

OxLEP Skills: Picks of the Week

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Picks of the Week: 28th February 2022

We hope you had an enjoyable and relaxing half term break!
There are lots of National Careers Week events in this week's
Picks of the Week to help you plan for #NCW2022.



Oxfordshire Apprenticeship Awards 2022

Congratulations to the following colleagues, who have entered, or been nominated for, the Oxfordshire Apprenticeship Awards 2022 [Careers Champion Award](#) in recognition of their fantastic work.

- Claire Christiansen, Larkmead School
- Debbie Nicholas, The Iffley Academy
- Helen Haines, Burford School
- Jackie Mustoe, Carterton Community College
- Lindsay Powell, Europa School UK
- Michael Rafferty, The Warriner School
- Natalie Dayer, Frank Wise School
- Stuart George, Ridgeway Education Trust – Didcot Girls' School, Didcot 6th Form
- Sue Lea, UTC Oxfordshire

Judging is currently being carried out by the category sponsor - The Engineering Trust - and the three finalists will be announced during Oxfordshire Apprenticeships Hour (hashtag #OAHour) on Twitter [@OxonApprentice](#) from **13:00 on 14th April**. The winner will be revealed at a special live broadcast on **19th May from 19:00**. Follow #OAAwards2022 on social media for all the latest on the awards.

Events

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www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/games-jobs-live-south-tickets-243760603527

Students can join Games Jobs Live on **2nd March from 16:00-18:00** for their showcase of games jobs in the South of England with companies such as Creative Assembly, Rebellion and UKIE.

Get into medicine events

[Registration link](#)

Medic Mentor are running their [Get Into Medicine Conference](#) (09:30-13:30) and [Insight Into Medicine Conference](#) (14:00-17:30) throughout March and April, with the next one on **5th March**. Students will be able to ask questions of doctors and get a certificate of attendance.



National Careers Week virtual fair

<https://ncw2022.co.uk>

The National Careers Week Virtual Careers Fair will go live on day 1 of #NCW2022 and run from **7th-12th March**. All you need to do is share the website address with students and they can visit the fair to explore all the opportunities.



VFX Festival EDU

www.thevxfestival.com

VFX Festival EDU takes place on **8th March from 10:00-16:00** and is tailored to school and college students (**under 18 years old**) who want to learn more about the world of visual effects, animation, games and motion graphics.



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www.unifrog.org/webinars/upcoming/415-next-steps-student-fair

This virtual event takes place on **8th March from 17:00 to 20:00** and will give students the opportunity to compare all the different post-school pathways side by side to help them make the best decision for them.

OAS apprenticeship open evening

www.oas.ukaea.uk/openevenings

The next Oxfordshire Advanced Skills apprenticeship open evening takes place on **9th March at either 17:00 or 18:00**. Students can meet staff, current apprentices and employer partners and ask questions.



Women in finance Q&A

<https://pathwayctm.com/event/women-in-finance-qa-panel-with-icaew>

This webinar on **9th March from 18:00-19:00**, led by ICAEW and current finance apprentices, will give students the opportunity to hear from an inspiring panel of women in finance from a range of brands across the UK.



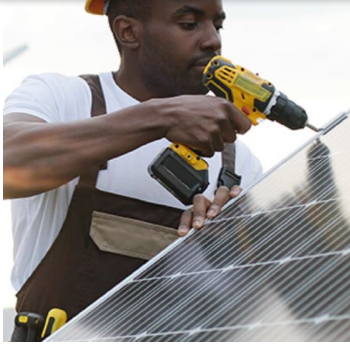
Google apprenticeships insight

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/google-apprenticeships-parents-insight-webinar-tickets-260281578207

This webinar on **9th March from 18:30-19:15** is for **parents/carers of students in Years 10-13**. They will hear about apprenticeship opportunities at Google, including Software Engineering, Digital Marketing and Information Communication Technician.

Google Parents



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www.worldskillsuk.org/careers-advice/spotlight-talks-inspiring-careers-excellence

This online careers event takes place on **9th-10th March** and brings together the UK's leading employers and apprentices to inspire young people from all walks of life to consider the vocational pathways which will lead them to green careers.

Web development workshop

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/teach-the-nation-to-code-presents-web-development-free-online-workshop-tickets-240181387997

This workshop with QA on **12th March from 09:30-16:30** will give students an understanding of how to build modern web applications using HTML, CSS, and JavaScript.



Studying healthcare at uni

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/studying-for-a-career-in-healthcare-with-the-university-of-south-wales-tickets-261788595737



This webinar on **23rd March from 18:30-19:30** 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**.

CPD

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www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/teacher-adviser-webinar-labour-market-information-trends-tickets-230269581517

At this webinar on **9th March from 15:45-16:45**, you will hear about labour market information, current trends and how these have been effected by COVID-19.

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Senior Leaders' training

www.careersandenterprise.co.uk/careers-leaders/careers-leader-training/school-college-improvement-through-careers-leadership

The CEC have launched their brand new, differentiated funded Careers Leader training offer aimed at **senior leaders** driving school/college improvement through Careers Leadership.

Traineeships webinar

[Registration link](#)

Join this webinar on **28th February from 15:00-16:00** with an expert speaker from the Department for Education's Traineeships team to find out more about Traineeships and Occupational Traineeships.


Traineeships



Higher Technical Qualifications

[Registration link](#)

Join this webinar on **2nd March from 15:30-16:15** to hear from colleagues from the Department for Education to give the latest updates on Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQs).

www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/HTQsurvey

Complete the Amazing Apprenticeships survey on what you feel is needed to help build awareness and confidence in Higher Technical Qualifications amongst school staff to be in with the chance to win a £100 gift voucher for your school.



Work experience

Oxfordshire Virtual Work Experience update

Our Oxfordshire Virtual Work Experience programme, hosted by Springpod, will take place from from **14th March to 8th April 2022** and is for students in **Year 10 to Year 13**. The aim of the experience is to support students to discover the world of work through hearing from local employers and focusing on key employability skills. We would urge students who are going out on work experience this year to use this as a great way to prepare, or for students who are at key transition points to start to explore what Oxfordshire has available for their next step. There is no limit on the number of students who can take part in the experience.

The opportunity will help students learn about opportunities in Oxfordshire, develop key employability skills through quizzes and activities, and take part in employer projects set by industry professionals. You can find more details by following this link:

www.springpod.com/virtual-work-experience/oxfordshire-work-experience-programme

There are 2 ways students can apply/register:

- Self-registration - [a flyer is attached](#) for you to use to promote the opportunity directly to your students, or you can send out the link above. Students can either register with their school/college or personal email address, but must include their school/college name for their details to be included in your school/college Student Engagement Report*.
- If there is a particular cohort of students that you want to ensure are registered, you can do this by sending Springpod the students' names and email addresses. Please email jenni.holmes@springpod.com and harriet.menzel@springpod.com who will respond with details of next steps.

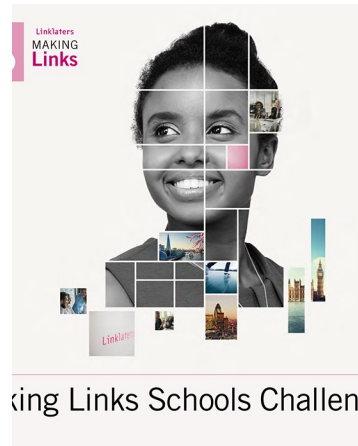
*Springpod understand the importance of monitoring and tracking your students engagement with the programme. Their newly revamped Student Engagement Report offers rich insights on your student activity with lots of filters so you can export the information you need. Details of registering your school can be found [here](#) and you can also watch a short video [here](#).

Competitions

Making Links Challenge

<https://careers.linklaters.com/en/early-careers/making-links>

This competition from Linklaters is designed to give **Year 12 students** currently in Year 12 the edge they need to become the commercial lawyers of the future, whilst developing their presentation and debating skills. The deadline for submission is **7th March**. [Download a flyer](#).



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Submit your story idea

BBC
YOUNG 
REPORTER

- [View ENTRY FORM to submit story idea](#)
- [View the Terms & Conditions for the BBC Young Reporter Competition here](#)
- [View the Privacy Notice for the BBC Young Reporter Competition here](#)

BBC Young Reporter Competition

www.bbc.co.uk/teach/young-reporter/competition/zghcydm

This competition is for **students aged 11-18** and the theme is 'Me and My World'. Winners will have the unique chance to tell their story on TV, radio, online or on social media with the help of BBC journalists, producers and programme makers.

Resources

<https://greenskills.ingeniuty.org/skills-miner>

The latest version of Skills Miner harnesses Minecraft’s popularity to bring engineering to life in a fun and innovative way, uncovering engineering skills through gameplay. It is aimed at **12-14 year olds** and encourages the development of green engineering skills through a familiar, domestic world which poses power and energy challenges.



Manufacturing definitions

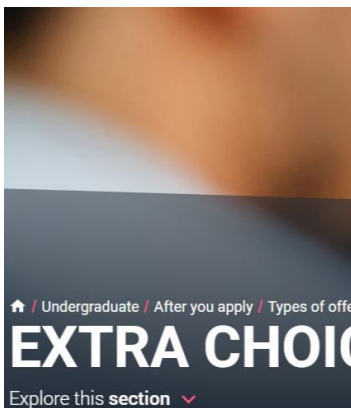
www.propelpm.com/articles/95-manufacturing-terms-you-need-to-know

Students interested in a career in manufacturing may find this manufacturing glossary with over 80 manufacturing terms and definitions useful to help them with their research and preparation for interviews.

In-Spire Sounds

www.inspiresounds.co.uk

In-Spire Sounds are welcoming referrals of young people for either 1-2-1 or group music-making sessions. These sessions will focus on the complete process of creating music from scratch including lyric writing, beat making, recording, production, mixing and the creation of music videos.



UCAS Extra

www.ucas.com/undergraduate/after-you-apply/types-offer/extra-choices

If you have students looking for a university place this September, please remind them that they don't have to wait until clearing. Any student who hasn't accepted an offer can still apply through UCAS Extra, which opens on **25th February**.

Online apprenticeships course

www.youthemployment.org.uk/employment-help-young-people/choices/online-skills-and-careers-courses/explore-apprenticeships-free-online-course

#ExploreApprenticeships is a free online course from Youth Employment UK and the CEC, designed to help young people to explore apprenticeships with confidence.

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A FREE ONLINE COURSE TO HELP YOU EXPLORE OPTIONS



Assessment centre tips

<https://pathwayctm.com/what-to-expect-during-an-assessment-centre>

Assessment centres can be an intimidating prospect, but they're also an essential step in the recruitment process. This article will give students some top tips you need to help them ace assessment centres!

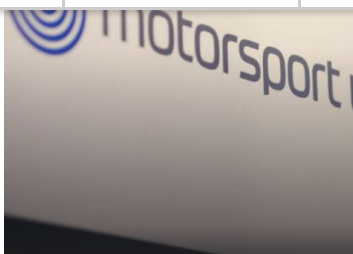
Apprenticeship opportunities

Magnox Ltd

[Download a flyer](#)

Magnox, a subsidiary of the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority based at Harwell, are recruiting for 2 engineering apprentices (1 electrical and 1 mechanical) to start in Autumn 2022. Closing date: **10th April**.



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[Link to the vacancies](#)

Motorsport UK in Bicester has launched its first apprenticeship initiative and is now advertising 2 roles (admin and finance) for people looking to kickstart their career in motorsport.

Skanska

www.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk/company-profile/319/skanska/jobs

SKANSKA

Skanska is recruiting to a range of construction apprenticeship roles, many in London, including quantity surveyor degree apprenticeships.



Amazon

www.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk/company-profile/405/amazon/jobs

Amazon are recruiting for a huge range of roles in various locations for summer 2022 starts, including interesting ones such as a Corporate Responsibility & Sustainability Apprenticeship. Most of them close on **31st March**.

Dates for your diary

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

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

[Register here.](#)

UBS apprenticeships

3rd March, 18:00-19:00

This event 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. [Register here.](#)

What Uni? & What Career? Live

4th & 5th March

Book a free school trip to What University? & What Career? Live at the NEC, Birmingham. Students can meet a range of employers, listen to speakers and get 1:1 advice. [Register here.](#)

Skanska drop ins

7th and 10th March

Skanska are hosting a number of informal virtual drop in sessions for students to ask questions about apprenticeships, the job application process, careers in construction or Skanska as an employer. [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.](#)

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.](#)

Into Games Careers Festival

10th-12th March

This free online event will give students an insight into jobs and careers in the games industry. [Register here.](#)

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

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](#).

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](#).

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.

[Opendays.com](#)

[Skills Builder Accelerator](#)

[Transition resources](#)

[Careers Leader training](#)

[Amazing Apprenticeships](#)

[Step into the NHS](#)

[Get The Jump](#)

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

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