

OxLEP Skills: Picks of the Week

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## Picks of the Week: 14th March 2022

There are lots of resources, events and apprenticeship opportunities in this week's Picks of the Week. Please share the links with your students, parents/carers and colleagues.



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## Oxfordshire Virtual Work Experience

Our Oxfordshire Virtual Work Experience programme, hosted by Springpod, is now open for students from **Years 10 to 13** until **8th April**. You can still sign groups of students up to take part by emailing Georgie Smith on [georgie.smith@springpod.com](mailto:georgie.smith@springpod.com) or Jenni Holmes on [jenni.holmes@springpod.com](mailto:jenni.holmes@springpod.com).

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## Introducing Sophie Strudwick

My name is Sophie Strudwick and I am the new Schools Partnership Executive for Further Education in Oxfordshire at Activate Learning, covering the City of Oxford College, Blackbird Leys/Institute of Technology and Banbury & Bicester campuses. I have spoken with and visited some of you already, but please do get in touch if there is anything I can do to help support your careers programme or you have any questions about the statuses of student applications ([sophie.strudwick@activatelearning.ac.uk](mailto:sophie.strudwick@activatelearning.ac.uk)).

I can deliver whole year group assemblies (usually Y10/11), attend careers events, bespoke application workshops and college tours and offer 1:1 guidance sessions for your students. In addition, I can also organise taster sessions and workshops for your students with our wonderful faculty staff and tutors, giving students the important opportunity to see what their course and college life is like. I look forward to working with you!



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## Events

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### Future Engineers Influencers Eve

<https://pathwayctm.com/event/influencer-evening-for-parents-teachers-of-future-engineers>

This event on **16th March from 18:00-19:00** is for parents/carers and teachers of future engineers. The Dyson Institute and Jaguar Land Rover will talk about their roles and opportunities for young people, when they should be applying and how they can prepare themselves to stand out in applications.

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Aimed primarily at KS4 & 5, this broadcast on **24th March at 10:00** will feature a live panel, LMI and video insights from employers and young people in the construction sector. There will be a live q&a and jobs board and the recordings can be accessed after the event to be used at a time to suit.

CONSTRUCTION CAREERS HOUR  
@10:00am

You are invited to the Construction Careers Hour by the Construction Careers & Enterprise Company.

This interactive broadcast will feature insights from the construction industry and is aimed at students and young people and the opportunity to ask questions of experts.

Register now as a student, teacher, or guest.



## Escape Studios Open Day

[www.pearsoncollegelondon.ac.uk/escape-studios/visit-us/events/undergraduate-open-days.html](http://www.pearsoncollegelondon.ac.uk/escape-studios/visit-us/events/undergraduate-open-days.html)

Students can join this on-campus undergraduate open day on **26th March from 10:30-14:00** to meet tutors, hear from current students and Escapees and discover how they ensure students are studio-ready before they graduate.

## Ignite Sport Open Day

[Download a flyer](#)

At this open event on **30th March at 18:30**, students can find out all about football education and apprenticeships with Ignite Sport. Students can register by emailing [courses@ignitesportuk.com](mailto:courses@ignitesportuk.com) or calling 0300 3030890.



## Brookes Business School Taster

[www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/oxford-brookes-business-school-taster-day-registration-274728890507](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/oxford-brookes-business-school-taster-day-registration-274728890507)

Oxford Brookes Business School is holding a taster day on **4th April from 10:00-14:55** where students can gain insight into the variety of business degrees Brookes has to offer and learn about other experiences available at university, such as work placements and global exchanges.

## Green Futures Conference

[www.oxfordearthacademy.org/green-futures-conference](http://www.oxfordearthacademy.org/green-futures-conference)

This conference on **11th July from 10:00–17:00** 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. [Download a poster](#).



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## CPD

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### Careerpilot

Are you making the most of your free access to Careerpilot to support careers teaching across the school? Find out more about what Careerpilot can offer in these free webinars, including comprehensive careers information, advice and guidance for students, support for parents and carers, careers related teaching resources for staff and support for helping your school meet the Gatsby Benchmarks.

#### Introduction to Careerpilot

For school/college/Uni Connect staff who are new to Careerpilot and want to find out more.

15th March, 15:30-16:15

[www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/introduction-to-careerpilot-tickets-205164200647](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/introduction-to-careerpilot-tickets-205164200647)

#### Getting started with Careerpilot

A hands-on, interactive session to explore where to start, what to use and how to access data.

24th March, 15:30-16:45

[www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/getting-started-with-careerpilot-tickets-144614460745](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/getting-started-with-careerpilot-tickets-144614460745)

Alternatively, please contact Careerpilot at [careerpilot@bath.ac.uk](mailto:careerpilot@bath.ac.uk)

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[www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/RMA-email](http://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/RMA-email)

RateMyApprenticeship are planning a full revamp of their ApprenticeshipHub and would like to hear from you to help them improve it. In this short survey, you can tick the kinds of resources that have helped you and those you would like to see more of.

## Work Experience

### Coca-Cola Europacific Partners

<https://leeds.startprofile.com/page/ccep-virtualworkexperience>

Coca-Cola Europacific Partners have a free, 2 hour long, on-demand virtual work experience programme, designed for **young people aged 14-18** to learn about roles with CCEP and gain some skills and a certificate along the way.



### Health Education England

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

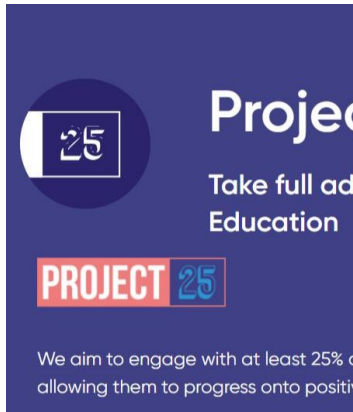
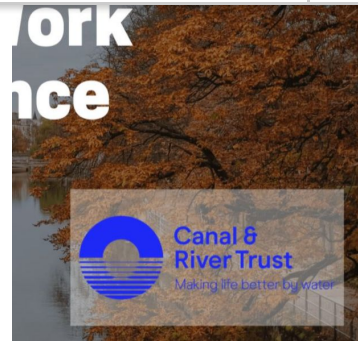
During this virtual day on **6th April from 10:00-15:00**, students can hear from and network directly with senior staff and current apprentices and take part in interactive activities, speed meets, and a Q&A panel.



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<https://pathwayctm.com/event/virtual-work-experience-day-with-canal-river-trust>

During this virtual day on **20th April from 10:00-15:00**, students can network with Canal & River Trust employees, hear about their programmes and opportunities and get their questions answered during the live Q&A.



## Project 25

<https://changingeducation.co.uk/project-25>

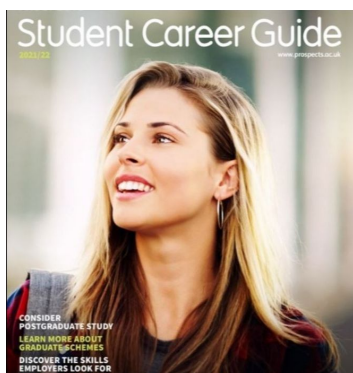
Through Project 25, Changing Education aims to engage with at least 25% of the nation's hardest to reach young people, allowing them to progress onto positive destinations. The initiative comprises of 1 or 2 days a week of work-related learning with a local employer.

## Resources

### She Plays Games 100

[www.sheplaysgames.co/spg-100](http://www.sheplaysgames.co/spg-100)

In honour of International Women's Day, this list includes 100 of the video game industry's most inspiring women who are having a positive impact and are pushing boundaries.



## Prospects Career Guides

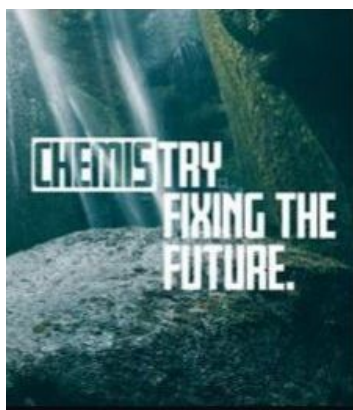
[www.prospects.ac.uk/prospects-publications](http://www.prospects.ac.uk/prospects-publications)

Prospects have some 2021-22 career guides for students, including a Student Career Guide, which contains info on life at university and skills employers are looking for and Guide to a Career in Law.

## Pharmacology Careers

[www.bps.ac.uk/ambassadors/resources-for-promoting-careers](http://www.bps.ac.uk/ambassadors/resources-for-promoting-careers)

The British Pharmacological Society have created a number of resources for different age groups and career stages to help you inspire and support the next generation of pharmacologists.



## Chemistry Careers

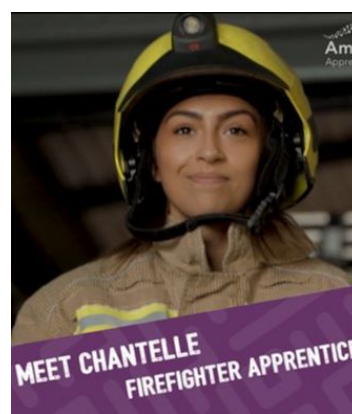
<https://edu.rsc.org/future-in-chemistry/teachers-and-careers-advisers>

The Royal Society of Chemistry offers a range of resources to help you promote chemistry careers and qualifications to school or college students and help them understand the link between chemistry at school and careers.

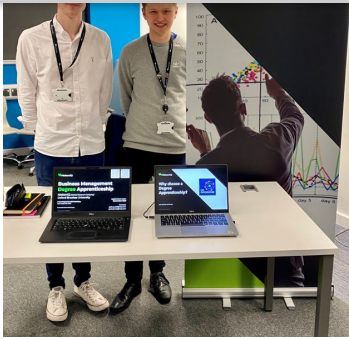
## Apprentice Story Film

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/resource/chantelle-apprentice-story-film>

This new film from Amazing Apprenticeships features Chantelle, a Firefighter at Buckinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service. Chantelle took her dreams as a 3 year old to the reality of being a fully-fledged member of the crew.



## Apprenticeship Opportunities

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

NielsenIQ are now recruiting to their Level 6 Business Management Apprenticeship to start in September 2022. Students will gain a BA (Hons) Degree in Business and Management Practice, certified by Oxford Brookes University.

## BBC Apprentice Hub

[www.bbc.co.uk/apprenticehub](http://www.bbc.co.uk/apprenticehub)

The BBC Apprentice Hub is a brand new initiative creating apprenticeship opportunities in a wide range of creative, gaming, cultural and digital businesses based in and around the West Midlands.



## Jaguar Land Rover

[www.jaguarlandrovercareers.com/content/Apprentices/](http://www.jaguarlandrovercareers.com/content/Apprentices/)

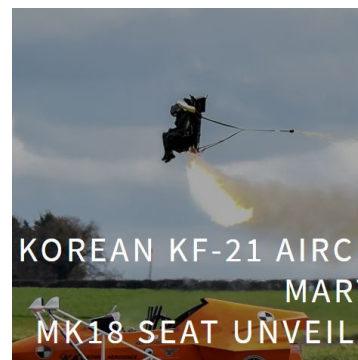
JLR have several engineering and digital apprenticeship programmes, ranging from level 3 to 6. They are open during March but may close early due to the volume of applications they receive, so please encourage students to apply asap.



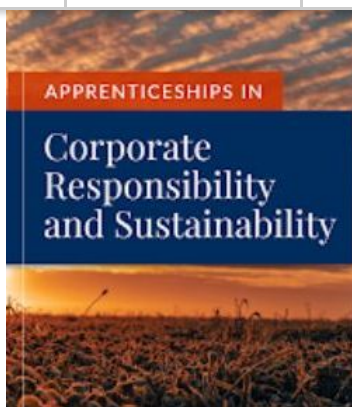
## Martin-Baker

<https://martin-baker.com/careers/apprenticeships>

Martin-Baker are the world leader in the manufacture of aircrew escape and safety systems. They are currently recruiting for mechanical engineering apprentices, based in Chalgrove. Applications close on **20th March**.







[www.fcdo.servicescareers.co.uk/career-areas/apprenticeships](http://www.fcdo.servicescareers.co.uk/career-areas/apprenticeships)

FCDO are a government organisation providing secure services to UK government departments and overseas partners. They have a wide range of apprenticeship opportunities for 2022 based in Milton Keynes and London. You can [download some factsheets](#) and contact [mandy.browning@fco.gov.uk](mailto:mandy.browning@fco.gov.uk) to arrange a virtual information session.

## Unilever

<https://careers.unilever.com/uk-apprenticeships>

Unilever have a range of apprenticeship roles, including engineering, research and development and business and technology from level 3 to 6 to start in September 2022. Some of their programmes are now closed but there are some still open e.g. food professional degree apprenticeship.



## Dates For Your Diary

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

### 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](#).

### Ask the NHS - pharmacy

15th March, 18:00-19:00

This informal session will be led by pharmacists and current university students to answer any questions students may have about careers in pharmacy, routes into pharmacy and the application process.

[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

**Discover Diageo**

16th March, 18:00-19:00

At this online event, students can find out about careers with multinational producers of beer and spirits Diageo, including their engineering and packaging apprenticeships. [Register here.](#)

**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.](#)

**Your next steps: Where to begin**

19th March, 10:00-11:00

Students can join Pathway CTM online to hear about the best places to start their search, no matter what post 16 option they are leaning towards. [Register here.](#)

**Studying healthcare at uni**

23rd March, 18:30-19:30

This webinar with the University of South Wales will give students an insight into the careers that studying healthcare at university could lead to. There is a part 2 about applications on **30th March at 18:30.** [Register here.](#)

**ACE Training open mornings**

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 in construction to drop in to see the centre and have a chat with members of the team.

**Think Human Festival 2022**

2nd–9th April

Brookes Think Human Festival events for schools provide opportunities for school groups in Years 9 upwards and individual 6th Form students to engage directly with current research in humanities and social sciences. [Find out more.](#)

**Oxfordshire Apprenticeship Awards 2022**

19th May, 19:00

Winners will be revealed at a special virtual live broadcast. Follow #OAAwards2022 on social media for all the latest on the awards.

**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

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## Useful Links

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

[Parents' and Carers' Packs](#)

[Cyber Explorers](#)

[Careers Leader training](#)

[Amazing Apprenticeships](#)

[Step into the NHS](#)

[Get The Jump](#)

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

[Find Your Future](#)

[Choices post 16 resource](#)

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