

OxLEP Skills: Picks of the Week

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## Picks of the Week: 25th April 2022

We hope you enjoyed a well earned and relaxing break! There are lots of useful resources and details of how you can skill up on Compass+ in this issue of Picks of the Week!



## #OAAwards2022 - Careers Champion Award Finalists

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Huge congratulations to Helen Haines, Debbie Nicholas and Michael Rafferty, who have been selected as the three finalists in the Oxfordshire Apprenticeship Awards 2022 Careers Champion Award by the category sponsor The Engineering Trust. Tune in to the virtual live broadcast on Thursday 19th May to find out who the winner is! Congratulations to Helen, Debbie and Michael and to everyone who was nominated! See a full list of the finalists at [www.oxfordshirelep.com/oaawards2022](http://www.oxfordshirelep.com/oaawards2022)



### Careers Champion Award Finalists





**Helen Haines**  
Careers Leader  
Burford School



**Debbie Nicholas**  
Assistant Head Teacher  
and Careers Leader  
Iffley Academy



**Michael Rafferty**  
Motivation, Careers &  
Community Lead  
The Warriner School

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## Events



### Stemettes Associates

<https://stemettes.org/events/associates-programme>

The Stemettes Associates programme is for **over 15s** and comprises of online skill and career building sessions in the evening, hosted by mentors from across STEAM. A launch event will take place on **26th April from 18:30–19:30** and there are events running regularly until July.

### F4S Careers Jam

<https://f4scareersjam.com>

This online careers fair from Futures4students is for **young people aged 16-24** and takes place on **3rd May from 10:00-16:00**. The platform will then be available until September.

Students can chat live and book 1:1 meetings with prospective employers and educators. [Download a poster.](#)



### OAS Apprenticeship Open Evening

[www.oas.ukaea.uk/apprenticeships/events-and-open-evenings](http://www.oas.ukaea.uk/apprenticeships/events-and-open-evenings)

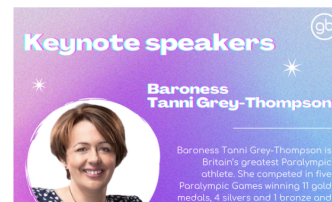
Oxfordshire Advanced Skills are holding their next apprenticeship open evening on **5th May at either 17:00 or 18:00**. Students can meet staff, current apprentices and employers to gain an insight into what it's like to be an engineering apprentice at OAS.

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[www.myglobalbridge.com/future-stars-report](http://www.myglobalbridge.com/future-stars-report)

This interactive digital careers event takes place on **12th May**. Students can access on demand videos and resources, link to live opportunities and speak to employers and HE/FE providers using the live chat. There is an 'Embracing Diversity Booth' specifically for SEND students. Keynote speakers are Baroness Tanni Grey-Thompson and Sian Gabbidon from The Apprentice. [Download a flyer](#) and [sign up](#) to receive a pre-event pack.

Save the date:  
**Thursday 12th May 2022**

Future Stars is a super-charged interactive digital careers event where young people can engage with **on demand videos, resources, links to live opportunities** and interact with businesses and HE/FE education providers through the **live chat box function**. Last year we were joined by over **150 schools** from across the UK and an additional **11 countries**. This year is set to be even bigger and we have already got some amazing partners lined up...



## Nailing Your Interviews

<https://pathwayctm.com/event/nailing-your-interviews>

This online workshop from Pathway CTM on **21st May from 10:00-11:00** will go through everything students need to know to nail their interviews! It will cover common interview questions and answers, positive body language, key points to set yourself apart and other tips and tricks for applications.

## Women in Engineering

[www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/spotlight-on-clean-careers-women-in-engineering-tickets-171040957107](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/spotlight-on-clean-careers-women-in-engineering-tickets-171040957107)

Founders for Schools are holding a webinar on **21st June from 09:45-14:30** which will shine a spotlight on clean careers and women in engineering. More details will be made available in due course.



## CPD

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Contact your Enterprise Coordinator to book

We are running a free 2.5 hour workshop at either **10:00 or 13:30 on 15th June** to help you to understand how to use Compass+ more effectively, where to find guidance and support and how to share good practice and support each other.

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## CEC Compass+ Webinars

[Link to all the webinars and dates](#)

### Getting started with Compass+

**Next date: 28th April, 15:30-16:30**

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_enn0Yi-OSQGf-5MzJmPDpA](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_enn0Yi-OSQGf-5MzJmPDpA)

This webinar will show you how to get started and make the most of the platform's key functionality, plus how to access free online Compass+ training and other resources.

### Compass+ surgery

**Next date: 10th May, 15:30-16:30**

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_ORv7qJHuTnaNY8hhp6bx2w](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ORv7qJHuTnaNY8hhp6bx2w)

This webinar is designed for Careers Leaders who've started using Compass+ and would like to use it more effectively. You can ask any questions about Compass+ in this open forum.

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## Future Skills Questionnaire

[Registration link](#)

This webinar on **5th May from 15:30-16:30** will tell you how the Future Skills Questionnaire can help you capture the learning outcomes of careers guidance based on your students perceptions, support individual student needs and Inform improvements to your careers programme.



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Success at School are piloting a new listening skills employability course and are inviting you to join a focus group to give feedback on the format. [Sign up](#) through the survey and you'll be shown a module from the course and invited to join a Zoom meeting to give your feedback.

## Work Experience

### National Work Experience Week

<https://nationalworkexperienceweek.co.uk/events>

Careersmap's National Work Experience Week takes place online from **25th-29th April** and features talks from a range of employers about the importance of work experience and how to find opportunities, among other topics, such as T Levels.



### Ace Training Summer Programme

[Download a flyer](#)

Ace Training's summer programme will take place from **20th July - 26th August**. As well as a 6 week introduction to carpentry and bricklaying, students will get help to progress into an apprenticeship and support with travel costs. Contact [sonia@acetraining.co.uk](mailto:sonia@acetraining.co.uk) or 01865 370040.

## Resources

[Link to the information](#)

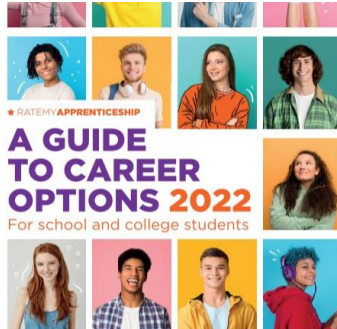
The Engineering Trust have careers resources that you can share with students interested in engineering. They can also visit your school or arrange online sessions to speak with **Year 10-13 students** and support your careers events. Contact Deepika at [d.tatineni@theengineeringtrust.org](mailto:d.tatineni@theengineeringtrust.org) or 07415 836970.



## A Guide to Career Options

[Download the guide](#)

RateMyApprenticeship have produced a digital version of their 2022 edition of 'A Guide to Career Options', which is free to download and includes lots of useful tips and advice.



## Escape Studios Careers Guide

[www.pearsoncollegelondon.ac.uk/escape-studios/careers/careers-guide.html](http://www.pearsoncollegelondon.ac.uk/escape-studios/careers/careers-guide.html)

This free Careers Guide is here to help students find their niche in the creative industries. It's packed with all the essential information about pipelines, job roles, expected salaries, skill requirements and qualifications needed to enter this ever-evolving industry full of opportunities.



## Cotswold Inns Careers

<https://careers.cotswold-inns-hotels.co.uk>

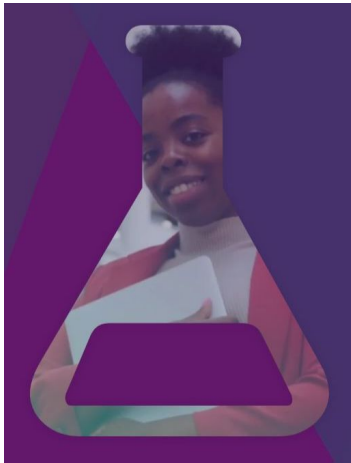
Cotswold Inns & Hotels have developed some new [careers web pages](#) and a [careers brochure](#) that you can download, which highlights some of the roles they offer. These may be of interest to student interested in hospitality careers.



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<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/the-parent-perspective-podcast>

Series 2 of Amazing Apprenticeships' The Parents' Perspective podcast will be launching next month with the first episode of an 8-part series. They will be back to tackle the big questions that parents and carers have about the options and choices available to their children.



## Mylearnlab

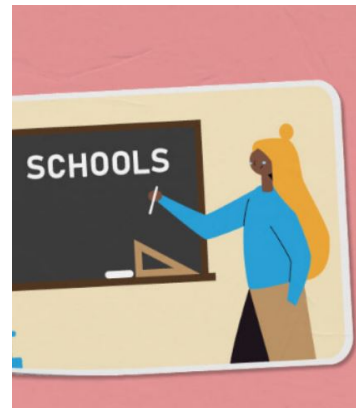
[www.myglobalbridge.com/mylearnlab](http://www.myglobalbridge.com/mylearnlab)

Globalbridge have developed mylearnlab, a collection of skills, careers and PSHE resource packs for young people. Students can access mylearnlab with a globalbridge profile - a digital record of achievement that lasts a lifetime, giving them the opportunity to showcase their talent and view opportunities with employers, universities and training providers.

## Pre-Employment Programme

<https://pathwayctm.com/services/for-schools>

Pathway CTM provides a **paid for** Pre-Employment Programme for students from **Year 9 to 13**. They ensure all young people are fully informed and supported with their options post GCSE and A Level, while providing you with all the tools you need to help them get there.



## Competition

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[www.bbowt.org.uk/photocomp22](http://www.bbowt.org.uk/photocomp22)

Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust (BOWT) are holding a photography competition with the chance to win a camera, photography workshop and the winning photo featured in Wild Magazine. There are categories for **6-12 and 13-19 year olds**. Closing date **8th September**. [Download a flyer](#).

## Apprenticeship Opportunities

### Oxford Biomedica

[Link to the vacancies](#)

Oxford Biomedica are currently recruiting for 4 x Technician Scientist (Level 5) Apprenticeships, suitable for **students completing A Levels**. Closing date **30th April 2022**.



### Milestone Infrastructure

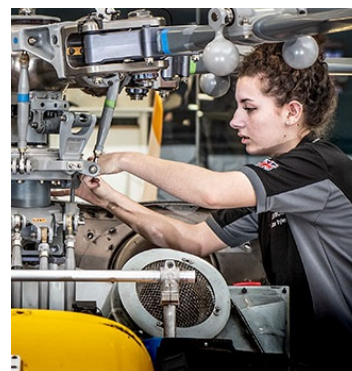


Milestone Infrastructure currently have vacancies for [3 x Trainee Civil Engineer Degree Apprenticeships](#) and [8 x Apprentice Highways Maintenance Operatives](#) within their Oxfordshire Highways contract. Closing **27th May** or sooner if filled.

### The Engineering Trust

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

The Engineering Trust are recruiting for a range of engineering roles and employers, including LTi Metaltech, SI Pumps, Viridor, Glazpart, Lucy Group, The MRC and OGM.





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### apprenticeships

If you have GCSEs or similar, this is the foundation of an exciting career. Join us in a paid role in one of our business areas as we support you to gain professional qualifications.

[Find out more](#)

<https://search.jobs.barclays/apprenticeships>

Barclays are currently recruiting to both their foundation and higher apprenticeship schemes. They have a range of roles including technology and operations, in a variety of locations.

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## Dates For Your Diary

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

### Stemettes Associates Launch

26th April, 18:30–19:30

The Stemettes Associates programme is for over 15s and comprises of skill and career building sessions in the evening, hosted by mentors from across STEAM. [Register here for launch event.](#)

### SOLP Careers Fair

27th April from 16:00-19:00

The South Oxfordshire Learning Partnership are holding a Careers Fair at Abingdon & Witney College Abingdon Campus. It is open to students in Years 9-13 and their parents/carers. Exhibitors include employers, further and higher education. [Download a poster.](#)

### Careers in Insurance

28th April, 18:00-19:00

This event with Ardonagh Specialty may be of interest to students who are interested in a career in insurance. They can find out about the company, ask questions and find out about opportunities to gain work experience with them. [Register here.](#)

### Careers Jam 2022

3rd May

This virtual careers fair from futures4students includes a variety of panel discussions and workshops where industry leaders and young professionals will share their experience, advice and tips on a range of issues relevant to young people aged 16-24. [Find out more.](#)

### OAS Open Evening

5th May, 17:00 or 18:00

At the next Oxfordshire Advanced Skills open evening students will be able meet with staff, current apprentices and employer partners to gain an insight into what it's like to be an apprentice at OAS.

[Register here.](#)

This Oxford Brookes taster day explores the theme of 'Power and Privilege - exploring social justice'. It will give students an opportunity to engage in discussion with academics and current students and tour the university campus. [Register here](#).

### Future Stars

12th May

This free event is open to SEND schools this year. The keynote speaker is record breaking Paralympian Tanni Grey-Thompson and organisations such as Siemens, UK Music and UCL are exhibiting. You can register by contacting [hello@myglobalbridge.com](mailto:hello@myglobalbridge.com). [Find out more](#).

### Health Careers Hour

12th May, 10:00

Aimed primarily at KS4 & 5, this broadcast will feature a live panel, LMI and video insights from employers and young people in the health 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. [Find out more](#).

### Humanities Taster Day

13th May, 10:00-14:20

This Oxford Brookes taster day will explore the theme of 'Humanising the future - exploring the need for humanities and social sciences in a technological future'. It may interest students who are considering studying social sciences at university. [Register here](#).

### 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.

### Sustainability in Tech

24th May, 18:00-19:00

At this virtual session, Vodafone will explain how they are committed to being as environmentally friendly as possible and answer questions about what they are doing to be more environmentally conscious.

[Register here](#).

### The Big Bang Fair

22nd - 24th June, 09:30-15:30

The Big Bang Fair 2022 will take place at the Birmingham NEC. It is open to 11 to 14 year olds and all hands-on activities and workshops have been specifically created for this age group. [Find out more](#).

### Retail Careers Hour

7th July, 10:00

Aimed primarily at KS4 & 5, this broadcast will feature a live panel, LMI and video insights from employers and young people in the retail and supply chain sector. There will be a live q&a and jobs board and the

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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](#).

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## Useful Links

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

[Pathway CTM](#)

[The Enterprise Guide](#)

[Journey To Work](#)

[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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