in Headington.





IET Future Talent Awards

www.theiet.org/impact-society/awards-scholarships/iet-future-talent-awards

The Institute of Engineering and Technology are offering scholarships to students, degree apprentices and apprentices who have faced financial or personal challenges and also for high-achieving students and degree apprentices who have a passion for engineering. Deadline to apply: **22nd September**.

For Careers Leaders

Careers Leader Training

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Are you interested in finding out more about the Careers Leader training? The Careers & Enterprise Company (CEC) are running 30 minute drop-in sessions taking place monthly, with the first sessions taking place on **12th and 20th September at 16:00**. Sessions are interactive open forums designed to answer your questions about the Careers Leader training programme, clarify any doubts and guide you to the ideal course that aligns with your professional goals. Register to book your place, meet the team and have any questions answered.

CEC Compass+ Webinars

Below are links to sign up for various Compass+ webinars with the CEC, which are primarily for SLT/Careers Leaders and other staff members involved in careers. The webinars provide an opportunity to join interactive sessions to explore all of the features of Compass+, with practical takeaways. All of the sessions are recorded - if an attendee registers and is unable to join the session, they will receive a copy of the recording afterwards.

- Exploring Compass+ 21st September, 15.30-16:30 https://bit.ly/3PNyPcd
- Future Skills Questionnaire 28th September, 15.30-16:30 https://bit.ly/3JQIZWV
- Using Compass+ and Unifrog effectively 5th October, 15.30-16:30 https://bit.ly/44jC3rw
- Deep Dive, Dashboard and Evaluations 12th October, 15.30-16:30 https://bit.ly/43gl74P
- Compass+ Drop-in Session 17th October, 15.30-16:00 https://bit.ly/3XFt42k
- Deep Dive, Plans and Activities 19th October, 15.30-16:30 https://bit.ly/3NHr0SW
- Using Compass+ effectively in a SEND setting 9th November, 15.30-16:40 https://bit.ly/3OALnTd

Parental Engagement Seminar Recording

www.youtube.com/watch?v= VD0tAOo zY&feature=youtu.be

The recording of the latest CEC Excellence Seminar, entitled "Excellence in parental engagement with careers – how can we positively engage all families?" is now available.

Chaired by Anna Morrison CBE from Amazing Apprenticeships, the panel explored innovative approaches to parental engagement in careers education, showcasing progressive and integrated parental engagement approaches across a range of settings, and effective strategies that have helped to develop relationships with families facing barriers.

This seminar compliments the CEC's <u>Talking Futures programme</u>, developed with The Gatsby Foundation, equipping institutions with the tools they need to positively connect with families on careers

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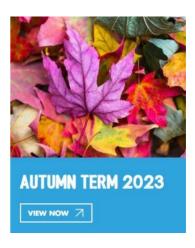
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Also, you can find <u>additional free CPD training modules</u> to support you to effectively engage families in your careers provision on the CEC website.

Term Ahead Planner

https://amazingapprenticeships.com/teacherzone/planning-guide

This Amazing Apprenticeships Autumn term planner gives the dates for when they will be releasing new resources, which you can use when planning for next term. There are also planners available for the Spring and Summer terms 2024.



Resources



Try a Trade from Checkatrade

www.aboutapprenticeships.com/tryatrade

Try a Trade gives you everything you need to inform and inspire your students about the fantastic apprenticeship and career opportunities in trades like plumbing, electrics and carpentry. The programme provides a range of free resources, activities and engaging sessions.

Apprenticeships Display

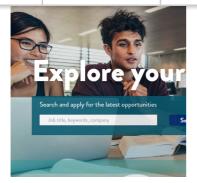
https://amazingapprenticeships.com/resource/freedigital-display-pack

You could use the materials in this Amazing Apprenticeships display pack to create a dedicated apprenticeships display in your classroom, common room or careers space.



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www.successatschool.org

Success at School have launched a new website with improved user experience, making it easier for you to navigate the comprehensive resource hub for the latest information on diverse future pathways, including apprenticeships, work experience, university and more.

Apprenticeships

Equestrian Sporting Excellence

https://haddontraining.co.uk/sporting-excellence-programme-overview/aese-overview

Students can start this new Level 3 apprenticeship from September 2023. It is designed to ensure that equestrian athletes are on the right path to excel in their chosen career and there are options in dressage, eventing and showjumping.





KPMG

www.kpmgcareers.co.uk/apprentice

KPMG are currently recruiting for a range of apprenticeships in varous locations, including audit, tax, consulting and business services. Their website has lots of useful information about the application process.

Dates For Your Diary

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

University of Oxford Open Day

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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.

University of Oxford Chemistry Conference

28th September, 16:00-18:00

The University of Oxford Department of Chemistry are holding a conference 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. 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.

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

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