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Picks of the Week: 9th January 2024

Happy New Year and welcome to the first Picks of the Week of 2024! We hope you had an enjoyable and relaxing winter break. Please let us know if you have anything you'd like to share in the next newsletter.



From OxLEP Skills

Apprenticeships Webinar for Parents/Carers

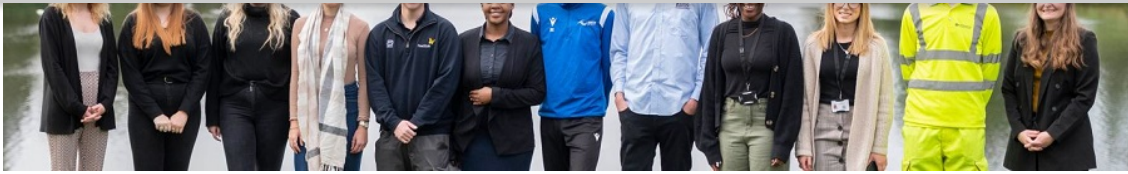
<https://careersliveuk.com/partner/oxfordshire-careers-hub>

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

Parents/carers will be able to hear an overview of apprenticeships, watch Oxfordshire apprentices talking about their experiences, including Macy Richards, a Trainee Civil Engineer at Milestone Infrastructure, hear the employer perspective from Helen Johnson from the University of Oxford and ask any questions via a live chat with the speakers.

Please share this link with your parents/carers and students. **Please note:** when visiting the registration page, click on 'Upcoming events' to see the details of the broadcast.

We have created a graphic that includes all the information and a QR code for booking, which you can [download here](#). Please share this via your own and your school/college social media channels to help promote the webinar.



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**.

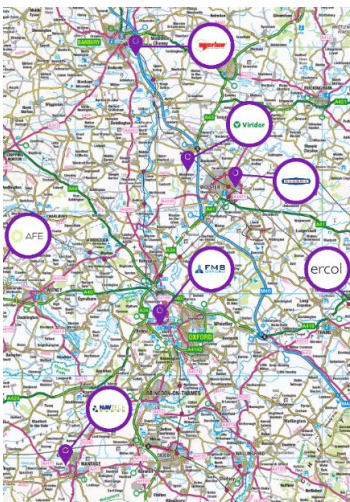
Please share the booking link and [this poster](#) with your parents/carers and encourage them to register.

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. We are creating some social media posts for you to share via your networks, which will be available in the next couple of weeks.



Oxfordshire Events



Engineering Employer Open Events

www.theengineeringtrust.org/apprenticeships/naw24

The Engineering Trust are holding 7 apprenticeship employer open evenings during National Apprenticeship Week, at Viridor, FMB Oxford, Ercol, Barrus, Norbar, Advanced Fibreoptic Engineering and Navtech Radar. Students can get an insight into the work they do, tour their facilities and find out about engineering careers and apprenticeships.

www.trinity.ox.ac.uk/access-day-bangladeshi-and-pakistani-women

Trinity College is again collaborating with the Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies (OCIS) and Jesus college to offer young women in **Years 10-12** with Bangladeshi and Pakistani heritage an exciting access day on **6th March from 09:30-16:00**. The aim of the day is to encourage students to consider the University of Oxford as one of their future options. Students will have the opportunity to visit the Oxford Centre of Islamic studies, Trinity and Jesus College, experience an academic taster, gain guidance and information relating to courses and admissions and hear from current students with shared identities.

Students will have the opportunity for discussion with the brightest women in their fields and chat to current students and potential future mentors. The last half of the day will include an informational talk about applying to Oxford and what you can do with an Oxford degree and Q&A.

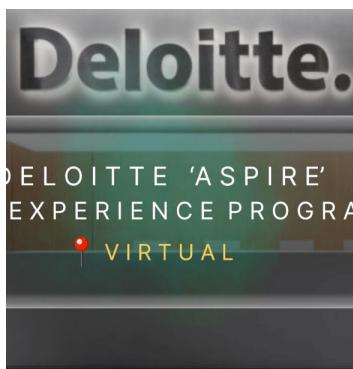
Please submit a booking request using [this form](#) by **26th January**.

Other Events

Army Apprenticeships Webinar

[Registration link](#)

This webinar on **16th January from 18:30-19:30** will cover apprenticeships in the British Army and the bursaries and scholarships that are available to support students, including STEM, music and medical bursaries. Attendees will be entered into a prize draw for a chance to win a £50 Amazon voucher.



Deloitte ASPIRE Insight Event

<https://pathwayctm.com/event/deloitte-aspire>

This virtual event on **1st February from 18:00-19:00** is for **Year 12 students** to get an insight into the programmes Deloitte offer. They will also have the chance to network with potential employers and get a certificate for attending.

www.aosrealmsofruin.com/news/realms-ruin-diorama-competition

Realms of Ruin have teamed up with Warhammer and White Dwarf for a competition to design the ultimate Warhammer Age of Sigmar: Realms of Ruin diorama.



For Careers Leads

Intake Talent

www.intaketalent.co.uk

Intake Talent, an Oxfordshire-based recruitment agency specialising in apprenticeships, launched in January 2024 with a mission to connect students' unique talents to forward-thinking organisations, bridging the gap between education and employment. They believe in the potential of every young individual and strategically work to present unparalleled opportunities. For support in empowering your students' future success, contact hello@intaketalent.co.uk.

How to Engage Teachers and Parents

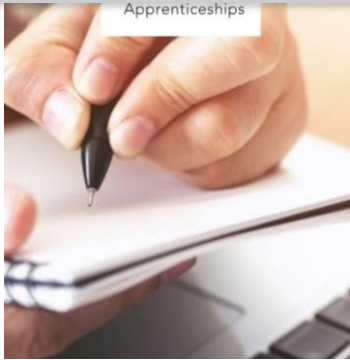
www.careersandenterprise.co.uk/careers-leaders/careers-leader-training/further-cpd-training

Better careers conversations lead to better prospects. As a Careers Leader, you'll know this more than most. That's why the CEC are there to support you with a series of free and insightful training modules - helping you plan more strategically for parental engagement. They will also help you equip your colleagues with the knowledge and tools that'll ignite informed careers conversations in your setting.

If you would like to learn more prior to completing the modules, you can attend a 30-minute online session, where you can ask any questions. The next sessions are:

12th January from 12:30-13:00 - [link to register](#)

5th February from 15:30-16:00 - [link to register](#)



<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/workshops-webinars>

A series of informative 30 minute webinars is taking place this spring to support schools/colleges and to share the latest updates on apprenticeships, T Levels and HTQs. You can also hear about opportunities with top apprenticeship employers.

SEND Apprenticeship Pilot

<https://feweeek.co.uk/send-apprenticeship-pilot-proving-a-hit>

The DfE have been working successfully with around training providers to trial a change to apprenticeship rules that allows SENDCOs to determine if a student without an EHCP can work towards entry level 3 English and maths for their apprenticeship, as opposed to Level 2 English and maths.

T Levels Newsletter

Email rebecca@amazingapprenticeships.com

You can sign up to receive a monthly T Levels newsletter, which gives you the latest information and news from the DfE on T Levels, as well as access to up-to-date resources designed to support you in raising awareness of T Levels. [Email Rebecca](mailto:rebecca@amazingapprenticeships.com) to sign up to the newsletter.



RateMyApprenticeship Virtual Coffee Mornings

www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/virtual-coffee-morning-dotdigital

RateMyApprenticeship are introducing virtual coffee mornings every quarter - with the first one planned for late January - to share key insights, trends and data with you. They would like to know what topics you would find more useful for them to cover and are offering you the opportunity to let them know by completing a short survey.



www.surveymonkey.com/r/FFHK9FZ

Success at School are conducting a survey of parents/carers to understand how they discuss careers with their young person and how they recommend opportunities and employers to them. There is an opportunity to win £100 of Amazon vouchers for taking part.

Teachers Talk Radio

www.ttradio.org/careers-and-futures

This careers and futures spotlight on Teachers Talk Radio consists of four shows you can listen to that discuss topics such as Ofsted's review of careers education in schools, the role AI could play in careers education, STEM careers and how to harness hope through careers education.



Resources



December Parents & Carers Pack

www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/influencers/resources-for-parents

The Amazing Apprenticeships December Parents & Carers Pack is now available. The pack explores apprenticeships in events, new 'This Is My Story' apprentice films, National Apprenticeship Week, case studies from apprentices at E.ON and Willis Towers Watson and more.

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/resource/free-digital-display-pack>

Amazing Apprenticeships have refreshed their display pack materials ready for National Apprenticeship Week 2024, designed to support schools/colleges to create a dedicated apprenticeships display in your classroom, common room or careers space.



Applying for Apprenticeships Lesson

www.youthemployment.org.uk/applying-for-apprenticeships-free-lesson-resources-for-teachers-naw2024

Youth Employment UK have created a free 'applying for an apprenticeship' lesson plan and presentation slides for National Apprenticeship Week 2024.

Play Your Way Into Production

<https://playyourwayintoproduction.com>

This game is designed help potential new entrants understand the tasks and duties of certain job roles in the screen industry and develop relevant skills. There is also an [educational resource pack](#) to support further reflection and understanding around the skills and competencies highlighted in the game.



Explore Construction Film

www.youtube.com/watch?v=KN93HggE0sc

This short film features construction professionals talking about their job roles and is a good introduction for students who may be considering a career in the construction industry.

<https://discovercreative.careers/video-programme/advertising-and-marketing/vccp>

Ad agency VCCP have created a 60-90 minute lesson plan suitable for **Years 7-13** which introduces learners to the world of advertising, brands, briefs, different job roles and pathways through a range of activities.



Apprenticeships & School Leaver Programmes

Oxford University Hospitals Microbiology Department

[Download apprenticeship adverts](#)

Following wonderful success in 2023, OUH are pleased to be able to several apprenticeship opportunities within the Microbiology Department at the John Radcliffe Hospital for the 2024 school leaver cohort.

Year 11 students

Apprentice Laboratory Support Worker – Level 2 Healthcare Science: <http://jobs.ouh.nhs.uk/job/v5905240>

[Download job description](#)

Year 13 students

Apprentice Biomedical Scientist – Level 6 BSc (fully funded): <http://jobs.ouh.nhs.uk/job/v5918684>

[Download job description](#)

The closing date for both posts is **28th February** and interviews are set to be held on a Saturday, to avoid disrupting academic programmes. The start date is flexible, but will be 2nd September at the latest.



LCMB

www.lcmb.co.uk/lcmb-are-looking-for-an-engineering-apprentice-to-join-our-team

Building performance specialists LCMB are recruiting for a BEng (Hons) Building Service Design Engineer Level 6 Apprenticeship to start in September 2024, based in Adderbury.

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

RSM is a leading audit, tax and consulting adviser to the middle market, globally. They offer a range of school leaver programmes. Entry requirements are predicted/obtained 112 UCAS points across three A Levels or an equivalent level 3 qualification.



National Audit Office

[Link to the opportunity](#)

The National Audit Office's Apprentice Accountancy Training Scheme is open for applications until **18th March**. This is a 5 year apprenticeship based in London with a starting salary of £26,454, which will start on 2nd September.

Dates For Your Diary

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

Army Apprenticeships & Scholarships

16th January, 18:30-19:30

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

SOFEA Post 16 Options Evening

17th January, 17:15-19:00

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

SCAS Live Chats

20th January, 10:00-15:30

South Central Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust are holding a series of virtual live events covering the patient transport service from 10:00–11:30, call centres from 12:00–13:30 and paramedics from 14:00–15:30. [Find out more](#).

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

CBRE Real Estate Apprenticeships

23rd January, 18:30-19:30

This webinar is for students in Years 10-13 who are interested in exploring a career at CBRE, the world's largest commercial real estate and investment services firm. They will learn about apprenticeships at CBRE and hear from current apprentices. [Register here](#).

Things I Wish I'd Known

Next meet: 29th January

Things I Wish I'd Known is for any young creative aged 13-18 with questions about the music industry that need answering. Held monthly on Zoom, each meet-up will be led by guest artists chatting about careers and mistakes to avoid. [Find out more](#).

Google Digital Apprenticeships

30th January, 18:30-19:30

At this webinar, students can hear from the Head of Apprenticeships at Google alongside two current apprentices about the different opportunities available in Digital with Google. [Register here](#).

Oxfordshire Advanced Skills Apprenticeship Open Events

1st February, 13th March and 16th April, slots at 18:00 and 19:00

Oxfordshire Advanced Skills are holding open evenings for students to meet tutors, employer partners and apprentices and tour the facilities. [Find out more](#).

Oxford Brookes Science Bazaar

3rd February, 09:30-16:00

Oxford Brookes Science Bazaar is a free event for all the family and is most suitable for students aged up to 16 years. There is an autism friendly early opening from 09:30-11:30. [Register here](#).

Empathy Week

26th February - 1st March 2024

Empathy Week is a free festival of webinars, films, resources and events that explore the theme of 'Home' and develop the skill of empathy, a vital skill for success as it underpins the skills of great leadership, creativity and communication. [Find out more](#).

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

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.](#)

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](#)

[Get The Jump](#)

[Uni Taster Days](#)

[Provider Access Legislation](#)

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