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## Picks of the Week: 7th November 2023

Please share the links in Picks of the Week 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

### 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**.

Please share the booking link with your parents/carers and encourage them to register. We also have a short film that you can share with them to give them an idea of what Careers Fest is like: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=JHPoV2\\_fY3E](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JHPoV2_fY3E). We will also share a flyer/poster with you shortly.



## Find Your Future - Your Feedback Please

Find Your Future is our online careers platform - a bit like a virtual careers fair, students and their parents/carers can visit 24:7 to visit 'pods' containing information from employers and training providers, as well as information about post 16 and 18 options.

Around 50 unique users visit the platform every day, but we want to encourage more people to make use of this valuable resource. We would really welcome your feedback to help with this - do you use Find Your Future with your students? Have you signposted parents/carers to it? We'd love to hear how it's working for you and if you have any suggestions for how we could help you to promote it. Please email [fiona.rogers@oxfordshirelep.com](mailto:fiona.rogers@oxfordshirelep.com) with any feedback or suggestions.



## Oxfordshire Events

**THINKING ABOUT BECOMING AN APPRENTICE?**

**FIND OUT WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT AT AN OAS OPEN EVENING**

<b>TUES</b> 21 NOV	6 - 7PM 7 - 8PM
<b>THURS</b> 1 FEB	6 - 7PM 7 - 8PM
<b>WEDS</b> 13 MAR	6 - 7PM 7 - 8PM

**REGISTER NOW TO ATTEND**

### Oxfordshire Advanced Skills

[www.oas.ukaea.uk/apprenticeships/events-and-open-evenings/apprenticeship-open-evening-november-2023](http://www.oas.ukaea.uk/apprenticeships/events-and-open-evenings/apprenticeship-open-evening-november-2023)

OAS are holding an apprenticeship open evening on **21st November from 18:00-20:00** which will give students and their parents/carers the opportunity to tour the facilities, meet current apprentices and employer partners and find out what it's like to be an apprentice with OAS.

## Other Events

### Green Careers Week

Taking place from **6th to 11th November**, Green Careers Week promotes and highlights the various environmentally conscious career opportunities for young people to help the UK move towards its goal of achieving Net Zero by 2050. Here are some resources that you could use to inform and inspire your students about green careers.

[www.instagram.com/europa.careers](https://www.instagram.com/europa.careers)

Lindsay Powell, Careers Leader and Chaz Snell, Enterprise Adviser at Europa School UK have been working hard to prepare some videos for Green Careers Week, which they will be sharing via LinkedIn and Instagram and would like to let other schools know that you are welcome to signpost your students to the Europa Careers Instagram to view them. Thank you Lindsay and Chaz!

### **Morrisby Lesson on Green Careers**

[www.morrisby.com/gcw](https://www.morrisby.com/gcw)

Morrisby have issued a free resource bundle especially for Green Careers Week. The bundle includes a lesson, plan and poster pack. The lesson is mapped to the Skills Builder Framework and is for **KS4 students**.

### **Green Careers Weeks Resource Guide**

[Download the resource guide](#)

West Brighton, Sussex and Hove Careers Hub have released a Green Careers Weeks resource guide for schools, which they are happy to share with you. It includes sustainable careers guides for students and parents/carers, lesson plans and shorter activities for tutor times and assemblies, engaging employer videos on the future of green jobs and green job and apprenticeship fact sheets and search tools.

### **Green Careers Week Resources**

[www.linkedin.com/posts/louise-graham-7654b530\\_careerseducation-gcw2023-activity-7122987564730327041-8KkZ](https://www.linkedin.com/posts/louise-graham-7654b530_careerseducation-gcw2023-activity-7122987564730327041-8KkZ)

A handy list of Green Careers Week resources from Louise Graham, Enterprise Co-ordinator at West Yorkshire Combined Authority.

### **Transition to Net Zero Webinar with Sky & JLL**

[www.thecdi.net/Skills-training-events/how-businesses-are-transitioning-to-net-zero-and-the-career-opportunities-for-young-people/15932?OocId=21819](https://www.thecdi.net/Skills-training-events/how-businesses-are-transitioning-to-net-zero-and-the-career-opportunities-for-young-people/15932?OocId=21819)

To celebrate Green Careers Week, WWF-UK is hosting a free webinar on **8th November from 15:30-16:30** with the Career Development Institute. The webinar will feature guest speakers from Sky & JLL, who will explore how businesses are transitioning to net zero and exciting prospects for young people.

### **Success at School**

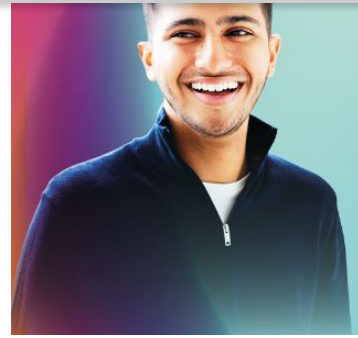
<https://mailchi.mp/successatschool/green-careers-week>

This newsletter from Success at School contains links to articles including green careers at bp, environmental law and an industry spotlight on energy and utilities.

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[Registration link](#)

**Students in Years 10-13** and their parents/carers can join Accenture for an insight webinar on **5th December from 18:30-19:30** 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.



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## Careers Programmes & Work Experience

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### Wilmott Dixon

Email: [Rachel.O'Neil@willmottdixon.co.uk](mailto:Rachel.O'Neil@willmottdixon.co.uk)

Wilmott Dixon currently have construction sites in Oxford, Witney and Bicester. They are keen to offer work experience all year round to **students in Year 10 and above**. If you have any interested students, please get in touch with Rachel O'Neil.

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## Trinity College and Universify Partnership

[Download the programme outline](#)

Universify Education is a charity committed to educational equality. They support students facing barriers to higher education to achieve their full potential regardless of background. They achieve this by offering a fully-funded one year support programme for **students in Year 10**, including a week-long residential summer school at Trinity College. Trinity partnered with Universify last year to deliver residential with the college this summer, and we are excited to be hosting another programme with them in 2024-25.

Please see the '[programme outline](#)' to find out more about the programme and who it is for. For more information about how schools partner with Universify and how to apply please see the 'Teacher's Introduction'.

Universify is running a webinar to introduce new schools to the programme on **8th November from 17:00-18:00**. This is a chance to understand the programme and its application process in more detail and ask any questions.

[How to sign up](#)

form. Registration for the programme closes on **24th November**, but earlier sign ups are encouraged to guarantee your school a place.

If you would like to speak to a member of the Universify team to find out more before the webinar please contact Universify's Schools Communications Officer, Ella ([ella.spilling@universifyeducation.com](mailto:ella.spilling@universifyeducation.com)). You can also find out more about the charity on their website: [www.universifyeducation.com](http://www.universifyeducation.com).

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## Fully Funded Places on 'Boss it'!

[www.kingswood.co.uk/programmes/ncs-boss-it](http://www.kingswood.co.uk/programmes/ncs-boss-it)

The CEC have collaborated with the National Citizen Service (NCS) and Loudspeaker to create The NCS 'Boss it' programme, a 5-day and 4-night adventure for 16–17-year-olds that is fully funded this spring.

This programme is also suitable for young people up to the age 24 if they are on EHCP or have additional needs.

The Boss It Employability program is accredited by Skills Builder and is designed to support your young people on their journey to employment, using the outdoors as a vehicle for learning and personal development.

The programme

- Employability Skills workshop by Loudspeaker - This workshop is designed to tap into the power of individuality, helping young people harness their unique experiences and transform them into compelling narratives for both personal and professional arenas.
- Food for Thought by Kingswood - brings teams together away from the distractions of 21st century life to focus on human needs and connections, working together towards a valuable shared goal.
- Epic Challenge by Kingswood - Participants will take part in a series of different challenges set across the activity centre over the course of the day. Each Challenge has been designed to help young people bond you as a team to prepare them for the future.
- Talks and interactive sessions hosted by Skern Training & Skills from both National Industry leading companies and local specialists.
- Job Expo for students to learn more about a range of professions from a variety of fantastic UK employers.
- What's included?
- Travel to and from your school, college, or organisation
- All food and accommodation
- All pastoral care – so you don't need additional support from your organisation, but you are more than welcome to come.

### When and where?

- [Kingswood Dearne Valley](#), Doncaster - 18th March

- [Kingswood Grosvenor Hall](#), Ashford, Kent - 4th March
- [Kingswood Colomendy](#), North Wales - 26th February

#### Feedback:

"I have been a teacher for 14 years and organised numerous trips, and this was by far the best one yet! Both the students and I had the most enriching, exciting, and memory making week! I know they will all take so much away from this experience. I honestly cannot talk about the residential enough!"

Teacher, Open Academy, completed the programme at Overstrand Hall, March 2023

To reserve places for your group please contact [ben.ireson@inspiring-learning.com](mailto:ben.ireson@inspiring-learning.com) ASAP.

## Westmill Wind Farm & Solar Park

[www.weset.org/visit](http://www.weset.org/visit)

Westmill Wind Farm & Solar Park in Watchfield offers bespoke site and virtual tours for school groups. The virtual tours are aimed at **students aged 11+** and give an insight into how Westmill produces clean, green community energy.



## Competitions



### The Big Bang Competition

[www.thebigbang.org.uk/the-big-bang-competition](http://www.thebigbang.org.uk/the-big-bang-competition)

The Big Bang UK Young Scientists & Engineers Competition is open to **young people aged 11 to 18**. Competitors can only enter one project, either on their own or as part of a team. The Competition will close for entries on **27th March 2024**.

## Peter Jones Foundation Talentino Tycoon Competition

Talentino are teaming up with the Peter Jones Foundation to introduce a SEND-specific Tycoon Enterprise League. All schools and colleges are eligible for risk-free funding of up to £1000 to support an enterprise

You can attend a webinar on **14th November from 15:30-16:30** to discuss the Talentino / Tycoon League:  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/3445211734?pwd=NHdNUldJbHJXSURTZXc3elh2UHVIUT09>

To find out more, or if you have any issues accessing the webinar, please contact Toby Connick on  
[toby@talentinocareers.co.uk](mailto:toby@talentinocareers.co.uk).

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## SONY Photography Competition

[www.worldphoto.org/sony-world-photography-awards/youth](http://www.worldphoto.org/sony-world-photography-awards/youth)

This competition is free to enter and open to photographers **under 19 years old** submitting images taken in 2023. Photographers can enter up to three images relating to the theme 'Through Your Eyes' by **5th January 2024**.



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## Conversations on Conflict

[www.neversuchinnocence.com/competition-rules](http://www.neversuchinnocence.com/competition-rules)

The 2023/24 Conversations on Conflict competition is open to **9-18 year olds** until **24th May 2024**. This year's question for reflection is 'How does war affect people's lives?' and invites entrants to share their thoughts using poetry, art, speech and song.

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## For Careers Leaders

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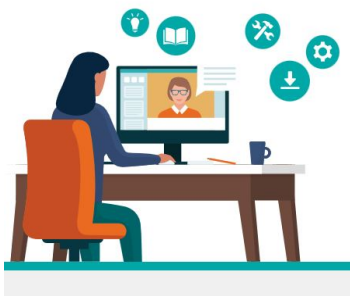


[www.the CDI.net/Skills-training-events/the-allied-health-professions-in-the-nhs-who-are-they-and-how-do-you-get-there-/15931?Occlid=21818](http://www.the CDI.net/Skills-training-events/the-allied-health-professions-in-the-nhs-who-are-they-and-how-do-you-get-there-/15931?Occlid=21818)

Join NHS Health Careers Information Lead Abigail Changer at this webinar 'The allied health professions in the NHS – who are they and how do you get there?' on **15th November at 15.30**.

View a short video introduction to this webinar here:

<https://ow.ly/cz3O50Q40Je>



## Updated Benchmark 4 Guide

[Link to the guide](#)

The CEC have updated their 'Benchmark 4 Careers in the Curriculum Guide', which gives quick and easy ideas to get careers into the curriculum along with links to useful resources.

## Teacher Development Course

[Link to the course](#)

Written by teachers, for teachers, this 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 pathways.



## Resources





<https://professional.ft.com/en-gb/services/professional-subscriptions/secondary-education>

The Financial Times is offering free access for **students aged 16-19**. Free access to FT.com can help students with relevant and fresh ideas for study, extra-curricular activities, advice on the world of work and interviews.

## National Apprenticeship Week

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/naw>

Amazing Apprenticeships have released a range of resources to help you prepare for National Apprenticeship Week, which takes place from **5th-11th February 2024**. This includes a 'School and College Guide to National Apprenticeship Week 2024', posters and subject guides with lesson plans.



## BAFTA Follow Your Spark

[www.bafta.org/develop-your-career](http://www.bafta.org/develop-your-career)

BAFTA's new 'Follow Your Spark' campaign is designed to help young people build a career in the screen industries. They have a range of opportunities, such as competitions, mentoring and scholarships.

## EY Virtual Career Experience

<https://eyadventureawaits.co.uk>

EY is a professional services organisation that helps companies make better decisions about business, finance and technology. They have launched an immersive virtual EY career experience called Adventure Awaits, including a [parent/carer pod](#).





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

#### Games Careers Reso

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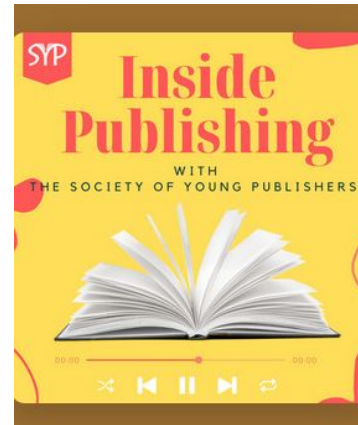
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This resource library from Into Games has loads of helpful resources, articles, websites and courses, with a description of each and details of who the resource if aimed at to help you navigate the library.

## Inside Publishing Podcast

<https://thesyp.org.uk/members-area/resource-centre/podcast-inside-publishing>

In this podcast series, the Society of Young Publishers chat with industry experts and gamechangers about employability, skills, victories and challenges and share tips and advice from behind the scenes of publishing houses.



## Creative Apprenticeships Films

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/big-creative-education-apprenticeships>

Big Creative Education are a training provider based in London who offer a range of exciting creative apprenticeships. BCE's content creator apprentices have developed a new film to promote apprenticeships to help you to inspire your students.

## The Parent Perspective

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

Episode 9 is the final episode of this series, with guests talking about the green agenda and how apprenticeships – particularly in the trade and engineering sectors – can help us hit our targets and live a little more sustainably.





## BBC

[https://careers.bbc.co.uk/content/EC\\_Schemes-on-Offer](https://careers.bbc.co.uk/content/EC_Schemes-on-Offer)

The BBC offer a range of apprenticeships in roles such as journalism, production, business and digital. Their degree apprenticeships are currently open for applications.

## BAE Systems

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

From the depths of the ocean to the far reaches of space, BAE Systems apprentices play an important part in creating the next generation of products and services to secure all our futures. They have vacancies across engineering, business, technology and manufacturing. Applications close **late February 2024**.



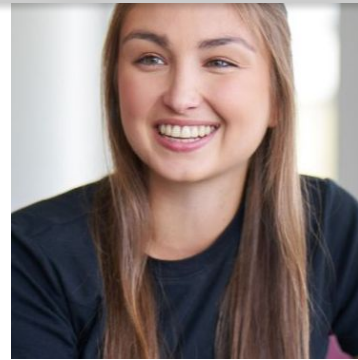
## EY

[www.ey.com/en\\_uk/careers/students/programmes/schools](http://www.ey.com/en_uk/careers/students/programmes/schools)

EY is a professional services organisation that helps companies make better decisions about business, finance and technology. Applications are now open for their 2024 apprenticeships, including tax, assurance, digital & technology and business leadership.

<https://jobs.mazars.co.uk/jobs/early-careers>

Mazars is a leading international professional services firm, specialising in audit, accounting, tax, financial advisory and consulting. They are currently recruiting for apprentices to start in September 2024 in roles such as accounting and audit in a range of locations, including Milton Keynes.



## St Modwen

[Link to the vacancies](#)

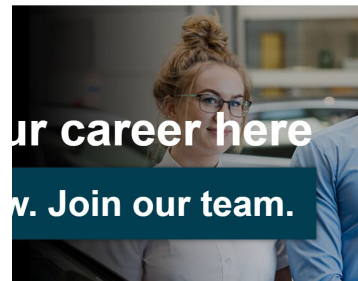
Property development experts St Modwen are currently recruiting for apprentices and trainees to start in 2024 in roles such as Trainee Site Manager.

## VW Group

[www.vwgroupapprenticeships.co.uk](http://www.vwgroupapprenticeships.co.uk)

Volkswagen Group is one of the world's leading automobile manufacturers and the largest carmaker in Europe. They are currently recruiting for 80 apprenticeships in a range of roles and locations, including Oxford.

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GROUP APPRENTICE PROGRAMME



## Dates For Your Diary

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

### Tomorrow's Engineers Week

6th to 10th November

Tomorrow's Engineers Week returns for the 11th year and will help to bring engineering careers to life for young people. Students can complete a Meet the Future You quiz to find out how their skills and interests could match up to a career in engineering. [Find out more.](#)

### British Army Apprenticeships

insight and guidance for young people leaving school on how they can access an amazing apprenticeship and career in the British Army. [Find out more.](#)

### **PwC Virtual Classrooms**

PwC are holding virtual classroom sessions for Year 10-13 students from 16:30-17:30 on 8th November on apprenticeships and 16th November on degree programmes to give an insight into early careers with PwC. [Find out more.](#)

### **The Nuclear Connection Science Fair**

10th November

The Nuclear Connection Science Fair 2023 is for Key Stage 3-5 students, parents/carers and educators. Through activities, games, presentations and conversations, students will discover everything they want to know about nuclear science and about the places it could take their future careers. [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.](#)

### **Get Into Dentistry Conference**

11th November, 09:30-15:00

Dental Mentor are running a one-day, online conference for students aged 14 or above who are interested in becoming a dentist. It will cover what it's like to be a dentist, perspectives from recent successful and current applicants, application advice, interviews and more. [Find out more.](#)

### **Banbury & Bicester College**

11th November, 09:30-12:30

Banbury & Bicester College are holding an open evening for students and their parents/carers to explore the newly renovated campus and facilities, meet teachers, tutors, support staff and students and find out about the courses on offer. [Find out more.](#)

### **Study in Australia Student Fair**

11th November, 13:00-17:00

This event will take place at the Rembrandt Hotel in London and is an opportunity for students to meet with representatives from 11 of the top universities in Australia. [Register here.](#)

### **Discover! Creative Careers Week**

13th-17th November

Students aged 11-18 can hear about different job roles and career pathways across the creative industries, supported by a suite of lesson plans and resources. Download a flyer. Register by 6th October. [Find out more.](#)

The National School Leaver Show will take place at Ascot Racecourse and will be showcasing exhibitors from across the south of the UK. The show will include apprenticeships, higher education, entry level roles and information about careers and general employment. [Find out more.](#)

#### **Abingdon & Witney College Open Events**

15th November (Witney), 15:30-19:00

Abingdon & Witney College is holding open events where tutors, course leaders and careers advisers will be available to help students make the right choice, whether that be a further education course, a T Level or an apprenticeship. [Find out more.](#)

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

18th November

Oxford Brookes University are holding an undergraduate open day to give students and their parents/carers the opportunity to find out what it's like to be a student at Brookes and get an insight into their courses and the support they offer. [Find out more.](#)

#### **Escape Studios Open Event**

18th November

Escape Studios are holding an open day for students to find out about their degrees in animation, games and visual effects (VFX), which are designed with industry partners and explore their new campus. [Find out more.](#)

#### **Solicitor Apprenticeships Webinar**

21st November, 18:30-19:15

This insight webinar with Dentons is for Year 10-13 students who are interested in a career in law and their parents/carers and will inform them about what a solicitor apprenticeship is and how the programme works. [Register here.](#)

#### **SkillBuild Final and Showcase**

22nd November, 10:00-15:00

Students interested in a career in construction can be inspired by watching finalists complete in the Skillbuild national final, take part in have a go activities and watch demonstrations in the construction showcase at the Marshall Arena in Milton Keynes. [Register here.](#)

#### **City of Oxford College Open Evening**

22nd November, 16:30-19:30

Students and their parents/carers can attend this open event at the City of Oxford College to meet tutors and current students and find out about the courses and facilities at the college. [Find out more.](#)

#### **Skills London Job Show**

24th and 25th November

Skills London jobs and careers fair for 14–24-year-olds and their families will be held at ExCeL London,



and information. [Find out more.](#)

### **ACE Training Open Mornings**

25th November, 27th January and 24th February, 10:00-12:00 on

ACE Training are holding open mornings for students interested in a career in construction and their parents/carers to drop in to see the workshops, meet the team and find out about apprenticeships and pre-apprenticeships in bricklaying and carpentry. [Download a poster.](#)

### **BP Apprenticeships Series**

Starts 28th November, 18:30-19:30

This virtual miniseries for Year 10-13 students starts with an 'all about apprenticeships' session, which gives an opportunity to meet with current apprentices and take part in a live Q&A. This is followed by an online application assessments session on 12th December and an assessment centres session on 9th January. [Find out more.](#)

### **Apprenticeships Accelerator**

30th November, 17:00-19:30

RateMyApprenticeship are holding this virtual event on for students to hear from some of their 'UK's Best Apprenticeship Employers', meet current apprentices and get the low down on how to apply for an apprenticeship and what it's like to work as an apprentice. [Find out more.](#)

### **National Interview Week**

4th-8th December

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.](#)

### **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.](#)

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## **Useful Links**



[Oxme.info](#) - everything for young people in Oxfordshire

[Oxfordshire Your Futures](#)

[Get The Jump](#)

[Uni Taster Days](#)

[Provider Access Legislation](#)

[Careers Leader Training](#)

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