

OxLEP Skills: Picks of the Week

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## Picks of the Week: 24th January 2022

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



## Events



### Teentech animation workshops

<https://teentech.com/event/teentech-city-of-tomorrow-smart-skills-animation-week-1>

During this Teentech City of Tomorrow Smart Skills session, students will create their own animation – from pre-production, through production and post-production. This is a 2 part programme, with part 1 on **25th January from 10:00-11:00** and [part 2](#) on **8th February from 10:00-11:00**.

## Diamond Light Source events

### Apprenticeship open evening

[www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-diamond-experience-apprenticeship-open-evenings-tickets-227130231637](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-diamond-experience-apprenticeship-open-evenings-tickets-227130231637)

This open evening on **26th January from 17:30** will provide an insight into [Diamond's apprenticeship opportunities](#), which are now open for applications - Engineering Technician and Measurement Scientist - a chance to find out more about Diamond and ask questions. [Download a flyer](#).

This free event will take place via Zoom on **3rd March from 09:30-15:00**. It 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.

### Particle Physics Masterclass

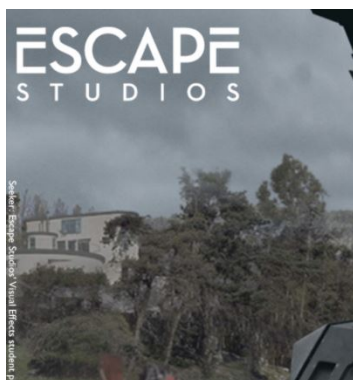
<https://ppm2022.eventbrite.co.uk>

This will take place via Zoom on **15th and 16th March from 09:15-15:00** 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.

## Aim High open event

[Download a flyer](#)

Fly2Help's [Aim High Programme](#) offers students interested in aviation career taster events, week long programmes and even has a travelling airport. They are holding an open day on **31st January from 10:00-17:00** for you to find out more. This is in Gloucestershire but they may be able to hold sessions at Oxford Airport if there is interest.



## VFX virtual roadshow

[www.pearsoncollegelondon.ac.uk/escape-studios/visit-us/events/vfx-virtual-roadshows.html](http://www.pearsoncollegelondon.ac.uk/escape-studios/visit-us/events/vfx-virtual-roadshows.html)

This virtual event on **1st February from 09:45-12:35** is for **students aged 12-16**. They will hear all about the VFX industry and get some top tips about how to get into it.

## Apprenticeships webinars for parents and carers

During National Apprenticeship Week, we are holding 'An introduction to apprenticeships for Oxfordshire parents and carers' (students welcome to attend too!) webinars in partnership with ASK. There are 2 dates to choose from. As well as an overview of apprenticeships, attendees will hear from Oxfordshire apprentices as well as their employer (University of Oxford) and training provider (Abingdon & Witney College) to give them an insight into how it all fits together.

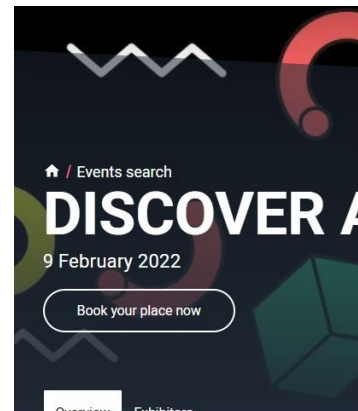
- Wednesday 9th February, 18:00-19:00, registration link - <https://tinyurl.com/yc47kstd>
- Thursday 10th February, 18:00-19:00, registration link - <https://tinyurl.com/2ef62pap>
- [Download the webinar flyer](#)



## UCAS apprenticeships event

[www.ucas.com/events/discover-apprenticeships-404016](http://www.ucas.com/events/discover-apprenticeships-404016)

UCAS Discover Apprenticeships live on **9th February** from **10:00–18:00** will be a day of inspiration, information and live employers. It will featuring everything a student needs to discover if an apprenticeship might be right for them – all packed into one day and online.



## Abingdon & Witney College

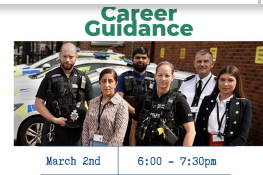
<https://abingdon-witney.ac.uk/events>

Abingdon & Witney College are holding in person open events from **15:30-19:00** at their Abingdon campus (**9th February**) and Witney campus (**16th February**) for students to see the facilities and meet teaching staff.

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[www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/thames-valley-police-careers-guidance-students-parents-tickets-247245527027](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/thames-valley-police-careers-guidance-students-parents-tickets-247245527027)

At this virtual event on **2nd March from 18:00-19:30**, 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.



Online



## National Careers Week virtual fair

<https://ncw2022.co.uk>

The National Careers Week virtual fair will run from **7th-12th March**. 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>.

## Think Human Festival 2022

[www.brookes.ac.uk/think-human/events-for-schools](http://www.brookes.ac.uk/think-human/events-for-schools)

Brookes Think Human Festival will take place from **2nd-9th April**. The 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.





# FULL STEAM AHEAD



SAVE THE DATES

WEDNESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> AND THURSDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2022

- ▶ Imagining a future in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM).
- ▶ Open to Year 7 & 8 students
- ▶ A 2-day suite of live, fun and interactive sessions from local employers in STEAM sectors.
- ▶ Each day will include four live sessions of 40 minutes each.

## How to incorporate the event into your school/classroom

The programme is aimed to give you maximum flexibility so you can choose to:

- ▶ Join a single live session or run 'off-curriculum' (half) days to inspire your younger year groups.
- ▶ Build sessions into your curriculum in June, leading up to the 2 days of live activity in July to bring your STEAM curriculum to life.

More details about employers, resources and timetables will be released shortly, including how to register for a session.

For now **SAVE THE DATES**



Thames Valley Berkshire



Buckinghamshire Local Enterprise Partnership



THE CAREERS & ENTERPRISE COMPANY



This collaborative event is being organised in partnership across the Thames Valley Region by STEM NOW, Study Higher, The Careers and Enterprise Company, Oxfordshire LEP, Buckinghamshire Skills Hub, Thames Valley Berkshire LEP and Luton Careers Hub.

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**Student Finance**

Student loan applications and what support you can give your students to ensure that they are prepared well in advance.

Informal question and answer session to discuss all things student finance.

Presented by Ahmar Ehsan from the Student Loans Company.

**9 FEBRUARY** 3.45-4.45pm

Register your interest

ASPIRE STUDY HIGHER Uni Connect Programme

StudyHigher @oxlephigher STUDYHIGHER\_oxleph\_higher\_he StudyHigher @oxlephigher-022491aa

[www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/teacher-adviser-webinar-support-with-the-student-loan-application-tickets-230233684147](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/teacher-adviser-webinar-support-with-the-student-loan-application-tickets-230233684147)

At this Study Higher virtual event on **9th February from 15:45-16:45**, join Ahmar Ehsan from the Student Loans Company to hear the latest developments in student loan policy and how you can support your students with student loan applications.

[Download a flyer.](#)

## Work experience

### Tesco virtual insight sessions

Tesco are holding a series of virtual sessions with Speakers for Schools for **Year 9-13 students** on a range of topics to give them an insight into career opportunities with Tesco and in retail. Please check the individual events for timings and which year groups they are suitable for.

7th Feb: CV workshop - [www.s4snextgen.org/Opportunities/View/id/2487](https://www.s4snextgen.org/Opportunities/View/id/2487)

15th Feb: Space, range and merchandising - [www.s4snextgen.org/Opportunities/View/id/2438](https://www.s4snextgen.org/Opportunities/View/id/2438)

16th Feb: Customer and marketing - [www.s4snextgen.org/Opportunities/View/id/2444](https://www.s4snextgen.org/Opportunities/View/id/2444)

16th Feb: Property careers, interview skills workshop - [www.s4snextgen.org/Opportunities/View/id/2410](https://www.s4snextgen.org/Opportunities/View/id/2410)

17th Feb: Technology - [www.s4snextgen.org/Opportunities/View/id/2437](https://www.s4snextgen.org/Opportunities/View/id/2437)

### Vodafone virtual work experience

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

At this virtual work day on **5th April from 10:00-15:00**, students will be able to network with current Vodafone employees in interactive breakout rooms, hear from current apprentices about their routes into the company and take part in a Q&A.



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**KPMG**

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

At this virtual work day on **7th April from 10:00-15:00**, students will be able to network with current KPMG employees in interactive breakout rooms, hear from current apprentices about their routes into the company and take part in a Q&A.

## Allen & Overy Smart Start

[Link to the information](#)

The Smart Start Experience week is for [eligible Year 12 students](#) and will take place w/c **18th July** at Allen & Overy's London office. Through interactive workshops and team challenges, participants develop the skills necessary to succeed in a professional career. Students need to attend a [Smart Choices virtual event](#) to apply - the last one is **5th April**.



## Summer schools

**Brookes Summer Schools**

Find out what it's really like to be a university student and explore a subject

[Apply Now](#)

### Brookes summer schools

[www.brookes.ac.uk/outreach/post-16/summer-schools](http://www.brookes.ac.uk/outreach/post-16/summer-schools)

Brookes summer schools are for **eligible Year 12 students** and take place in **July**. Students will get the opportunity to discover what being a university student is all about and delve into a subject area of their choice. The deadline to apply is **09:00 on 25th April**.

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[www.henley.ac.uk/research/academic-areas/real-estate-and-planning/rref/pathways-to-property/summer-school](http://www.henley.ac.uk/research/academic-areas/real-estate-and-planning/rref/pathways-to-property/summer-school)

The summer school is a four day, fully funded residential course held on campus at Henley Business School, University of Reading, held in **July**. It is for **Year 12 students**, priority will be given to under-represented groups.



## Resources



### Healthcare

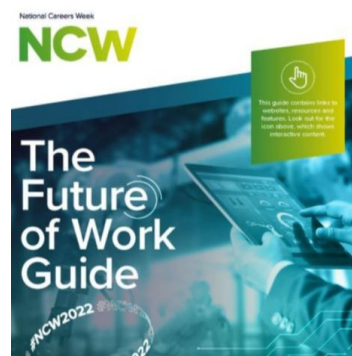
[www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLTO-tXNNGLzSD0PtknuS4QbSUhOR4CL3](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLTO-tXNNGLzSD0PtknuS4QbSUhOR4CL3)

The Changing Education Group have a range of free sector spotlights on their YouTube channel, featuring lots of short films of people talking about their roles within each sector. They are currently featuring healthcare.

### The Future of Work Guide

<https://nationalcareersweek.com/2022fow>

The National Careers Week 'The Future of Work Guide' has been updated for 2022. It focuses on changes to the world of work which are expected to happen due to the Fourth Industrial Revolution and resulting automation.



### Focus on soft skills

<https://successatschool.org/advisedetails/198/Skill-Up:-What-Are-Soft-Skills-And-Why-Are-They-Important>

A quick guide for students from Success at School about soft skills - what they are, why they matter and how you can develop them.



## Competition

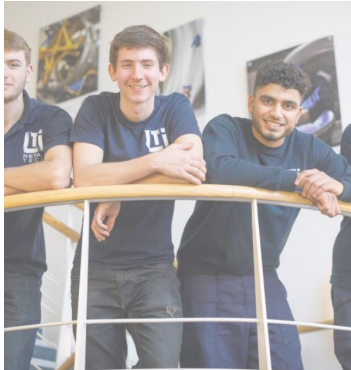
### Vodafone Future Skills Builder

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

The Future Skills Builder from Vodafone will help students develop 6 key skills: customer focus, innovation, problem solving, collaboration, communication and adapting to change through tackling 12 skills-based challenges and interactive tasks. Students will be entered into a prize draw for taking part. The competition closes on **14th April**.



## Apprenticeship vacancies



### LTi Metaltech

[www.theengineeringtrust.org/apprenticeships/current-vacancies](http://www.theengineeringtrust.org/apprenticeships/current-vacancies)

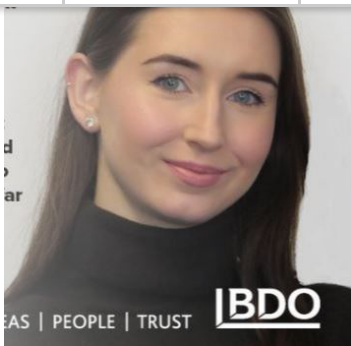
LTi Metaltech in Abingdon are looking for a Welding & Fabrication Apprentice. Applications are through The Engineering Trust, where you'll also find lots of other engineering opportunities.

### Diamond Light Source

[www.diamond.ac.uk/Careers/Apprenticeships.html](http://www.diamond.ac.uk/Careers/Apprenticeships.html)

Diamond are now recruiting for Level 3 Engineering Technicians (multiskilled) and Level 3 Measurement Scientists. They have an [open evening](#) on **26th January** for anyone wanting to find out about the opportunities. [Download a flyer](#).



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[www.bdoearlyincareer.co.uk/apprenticeship](http://www.bdoearlyincareer.co.uk/apprenticeship)

BDO offers apprenticeships to become a professional accountant or tax professional through a 4 year School Leaver Programme. School leavers at BDO can truly make an impact from day 1, with early client exposure and complex, challenging problems that will really make the most of their skills.

## RSM

[www.rsmuk.com/careers/students/school-leaver-apprenticeship](http://www.rsmuk.com/careers/students/school-leaver-apprenticeship)

RSM, a leading provider of audit, tax and consulting services, are currently recruiting for higher apprenticeships in a range of roles and locations.



## Dates for your diary

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

### Henley College information event

25th January, 18:00-20:30

At this in-person event, students will have the opportunity to visit the College, explore the campus and facilities, hear from the senior leadership team and meet teaching staff and current students. [Find out more.](#)

At this virtual event, students can hear from the Deloitte team about how to make applications stand out, what skills and attributes they look for in applicants and the types of questions to prepare for if you get through an interview. [Register here.](#)

#### **Girls into consulting with Accenture**

26th January, 18:00-19:30

Students will hear directly from Accenture HR staff and a panel of inspiring women about programmes they have on offer for females interested in consulting, including degree apprenticeships. [Register here.](#)

#### **Discover careers at McDonald's: beyond the restaurant**

27th January, 18:00-19:30

Students will learn about the exciting degree apprenticeship programmes at McDonald's and hear top tips from the recruitment team on how they can stand out in the application process. [Register here.](#)

#### **Launch your career to the sky with British Airways**

27th January, 18:00-19:30

Students who love travel will be interested to hear from Top 100 Apprenticeship Employer, British Airways, about their brand new apprenticeship scheme opening in January. They have designed their apprenticeships to suit a wide range of different skill sets. [Register here.](#)

#### **ACE Training open mornings**

29th January, 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 in construction to drop in to see the centre and have a chat with members of the team.

#### **Girls Go Technical**

1st February, 17:30-18:30

Female students can join BMW's Girls Go Technical virtual event to explore careers in the manufacturing industry. Email [GGT@bmwgroup.com](mailto:GGT@bmwgroup.com) to receive a link. The deadline to register is 16th January at 12:00.

#### **Routes into Law with Allen & Overy**

1st February, 18:00-19:30

At this virtual session, students can hear from the Allen & Overy team about their brand new apprenticeship scheme starting in September 2022 and how they are looking for ambitious and hard working students to join their successful team. [Register here.](#)

#### **Deloitte parent/carers insight event**

1st February, 18:30

This virtual event is for parents/carers of Year 10-13 students. They will hear all about apprenticeship opportunities at Deloitte and the opportunity to gain professional and degree level qualifications. [Register here.](#)

At this virtual event, students can hear from HR staff and current apprentices from the BT team talking about the 300+ apprenticeship roles that BT have to offer. [Register here](#).

### **OAS apprenticeship open event**

9th February (slots at 17:00 or 18:00)

At this in person event students can meet with OAS staff, current apprentices and employer partners to gain an insight into what it's like to be an apprentice at Oxfordshire Advanced Skills. [Register here](#).

### **Ignite Sport open event**

9th February, 18:30

This event on is for students aged 16+ and will give them the opportunity to find out all about sports apprenticeships with Ignite Sport, as well as their Velocity Football education programme. There are also open events on 30th March and 18th May. Email: [courses@ignitesportuk.com](mailto:courses@ignitesportuk.com) to register.

### **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](#).

### **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](#).

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## **Useful links**

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

[Oxfordshire Apprenticeship Awards 2022](#)

[Trends in careers education report](#)

[Amazing Apprenticeships](#)

[The Billion Tonne Drop film](#)

[Environmental career finder](#)

[Inspiring the Future](#)



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