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## Picks of the Week: 6th February 2024

Happy National Apprenticeship 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](mailto:skills@oxfordshirelep.com)



## From OxLEP Skills

### Apprenticeships Webinar for Parents and Carers

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

Please remind parents/carers that we are running an apprenticeships awareness broadcast (students are encouraged to attend too!) with LearnLive this evening, **6th February 2024 from 18:00-19:00**.

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 live chat.

## Webinar for Parents and Carers

Oxfordshire Careers Hub is teaming up with LearnLive to run an apprenticeships awareness broadcast for parents and carers (students are encouraged to attend too!) on 6 February 2024 from 18:00-19:00, which is during National Apprenticeship Week.

Webinar  
February 6, 2024  
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm



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## Find Your Future Live

<https://the360expo.com/smart-skills-fair/find-your-future>

Our Find Your Future virtual careers platform is going live for the first time, on **6th February 2024 from 19:00-20:00**, after the apprenticeships awareness broadcast. Some of exhibitors will be available to chat online with parents/carers and students and answer questions about the pathways into their organisations, including apprenticeships. They include: NHS England, Army, RAF, Royal Navy and Royal Marines, EKFB, BAM Construction, Dyson, Olamalu, Milestone Infrastructure, University of Oxford, UKAEA, Pathways to Property, Oxfordshire Association of Care Providers, STFC, RICS and Siemens.

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## Find Your Future

Our [Find Your Future](#) platform is going live for the first time on the 6th February at 7pm.

Come and explore our virtual careers platform where some of the exhibitors will be available to chat to you online, and answer your questions about the pathways into their organisations, including apprenticeships.

Feb 6 2024  
19:00 - 20:00 GMT

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## Careers Fest - Parents/Carers Session

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

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

You can now download a [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.

**Download our  
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media pack!**



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## Oxfordshire Events

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### NAW2024 in Oxfordshire

<https://oxlepskills.co.uk/naw2024>

We have put together a list of the events that are happening in Oxfordshire during National Apprenticeship Week 2024 that you can share with your students and their parents/carers.

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## Better Together

<http://tinyurl.com/OxPCFBetterTogether>

Better Together takes place on **28th March from 09:30-14:30** at the Kassam Stadium. It is an opportunity

and outcomes.

The event is hosted by Oxfordshire Parent Carers Forum and supported by the Local Area Partnership, which includes Oxfordshire County Council, Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust, Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West Integrated Care System (BOB ICB).

[Download a flyer](#). Please share this with your parents, cares and any staff who may be interested.

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## BAME Humanities Study Day

[www.magd.ox.ac.uk/considering-magdalen/outreach/outreach-events/virtual-bame-humanities-study-day](http://www.magd.ox.ac.uk/considering-magdalen/outreach/outreach-events/virtual-bame-humanities-study-day)

Magdalen College, University of Oxford are holding a virtual humanities taster study day for **Year 12 students from Black, Asian or Minority Ethnic backgrounds** on **4th April from 09:00-15:00**. [Download a poster](#). Deadline to return the [application form](#): **25th February**.



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## Uni of Oxford Chemistry Workshops

<https://oxford.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/fragrance-chemistrycombinatorial-esters-workshop-bookin-2>

The University of Oxford Department of Chemistry are holding workshops on fragrance chemistry and combinatorial esters, plus an optional careers talk and Q & A for **Key Stage 5 students** during March and April.

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## Other Events

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<https://becomecharity.org.uk/become-the-movement/our-campaigns/care-day>

Care Day 2024 takes place on **16th February**. Amazing Apprenticeships have created a [guide to accessing apprenticeships](#) for care experienced young people and a [care leaver's bursary flowchart](#).



## National Audit Office Webinar

[Link to register](#)

This webinar on **20th February from 18:30-19:30** is for **Year 13 students** interested in a career in accountancy. It will include an overview of who the National Audit Office are, their accountancy apprenticeship and how to apply. There will also be a live Q&A.

## Apprenticeships at JLR Webinar

[Link to register](#)

At this webinar on **12th March from 18:30-19:30**, 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.



## Careers Programmes & Work Experience

### Ashmolean Museum Oxford Museum Makers Programme

[www.ashmolean.org/young-people](http://www.ashmolean.org/young-people)

Museum Makers is a programme for **16-24 year olds** who are interested in learning about the Museum behind-the-scenes. There will be opportunity to create their own pop-up tour, talk with museum staff and get to know the collections. Museum Makers will focus on the history of gender and be a platform to explore interests and build skills.

education, employment or training. Museum Makers is an opportunity for those who are currently facing barriers to the museum and art world to get to know a museum and explore different career options.

It takes place from 19th February to 1st July, with weekly 1-1.5 hour sessions on Monday afternoons / early evenings at the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford, both online and on-site sessions. Participants will be paid for their time at £35 per session. Snacks and drinks will be provided during the sessions.

Contact [publicprogrammes@ashmus.ox.ac.uk](mailto:publicprogrammes@ashmus.ox.ac.uk) with any questions.

Deadline to apply: **11th February**.



## Python Programming Workshop

[www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1-day-python-programming-workshop-tickets-801516907647](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1-day-python-programming-workshop-tickets-801516907647)

QA and Aviva are joining forces to help students to build confidence in the basics of Python Programming – one of the world's most popular coding languages - at a free online certified training course on **10th February from 09:30-16:00**.

## For Careers Leads

### Trinity College, University of Oxford - New Access Officer

<https://oxford.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/outbound-2024-trinity-booking-request-for-access-officer-t>

The Trinity College Access Team are delighted to have appointed a new Access Officer, Innocent Otunnu, who will be supporting in their outreach in Oxfordshire schools. Innocent joins them after a decade working in a variety of educational settings, which range from primary, secondary and further education. Most recently, Innocent was a secondary school history teacher in West Berkshire.

The team are offering to come and give 1 hour talks to your students, with dates available in February and March. This term, they are prioritising **Years 10-12**, with opportunities for your younger year groups coming later in the year.

Talks available are:

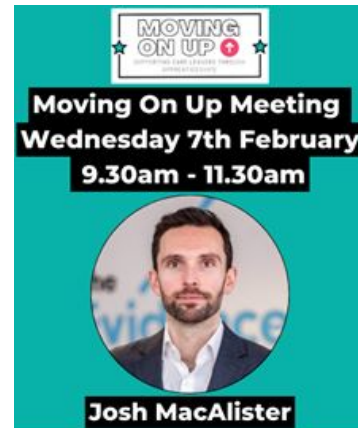
- Year 11 - Exploring A-Level Options: university courses and the Russell Group. Suitable for all pupils
- Year 12 - Oxford & the application process. Suitable for those expressing an interest and/or having potential to apply to Oxford and/or Cambridge
- Year 12 - Applying to competitive Universities (including Oxford) - suitable for all your Year 12 students

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## Moving On Up Network

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/moving-on-up>

Moving On Up is a collaboration of like-minded organisations who are working to support an increase in care experienced young people accessing apprenticeships. At the next meeting on **7th February from 09:30-11:30**, care experienced apprentices will be sharing their ideas for how to support apprenticeship uptake.



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## Valuing Careers Campaign Briefing

[www.thecdi.net/training-and-events/value-we-add-campaign-briefing](http://www.thecdi.net/training-and-events/value-we-add-campaign-briefing)

Come along to this webinar on **20th February from 12:00-13:00** to hear more about the CDI's campaign to show the value that careers professionals add to individuals, the economy and society as a whole. You'll learn more about the campaign and have the opportunity to give your valuable insights into what could be included.

The Valuing Careers campaign will focus on demonstrating and communicating the value of career development, so that the sector can increase its potential to make a positive difference. Find out more at [www.thecdi.net/policy-campaigns-and-media/valuing-careers](http://www.thecdi.net/policy-campaigns-and-media/valuing-careers)

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## The Careers Circle

[www.thecareerspeople.co.uk/post/ucas-sponsor-the-careers-circle](http://www.thecareerspeople.co.uk/post/ucas-sponsor-the-careers-circle)

[The Careers People](http://www.thecareerspeople.co.uk) have announced that UCAS are sponsoring their new online community for Careers Advisors. The Careers Circle will allow members to share ideas, develop their practice and grow their personal careers.

meeting statutory requirements. UCAS are committed to supporting careers professionals, who play such a crucial role in supporting young people to make informed decisions about their future.

Members will benefit from online training events, specialist guidance and weekly virtual meet ups with the aim of eradicating feelings of isolation and promoting collaboration within the industry. [Register your interest](#) to be kept up to date with the launch.

## Resources



### Morrisby Apprenticeship Bundle

[www.morrisby.com/naw](http://www.morrisby.com/naw)

Morrisby have developed a free lesson plan specifically for National Apprenticeship Week, along with a free poster. This is free for all schools to download.

### SkillsMap®

<https://yourskillsmap.com>

SkillsMap® shows students a selection of the transferable skills developed in each of 36 different academic subjects typically taught in pre-18 education, which are the skills that employers are looking for. They can also find the skills that different subjects have in common.

#### Choose your subjects

Choose subjects you are studying or want to study to see the skills you are developing.

Choose 1 subject, or choose 2 or 3 subjects to see the skills you have in common.

Accounting	Ancient Hist
Archaeology	Art and Des
Business	Chemistry
Computer Science	Dance



### Not Going To Uni

<https://notgoingtouni.co.uk/downloadable>

NGTU have some useful downloadable resources, such as 'me and my apprenticeship' apprenticeship stories, which includes links to follow the apprentices on LinkedIn and 'meet your future employer', giving examples of apprentice roles and employers.

## The Parent Perspective Podcast

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

Rachel Burden is joined by Anna Morrison from Amazing Apprenticeships and, after one year in the job, Minister for Skills, Apprenticeships and Higher Education, Robert Halfon in a special episode to mark the start of National Apprenticeship Week 2024.



## Parents/Carers Apprenticeships Guide

<https://mailchi.mp/successatschool/apprenticeships-guide-launch>

The 4th edition of the Success at School apprenticeships guide for parents and carers is now available to download. This new digital guide is packed full of vital information to help parents and carers guide young people as they decide whether an apprenticeship could be for them.

## Apprenticeships & Opportunities

### University of Oxford Apprentice Talent Pool

<https://apprenticeships.web.ox.ac.uk/talent-pool-2024-apply-now>

The University of Oxford is now recruiting for their September 2024 apprentice talent pool. Students who would like to do an apprenticeship with them should register their interest by **8th April**. The apprenticeship team will get in touch with them to check their eligibility and send them apprentice job roles in the programme areas they are interested in for them to consider and be put forward for. Please contact [apprenticeships@admin.ox.ac.uk](mailto:apprenticeships@admin.ox.ac.uk) with any questions.

### GP Practice Apprenticeships in Oxfordshire

[www.frimleyhealthandcare.org.uk/professional-resources/apprenticeships](http://www.frimleyhealthandcare.org.uk/professional-resources/apprenticeships)

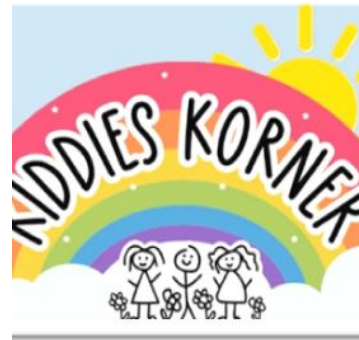
explore pathways such as healthcare/nursing, digital, care navigation, team leading and wider roles such as pharmacy technician, HR or accounts. There are currently 3 vacancies in Oxfordshire:

- St Bartholomews Medical Centre (1 vacancy): <https://uk.indeed.com/job/apprentice-trainee-general-practice-assistant-6d2efcea2f59afe7>
- Bicester Health Centre (2 vacancies): <https://uk.indeed.com/job/apprentice-trainee-general-practice-assistant-412fe50fdebbee8b>

## Kiddies Korner

[Download job advert](#)

Kiddies Korner nursery is looking for an early years practitioner, level 2 or 3 in early years is required and knowledge of the EYFS. Contact Charlott Walsh on 01865 766762 or [kiddieskorner74@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:kiddieskorner74@yahoo.co.uk)



**ACTIVITY IDEAS WHEN USING THE HIGHER AND DEGREE LISTING IN YOUR LESSONS**

The Higher & Degree Listing features 250+ level 4-7 apprenticeship vacancies across a wide range of employers and industries, all starting in 2024.

Try some of these activity ideas to maximise student engagement with the listing. Encourage students to think carefully and thoroughly about the options available.

- Students select a role, research it, and present it to the class (or make a video).** Have students prepare a presentation or video about the role that should be shared. Encourage them to think about what to include in the presentation, or have it be them to decide the most important elements.
- Students select a role they are most interested in and take their CV as if they were applying for the position.** For students to take on the role of a CV checker, or have them to decide the most important elements.
- Students select an interesting role and write a convincing letter as if they're applying.** Encourage them to think about the role of the letter and the content of the letter.
- Students select a role, research it, create a job interview script and perform it for the class.** Have students prepare a script of questions the interviewer would ask, and that would come of their example responses. Encourage them to prepare some questions to get them started.
- Students select the role they are most interested in and look at the job advertisement.** Have students to consider what they could say to the employer of the listing. If they feel they can't meet any part of it, and they can't think about what they could do over the week to be ready to try and discuss their experience.
- Students select the employer they are most interested in and research them.** Encourage them to think about the company, its products, services, and how they can be a good fit for the job.

## Higher & Degree Apprenticeships

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/higher-degree-listing>

The January edition of the higher & degree apprenticeship vacancy listing has now launched. It features 1,400 higher & degree apprenticeship vacancies from 70+ employers. There is also an accompanying teaching resource.

## British Gas

[www.centrica.com/careers/apprenticeships](http://www.centrica.com/careers/apprenticeships)

British Gas are currently recruiting for [female service & repair engineer apprentices](#) in a range of locations, including Oxford.







[www.baesystems.com/en/careers/careers-in-the-uk/apprenticeships](http://www.baesystems.com/en/careers/careers-in-the-uk/apprenticeships)

BAE Systems have apprenticeship opportunities ranging from level 2 to 7. Applications close in late February.

## Markel International

<https://employers.sanctuarygraduates.co.uk/markel>

Global speciality insurance provider Markel are recruiting apprentices to start in September 2024. They have roles in cyber underwriting, digital marketing, compliance and finance.



## RSM

<https://careers.rsmuk.com/uk/en/school-leavers>

RSM have a variety of options for school leavers in audit, tax and consultancy. They offer a range of programmes across their network that's suited to a range of skillsets.



## St James's Place

[www.sjp.co.uk/careers/early-careers/school-leaver-apprenticeships](http://www.sjp.co.uk/careers/early-careers/school-leaver-apprenticeships)

St James's Place are currently recruiting for a variety of apprenticeships, mainly based in their head office in Cirencester. Roles include digital content, financial crime, IT hardware, technical system tester and financial services.





### [Link to the vacancies](#)

Commercial real estate services company CRBE are currently recruiting for their 2024 apprenticeship scheme in areas such as real estate, marketing, HR, surveying and consultancy.

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## Dates For Your Diary

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

### **Apprenticeships Webinar for Parents/Carers**

6th February, 18:00-19:00

Oxfordshire Careers Hub is teaming up with LearnLive to run an apprenticeships awareness broadcast for parents and carers (students are encouraged to attend too!) during National Apprenticeship Week.

[Register here.](#)

### **Warner Bros. Apprenticeships**

6th February, 18:00

Warner Bros. Discovery's Early Talent Team is hosting a virtual apprenticeships event. Attendees will find out about apprenticeships in the entertainment industry and hear from some of their apprentices about their roles. [Register here.](#)

### **Unifrog Apprenticeships Fair**

7th February, 16:30-19:00

At this virtual fair, students can explore the latest apprenticeship opportunities, attend live sessions with employers including BBC, Lloyds Banking Group and NHS and network one-on-one to get top tips. [Find out more.](#)

### **Velocity Football Open Event**

7th February, 18:30

Velocity Football is a post 16 education and football programme. Students can go along to an open evening at Oxford City FC to meet the tutors and coaching team and chat with current learners. [Find out more.](#)

### **Ask an Apprentice Webinar**

7th February, 18:30-19:30

Success at School are celebrating Apprentice Wednesday by holding an online 'ask an apprentice' panel discussion. Attendees will hear from 3 apprentices and be able to ask any questions they have. [Register here.](#)

12th, 13th and 14th February

Keble College, University of Oxford hosts annual subject taster days for prospective Year 12 students. Three taster days are available in February, Engineering Science, Philosophy and Computer Science. [Register here.](#)

### **The Big Assembly**

13th February

The Big Assembly 2024 will see over 140,000 people across the UK tune in to the virtual assembly to hear from apprentices, employers, parents and education providers. [Register here.](#)

### **Royal Mail Taster Day**

13th February, 10:00-15:00

Royal Mail are holding a free taster day in London to give students an insight into careers with Royal Mail. They will take part in an interactive task, meet apprentices and get answers to all their questions in a Q&A session. [Register here.](#)

### **UKAEA Apprenticeship Open Day**

13th February, 14:30-19:30

UKAEA are currently recruiting for a range of apprenticeships and are holding an open day for interested students to talk to hiring managers and the early careers team, as well as hear first-hand experiences from past and current apprentices. [Register here.](#)

### **Materials Science Open Days**

13th & 14th February, 16th February (online) and 12th & 13th March

At these open events for Year 11 and 12 students at the Department of Materials, University of Oxford, students can experience what studying Materials Science at Oxford is like. [Register here.](#)

### **AWE Taster Day**

14th February, 10:00-15:00

Year 12 and 13 students interested in getting a taste of what it could be like to work with the UK's largest defence researching facility can visit AWE's head office in Aldermaston to see behind the scenes and meet current apprentices. [Register here.](#)

### **Oxford Brookes Undergraduate Open Day**

17th February

The next Brookes undergraduate open day includes campus tours, course and subject taster sessions, accommodation talks and the opportunity to meet staff and students. [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,

**What University? & What Career? Live**

1st and 2nd March

This event will take place at the NEC, Birmingham. Along with the opportunity to meet a large number of employers and higher education providers, it will also feature a Careers Advice Lounge, CV Clinic and a series of seminars. [Register here](#).

**Medic Mentor UCAT Conference**

3rd March

This free virtual UCAT conference will cover how to prepare the UCAT tests and timings of the tests for students who are planning to apply to study medicine or dentistry at university. [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](#).

**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](#).

**Open Doors Week Visits in Oxfordshire**

18th to 23rd March

Open Doors takes visitors behind the scenes to showcase the fantastic range of careers available in construction. There are several events already listed in Oxfordshire, including: Oxford Railway Station with 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](#).

**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](#).

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These include some of the resources that have been shared in previous issues as a reminder.

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