

OxLEP Skills: Picks of the Week

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Picks of the Week: 12th September 2022

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Most of OxLEP's communications are paused to mark the period of National Mourning. We will continue to send Picks of the Week, as it contains important information for schools and colleges, including a section for SEND schools and SENCos.



Oxfordshire Careers Hub

From 1st September 2022, all schools and colleges in our network are now in the Oxfordshire Careers Hub, taking the number of schools and colleges in our Careers Hub to 53. If you are a **Careers Lead** or an **Enterprise Adviser** and haven't yet registered for our event on **29th September**, we invite you to [register your place](#).

Careers Programmes

ASK Programme 2023

You will have received up to date information about ASK Amazing Apprenticeships directly from the DfE. The programme offers a range of free and engaging activities, workshops and resources with the aim to increase awareness of Apprenticeships, Traineeships and T Levels mapped to the eight Gatsby Benchmarks.

Your Adviza ASK contacts for this academic year are:

Please contact them at ask@adviza.org.uk to arrange a planning meeting to discuss delivery dates and arrange to get your activities booked in asap.

Pathway CTM Careers Programme 2022/23

[Download a flyer](#)

Pathway CTM are offering a free careers programme for **Year 9-13 students and parents/carers**, which includes webinars, virtual work experience and in person events. Register at <https://pathwayctm.com/services/for-schools/teacher-register> to find out more and attend a launch webinar.

Festival of Friends Project 2022/23

<https://schools.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/node/8207>

Festival of Friends is a model of collaborative, peer-supported activity for supporting **Service children** across Oxfordshire, in association with the city's universities. It aims to develop and share good practice, upskill teaching staff, and encourage Service children (and their parents/carers) to consider the benefits that further and higher education can have post-16. Deadline to register: **23rd September**.

Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS)

RICS are offering to run sessions to raise awareness of careers in the surveying sector for **Year 11-13 students** between **31st October and 16th December** in our area. The sessions are aimed at students who are interested in working in property or in construction but aren't aware of the wide range of roles available in surveying. Please contact Sarah Noble, Head of Early Engagement and Enrolment at RICS on snoble@rics.org or 07955 668343 to book a session.

Events

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<https://medicmentor.co.uk/medicine-national-healthcare-weekend>

Medic Mentor are running free live virtual conferences for aspiring medical students in **Years 10-12 on 18th and 25th September and 1st October from 10:00-15:00**. Students must be accompanied by a parent/carer and will receive a certificate for attending.

Oxford Science & Ideas Festival

www.if-oxford.com

The Oxford Science & Ideas Festival returns from **6th–30th October**, with 100 science and ideas events and activities happening in 25 venues across Oxford, including talks, performances, films, tours and six popular family-friendly interactive zones.



National T Levels Week

www.tlevels.gov.uk

National T Levels Week will take place from **10th–14th October**. There are plenty of ways that you can get involved, including sharing information with your students, parents/carers and colleagues through classroom activities, case studies and resources.

Oxfordshire Advanced Skills

www.oas.ukaea.uk/apprenticeships/events-and-open-evenings/apprenticeship-open-evening-november-2022

Oxfordshire Advanced Skills are holding an Apprenticeship Open Evening on **8th November**, with sessions at **17:00 or 18:00**. Students can tour the facilities, meet current Apprentices and ask all their questions.





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What Uni? & What Career? Live

www.whatcareerlive.co.uk

This event for **15-19 year olds** takes place on **11th-12th November** at Olympia London and may be useful for parents/carers to be aware of. It meets Gatsby Benchmarks 5 & 7, making it a useful addition to your CEIAG programme.

Work Experience

BAM Construction VWEx

[Download a flyer](#)

This virtual insight into careers in the construction industry with BAM Construction UK and Speakers for Schools takes place from **24th-26th October**. Students will interact with members of project teams from across the UK and work on a range of work modules. Deadline to register: **26th September**.

An insight into careers in the Construction Industry

Are you interested in taking part in a virtual work experience with BAM Construct UK? You'll be working through a series of placement, interacting with members of our project teams from across the UK and working on a range of work modules. If you think construction isn't a career for you, think again, there are some design roles we will introduce you to which ask a diverse set of skills, knowledge and talents which we know you'll have! We'll gain insights into some of our flagship projects like the USA Dundee, Cardiff City Stadium, Manchester City Football Academy to name just a few.

Registering as a school with Speakers for Schools

BAM Construct UK are partnered with 'Speakers for Schools' to deliver a Virtual Work Experience programme. Speakers for Schools launched in 2010 by Public Education Trust and aims to help break the playing field for state school and college students, by improving access to leading figures of all industries and backgrounds, to engage and inspire them in their ambitions, by providing them school skills and experience of the workplace.

Click below to register for our next virtual work experience programme running for three days 24th-26th October 2022.

The programme will cover the following business areas:

- Design
- Engineering
- Estimating and Quantity Surveying
- Facilities Management
- Health and Safety
- Marketing and

Resources



Careers in Early Years

www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/childcarecareers

Oxfordshire County Council have created a new section on their website about childcare and early education jobs and training. This may be of interest to students who would like to find out about working with children and career options in this sector. [Download a poster](#).

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<https://mc.successatschool.org/guides22>

New 2022/23 parent/carer guides to university and apprenticeships are being released digitally by Success at School this week. They are free for parents and carers to access and will be sent directly to their inbox once they register, along with a free bonus STEM careers guide.



Apprenticeship Industry Guides

www.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk/industries

These industry guides from RateMyApprenticeship are a great way for students to find out what sorts of Apprenticeships are available in industries that interest them. The guides also include some LMI about the industries and links to current vacancies.

Apprenticeships

University of Oxford

www.apprenticeships.ox.ac.uk/vacancies

The University of Oxford are now starting to recruit for their January cohort of Apprentices. Keep an eye on the vacancies page for the latest roles. The September cohort of 55 new Apprentices are starting with the University this week and will take part in induction activities together.



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<https://haso.skillsforhealth.org.uk/news/medical-doctor-degree-gmc-2018-launched>

The Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education has approved the Level 7 Doctor Degree Apprenticeship. Starts are not anticipated until at least September 2023. Providers are currently exploring how best to deliver the Apprenticeship.

For SEND Schools / SENCOs

Synolos

www.synolos.co.uk

Synolos are still recruiting for September starts, which may be of interest to young people with learning difficulties or additional needs, or who have low GCSEs and are unsure of what they want to do.

Synolos are currently offering full-time places in carpentry, furniture making, painting and decorating, creative crafts and enterprise. Learners also study English and maths and gain work-based certificates. Synolos has a supportive environment that helps individuals identify and work towards their potential.

Please contact Katie Wells, Director for Education and Training, on katie@synolos.org or Barry Ingleton, CEO, on barry@synolos.org or tel 01993 222555.

Vocational Profiles to Use With Your Students

A vocational profile is a way of gathering information. It is a discovery document that is specifically related to work and supporting someone with Special Educational Needs or disabilities to find a job or purposeful destination in the future. Doing vocational profile is an opportunity to find out what a young person is interested in, what their skills and talents are and is a way of opening doors to what is possible. It should be a motivating conversation, not one that leaves young people feeling they cannot succeed.

It is not intended that young people complete a profile by themselves, but for someone to support them to work through it until it is complete. It is intended schools start using the profile with pupils in Year 8/9 as part of the school curriculum and complete by the time they are in Year 11. It should be done through a conversation or series of short conversations, ideally with a job coach, SENCO, assistant SENCO, support staff, careers advisor, mentor or tutor who is going to support the young person on any work experience, a work placement, a supported internship or to get a job.

possible - kept online and updated after any kind of work experience, work placement or changes of aspirations. This document can then travel with the young person to future destinations to ensure information is built up over time.

The vocational profile can also be utilised in EHCP/annual reviews, as it captures details of where someone lives and who they live with, information that helps us understand what support a person might need to get a job in the future or move to a meaningful destination. It helps to identify areas for development such as learning how to travel independently, telling the time and using money.

Black Country and East Sussex SEND Community of Practice have put together vocational pathways and supporting resources, which you can access below.

Black Country

- [Black Country Vocational Profile](#)
- [Black Country Vocational Profile Support Document](#)

To ensure the profile is person centred, please utilise the supporting document to ensure learners are imputing into their own vocational profile. Adults can complete the written information on behalf of the young person.

East Sussex SEND Community of Practice

East Sussex COP has designed two vocational profiles. Vocational profiles can be used in both secondary and post 16 settings to enable students to identify and develop their skills and capabilities, and to communicate them to others.

- [ESCC Vocational Profile V5 12-16](#)
- [ESCC Vocational Profile V5 16+](#)

Vocational profiles being utilised to meet the Gatsby Benchmarks is also referenced in The Careers and Enterprise Company '[SEND Gatsby Benchmark Toolkit](#)'.

Also available is an [introductory lesson plan](#) about vocational profiles to be delivered to young people alongside teaching resources.

Floatability

www.floatability.co.uk

Floatability helps people with disabilities to get out and about, learn new skills, meet people and make friends through accessible, subsidised leisure and fishing trips in a supportive environment. The trips take place along the Goring reach of the River Thames and are for disabled adults and children. Trips can

accessible locations. Please note that although the trips are subsidised, there is still a cost. Contact the team at floatabilitycic@gmail.com or 01491 520 227.

Oxfordshire Employment Receives Funding

<https://news.oxfordshire.gov.uk/funding-boost-to-find-rewarding-employment>

As just one of 24 national successful bids, the £320,000 grant awarded as part of the government's Local Supported Employment scheme will further develop Oxfordshire Employment's offer to make work a reality for people who have autism or a learning disability through to April 2025. As part of the delivery, Oxfordshire Employment will also complete the BASE fidelity assessment to demonstrate the quality and value of local supported employment.

Support For Care Workers

www.thecareworkerscharity.org.uk/information-and-tools/apply-for-a-grant

Oxfordshire County Council has joined forces with The Care Workers Charity to offer support to care workers across the county. We thought that this might be of interest and of use to your students support networks as we know that many of them are carers.

Dates For Your Diary

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

Role Model Week

10th-14th October

Founders 4 Schools Role Model Week is an opportunity to recognise the impact role models can have on young people's aspirations and ambitions. [Find out more.](#)

Green Careers Week

7th-12th November 2022

Please save the date for the new Green Careers Week, which will be delivered in partnership by National Careers Week and STEM Learning. [Find out more.](#)

Careers Jam 2023

27th April 2023

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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

[RateMyApprenticeship reviews](#)

[Oxfordshire Apprenticeship Awards 2022](#)

[101 Jobs That Change The World](#)

[A Guide to Career Options](#)

[Escape Studios Careers Guide](#)

[Amazing Apprenticeships](#)

[Step into the NHS](#)

['The Keys To Your Future' film](#)

[Find Your Future](#)

[Choices post 16 resource](#)

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