

OxLEP Skills: Picks of the Week

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Picks of the Week: 14th February 2022

We hope you all have an enjoyable and relaxing half term break and we'll be back with Picks of the Week on 28th February.



Funded careers and employability support

Through The Careers & Enterprise Company Ahead of the Game fund, we are able to offer 18 days of careers and employability related support to **Year 11-13 students** in either small groups or in 1:1s. This is specifically for students who are struggling to secure a destination due to the impact of the pandemic. These sessions should not be used to cover the statutory careers guidance requirement, but for those students that need additional support. Adviza will be running these days and can work with schools flexibly and collaboratively to meet the needs of your students.

Days can either be used for 6 x 1:1 careers guidance interviews or can support the following either for individuals or small groups:

- Post 18 options with a focus on alternatives to HE
- Identifying your skills and how to present them
- CV writing
- Information and advice sessions on Apprenticeships
- Winning applications and interviews
- Employability skills and how to use LMI

Adviza would be happy to discuss any other ideas on how they can tailor this support to work for your students. Please contact them via email at MyChoicesOxLEP@adviza.org.uk

National Apprenticeship Week



Parents/carers webinar

<https://youtu.be/eoTCaO6q9w0>

If any of your parents/carers missed our introduction to apprenticeships webinar last week, you can share the link to a recording of one of the sessions.

Find Your Future apprenticeship dome

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

Our National Apprenticeship Week 'dome' will remain in place in the entrance of our Find Your Future online careers platform for anyone who wants to find out more about apprenticeships. Please signpost students and parents/carers to it for apprenticeships resources and information.



Events

Skanska drop ins

[Link to register](#)

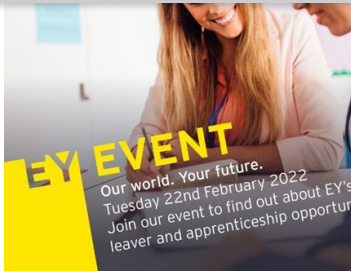
Skanska are hosting a number of informal virtual drop in sessions from **23rd in February to 10th March** for students to ask any questions they have about apprenticeships, the job application process, careers in construction or Skanska as an employer.



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<https://forms.integrate-events.com/#/events/ey/327587>

This webinar on **22nd February from 17:30-18:30** will give students an insight into EY's degree and business apprenticeship programmes, as well as their business, culture and people. [Link to the EY website.](#)

Next Steps Explained launch

www.brookes.ac.uk/outreach/post-16/next-steps-explained

This Oxford Brookes programme is for **Year 13 students** and is designed to help demystify the UCAS Extra and clearing routes for students in their final year at school/college. It will launch on **25th February** via a pre-recorded webinar.



UBS apprenticeships

<https://pathwayctm.com/event/34613>

This event on **3rd March from 18:00-19:00** may be of interest to students thinking of a career in finance. UBS offers apprenticeship roles in asset management, wealth management, global markets, finance and more.

What Uni? & What Career? Live

www.whatcareerlive.co.uk/what-university-what-career-live-birmingham-2022

Book a free school trip to What University? & What Career? Live at the NEC, Birmingham on **4th & 5th March**. Students can meet a range of employers, listen to speakers and get 1:1 advice.



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www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/into-games-career-festival-2022-tickets-227773686227

This free online event runs from **10th-12th March** and will give students an insight into jobs and careers in the games industry.

Your next steps: Where to begin

<https://pathwayctm.com/event/your-next-steps-where-to-begin>

Students can join Pathway CTM online on **19th March from 10:00-11:00** to hear about the best places to start their search, no matter what post 16 option they are leaning towards.



Work experience

Save the date: Oxfordshire virtual work experience

Oxfordshire virtual work experience for **Years 10 to 13** will be available FREE through SpringPod and will run from **14th March – 18th April**. The 10 hour programme, which can be completed any time during these 4 weeks, will be focused on developing your students' workplace skills. It can be done within school or at home and can be used as a perfect pre-cursor to students going out on work experience after Easter or as a stand-alone programme. More details to follow but for now save the date!



Skanska insight day

[Link to register interest](#)

This virtual experience Skanska Insight day on **16th February** will see speakers from across the organisation explain their roles, what life is like as a Skanska apprentice and how best to succeed in applying for apprenticeships.

<http://digitalcampfeb22.eventbrite.com>

The Digital Camp experience takes place from **25th-26th February** and aims to help **young people aged 14-19** to get creative with tech. They will build digital skills in hands-on workshops and get support from employers such as Vodafone and Microsoft. Please note there is a cost.



IBM insight day

<https://pathwayctm.com/event/virtual-work-experience-day-with-ibm>

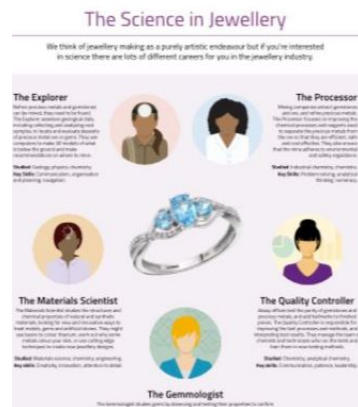
Students can come along to this virtual work experience day on **19th April from 10:00-15:00** to learn all about who IBM are as an organisation and their opportunities for young people.

Resources

Skills Builder funded places

www.skillsbuilder.org/uk-accelerator

Over an academic year, Skills Builder Accelerator works with you to develop and implement a complete strategy for teaching essential skills in your institution. There are **funded places** for 2022-23 available and applications open on **28th February**. [Register your interest.](#)



Talking Futures careers conversation videos

As part of the Talking Futures programme, The Gatsby Foundation has created a series of films that provide top tips for parents from parents about how to support children with their career decisions. Hear from a few famous faces about the importance of having conversations with teenagers about their future working lives.

- **Film 1** - Hear from Olympic champion Becky Adlington's mum.
- **Film 2** - Hear from Chayton-based mother of AJS band member DJ GQ.
- **Film 3** - Hear from parents of 'Tootsie Barltlett' Alexandra Wilson.
- **Film 4** - An overview video from parents of people at the top of their field highlighting to parents, careers and guardians the influence they can have to regularly talking to their teenagers about their future.

Key messages for parents about their role in their child's career decision making

These four statements could accompany any communications about these videos, or if you are just starting to bring parents in on their child's career starting journey.

- Many of us can feel out of our depth talking to our children about jobs and how to get started in a career. But talking to your child really matters and can make a real difference to their future.
- Think about what motivates your child, what they're good at and the skills which employers will find valuable.
- There are lots of careers out there that you may not know much about but you don't need to.
- It's ok not to have all the answers, and to learn about new options with your child.

Careers Leaders and other school or college staff can find more information about, and support to parental engagement in careers, on the [Talking Futures pages of the Gatsby Foundation Website](#).

How schools and colleges can use these films

Careers Leaders can share these films with parents and staff as part of existing career-related activities.

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Add these videos to the parents page of your school or college website with details about when to get further support. Good places to direct parents to are the National Careers Service and the Gatsby Foundation website.	Use these videos as part of an invite to an information event for parents. For example, you could link to them in texts or emails out to parents as a way of grabbing attention.	Use these videos as a powerful way to start an event. Follow the screening of the videos by asking parents to discuss how the films made them feel or what they thought.

Talking Futures films

[Download an information sheet](#)

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Transition resources

[Link to the resources](#)

The CEC have collated key resources and support for you to ensure that you can effectively support students to navigate application and recruitment processes and make effective transitions to their best next steps.

Support students to successful transition

We have collated key resource and support to effectively support students to navigate application and make effective transitions to their best next steps.

Get this resource

FSQ Careers Leader Implementation Guide



WildHearts NAW resources

[Link to register](#)

The WildHearts Schools Team have created some apprenticeship resources, including bite sized accessible resources and information to give students a taste of what opportunities an apprenticeship can bring. [Register to access](#).

Opendays.com

www.opendays.com/calendar

Browse the Opendays.com calendar of university and college open days to find out what's on when.

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Apprenticeship opportunities

HEE digital pre-apprenticeship programme

www.apprenticesintohealth.co.uk/pre-apprenticeship-programme

Young people considering a digital career are invited to take part in a free digital pre-apprenticeship programme, comprising a series of live, interactive workshops and online, self-study to give learners firsthand experience of what it is like to study as a digital apprentice. The programme is run in partnership with Health Education England, with a specific focus of preparing young people for a digital apprenticeship

Sign up for a taster workshop: <https://bit.ly/DigitalApprenticeshipTaster>

The Apprentices into Health Pre-Apprenticeship course covers:

- NHS values and what it means to work in health and social care
- Business skills
- Employability skills
- Introduction to data skills
- Introduction to coding and programming

If you would like further information, please contact shilpa.bhatt1@nhs.net or hannah.sullivan-guckian@nchlondon.ac.uk



Reaction Engines

https://oasapprenticeshipjobs.co.uk/job_posts/advanced-engineering-apprenticeship-mechanical

Know any future rocket scientists? Reaction Engines are recruiting to their Advanced Engineering Apprenticeship (Mechanical Technician). Closing date: **31st March**.

Blenheim

[Link to the newsletter](#)

Blenheim released a National Apprenticeship Week bulletin, which gives an interesting insight into the apprenticeships they offer, which may be of interest to your students.



BAM Nuttall

www.tiro.co.uk/app-vacancies/bam-nuttall-banbury-laboratory-technician-level-3/

Construction firm BAM Nuttall have a Level 3 Laboratory Technician vacancy currently available in Banbury, £17,000 per year, 21 months duration.



Allen & Overy

www.aograduate.com/solicitor-apprenticeships

With this 6-year solicitor apprenticeship programme, students will divide their time between Allen & Overy and their fully funded part-time university course. They will start on a salary of £25,000 per year, which will increase with every year of the apprenticeship. Closing date: **20th February**.



Dyson Institute

www.dysoninstitute.co.uk

Dyson Undergraduate Engineers work alongside the Dyson Technology Global Engineering team from day one. They contribute to live projects, while studying for their BEng (Hons) Engineering degree apprenticeship awarded by the Dyson Institute. [Link to register interest](#).

Dates for your diary

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

Oxford Brookes applicant day

19th February

Students can visit Brookes in person and experience what student life is really like at this applicant day. They also have [campus tours](#) available to book from 12-30 January for students looking to visit in person before the deadline. [Register here](#).

Alternatives to A Levels

26th February, 10:00-11:00

This Pathway CTM webinar is for students who don't want to do A Levels to hear about what their post 16 options are. [Register here](#).

ACE Training open mornings

26th February, 26th March, 30th April and 28th May, 10:00-12:00

ACE Training are holding monthly Saturday open mornings in Spring 2022 for students interested

Thames Valley Police careers

2nd March, 18:00-19:30

At this virtual event, students and parents/carers can hear all about entry routes into a career with TVP, including apprenticeships. It will explore policing and other roles and will include information and tips on how and when to apply. [Register here](#).

Science in Your Future - Diamond Light Source

3rd March, 09:30-15:00

This free Zoom event is aimed at **girls in KS4** who are interested in science or engineering careers. The day is split into four sessions, each lasting 45 minutes. Teachers and careers advisors are also welcome. [Register here](#).

National Careers Week virtual fair

7th-12th March

The National Careers Week virtual fair will run throughout the week. NCW have started producing a monthly e-zine called The Careers Download to help you keep up to date with the latest on the week. Get the first 2 editions at <https://nationalcareersweek.com>. [Find out more](#).

BMW employer event

15th March, 18:00-19:00

This Adviza webinar with Mark Massingham from BMW will give students the opportunity to discuss the varying career options in the automotive industry. [Register here](#).

Particle Physics Masterclass

15th and 16th March, 09:15-15:00

This virtual event is for **A Level physics students**. It will include talks by particle physicists, a virtual tour of the particle accelerators and an interactive computer exercise using real LHC data. [Register here](#).

YourGamePlan and Campus Media industry insights

7th-11th March, daily from 14:00-15:00

This week of live sessions for Year 10-13 students will cover a variety of career opportunities across a range of industries. [Find out more](#).

Parents of future engineers insight

16th March, 18:00-19:00

This virtual event is for parents/carers and teachers/careers advisors to find out about careers in engineering. The Dyson Institute and BB7 will talk about their roles and give top tips for applying. [Register here](#).

Think Human Festival 2022

2nd-9th April

Brookes Think Human Festival events for schools provide opportunities for school groups in Years 9

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Green Futures Conference

11th July, 10:00–17:00

This conference at Hill End is a wonderful opportunity for students aged 16-18 who want to use their interest in the environment in their future careers to spend time talking to representatives from businesses and organisations that are actively tackling environmental issues. It costs £4 per student. [Register here.](#)

Useful links

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

[Oxfordshire Apprenticeship Awards 2022](#)

[Levelling Up the United Kingdom white paper](#)

[Careers Leader training](#)

[#ReDrawTheBalance film](#)

[Amazing Apprenticeships](#)

[Step into the NHS](#)

[Get The Jump](#)

[Inspiring the Future](#)

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

[Find Your Future](#)

[Choices post 16 resource](#)

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