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OxLEP Skills: Picks of the Week

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## Picks of the Week: 28th March 2022

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



## Events



### Ignite Sport Open Day

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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.

### A&W College Taster Week

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

Abingdon & Witney College are holding a taster week for Year 11 students from **5th-7th April** at both their [Abingdon](#) and [Witney](#) campuses. Sessions in a range of subjects are taking place from 16:00-18:00 so that students can attend after school.



## Taster Week

Year 11- your chance to get a taste of college!



## PwC Tech Apprenticeships

[www.careersschools.pwc.co.uk/event/ada-virtual-open-evening](http://www.careersschools.pwc.co.uk/event/ada-virtual-open-evening)

At this virtual session on **20th April from 16:00-18:00**, students can find out more about PwC's new Flying Start Technology Degree Apprenticeship with Ada, National College for Digital skills..

## Sustainability in Accounting

<https://pathwayctm.com/event/sustainability-in-accounting-with-icaew>

This virtual session on **21st April from 18:00-19:00** will be led by ICAEW and current accounting apprentices to answer any questions students may have about careers in accounting and how accountancy firms are going greener.



## Humanities Taster Day

[www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/power-and-privilege-exploring-social-justice-registration-288496259077](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/power-and-privilege-exploring-social-justice-registration-288496259077)

This Oxford Brookes taster day on **9th May from 10:00-14:20** 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, tour the university campus and look around the city of Oxford.



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This free event takes place on **12th May** and 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 [here](#) or by contacting [hello@myglobalbridge.com](mailto:hello@myglobalbridge.com).



## Sustainability in Tech

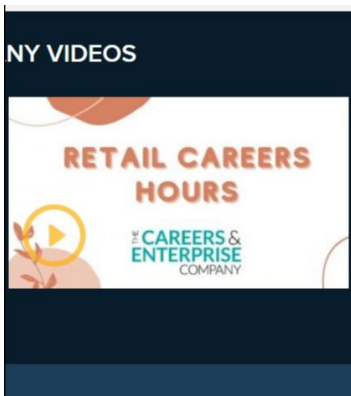
<https://pathwayctm.com/event/sustainability-in-tech-with-vodafone>

At this virtual session on **24th May from 18:00-19:00**, 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.

## The Big Bang Fair

[www.thebigbang.org.uk/fair](http://www.thebigbang.org.uk/fair)

The Big Bang Fair 2022 is open to **11 to 14 year olds** and all hands-on activities and workshops have been specifically created for this age group. Schools can explore The Fair at Birmingham NEC from **09:30-15:30 on 22nd - 24th June**. Families, home educators and community groups can visit the new Big Bang Fair Unlocked from 16:00-20:00 on 23rd June.



## Retail Careers Hour

<https://learnliveuk.com/retail-supply-chain>

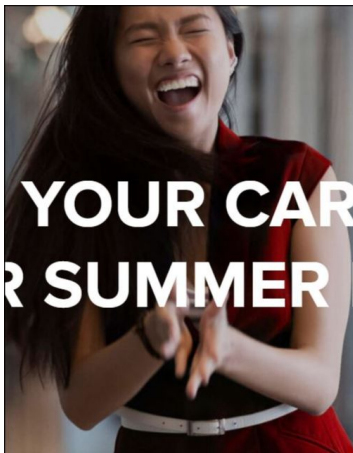
Aimed primarily at **KS4 & 5**, this broadcast on **7th July at 10:00** will feature a live panel, LMI and video insights from employers and young people in the retail and supply chain sector. There will be a live q&a and jobs board and the recordings can be accessed after the event to be used at a time to suit.

## Work Experience

### HSBC

<https://pathwayctm.com/event/in-person-taster-day-with-hsbc>

This unique face to face work experience day on **31st May from 10:00-15:00** will give students the opportunity to get an inside look into careers at HSBC, network with senior professionals and current apprentices, tour their Birmingham HQ and attend an interactive application workshop.



### BDO Insight Programme

[www.bdoearlyincareer.co.uk/yr-10-11-12-summer-programmes](http://www.bdoearlyincareer.co.uk/yr-10-11-12-summer-programmes)

This week-long virtual programme is for students in **Years 11 and 12** who attend a state school and meet the **social mobility criteria**. It takes place from **1st–5th August** and has been designed to give students an insight into life at a leading UK accountancy firm.

## Awards

### High Sheriff Awards

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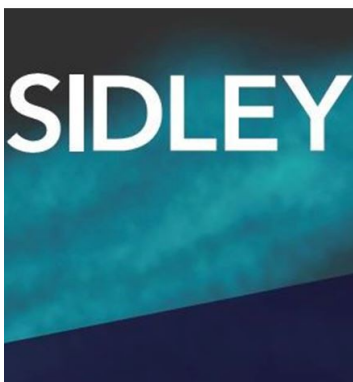
The annual High Sheriff Awards to identify and recognise Oxfordshire's future engineering talent will take place on **27th June**. Schools are invited to nominate students who not only work hard and demonstrate academic ability, but also show great promise in the field of engineering. Please share with your engineering colleagues. The closing date is **8th April**. [Download a nomination form](#).



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## Resources

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### Sidley's Law Degree Bursaries

[www.sidleycareers.com/en/europe/london-opportunities?tab=london-undergraduate-bursary-programme](https://www.sidleycareers.com/en/europe/london-opportunities?tab=london-undergraduate-bursary-programme)

Students in **Year 13** who hold an offer to study law at a UK university could be **eligible** to apply for Sidley's Undergraduate Bursary Programme, which provides financial support to talented law students from less advantaged backgrounds for the duration of their undergraduate study. Applications close on **16th May**.

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## Apprenticeship Opportunities

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### Oxford Health Degree Apprenticeships

Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust have introduced three new degree apprenticeship programmes for September 2022, giving students the opportunity to gain a BSc honours degree whilst working in the profession. These are fantastic opportunities for students who would like to work in allied health professions but don't want to go to uni full time.

Physiotherapy Degree Apprenticeship – closing 10th April

<https://tinyurl.com/2sx3yz9b>

Occupational Therapy Degree Apprenticeship – closing 10th April

<https://tinyurl.com/58z6afnu>

Podiatry Degree Apprenticeship - closing 6th April

<https://tinyurl.com/yc56ysjz>

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Students interested in a career in finance may be interested in Willis Towers Watson's range of apprenticeships, which include insurance, development operations and project management. They are in a range of locations and close on **31st March**.



## Impact Futures

<https://impactfutures.co.uk/learners/vacancies>

Impact Futures have a map of current vacancies that students can use to search their opportunities. They currently have some local vacancies in adult social care.

## Dates For Your Diary

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

### BDO Application Clinic

30th March, 18:00-19:00

At this virtual session, students can hear from the BDO team about how to make their application stand out, what skills and attributes they look for in applicants and the types of questions to prepare for an interview with them. [Register here](#).

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30th March, 18:30

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### Pearson Business School Open Day

2nd April, 10:30-14:00

Pearson Business School is holding an open day where students can attend subject talks, hear from current students and alumni and explore the central London campus. [Register here](#).

### Think Human Festival 2022

2nd–9th April

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

**Brookes Business School Taster**

4th April, 10:00-14:55

Oxford Brookes Business School is holding a taster day 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. [Register here.](#)

**Application and CV Workshop**

16th April, 10:00-11:00

This virtual event will cover what kinds of things to include in a CV (even if you don't have prior work experience), what should go in a CV vs. a cover letter and other key tips for applications. [Register here.](#)

**Green Careers Spotlight**

22nd April, 09:45-14:30

In celebration of International Earth Day, Founders4Schools are holding a day of free, online, live 30 minute webinars to give young people an insight into a range of career opportunities that protect, repair and celebrate our Earth. [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.](#)

**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.](#)

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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 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.

[Founders4Schools](#)

[Sort Your Future](#)

[My Environment My Future](#)

[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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