

OxLEP Skills: Picks of the Week

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Picks of the Week: 6th June 2022

We hope you enjoyed a relaxing break! There are lots of exciting events and opportunities in Picks of the Week this week. Please share these with your students, colleagues and parents/carers.



Events

Oxfordshire Creative Industries Showcase 2022

www.oxfordshirelep.com/ocis2022

Teachers and 6th form students are invited to attend this event on **21st June from 10:00 to 16:30** at Brookes. There will be a special panel session for education professionals covering careers in the creative industry. Please ask Heads of Curriculum in departments such as English, Art and Technology to share this invitation with teachers and 6th form students.

In 2019, the last year before COVID-19 struck, the creative sector was growing at four times the rate of the UK economy as a whole and generating new jobs at three times the UK average, employing two million people and accounting for almost one-in-eight of all UK businesses.

Oxford and Oxfordshire – with its rich heritage of classic stories and storytellers, from Lewis Carroll, Tolkien and CS Lewis to Philip Pullman and Iris Murdoch – as well as the pioneering work of its universities in VR and new digital technologies, is in a position to make a unique contribution to the UK's creative sector. The breadth of creativity, talent and innovation in our county is inspiring.

The Oxfordshire Creative Industries Showcase 2022 will bring together innovators, local and national businesses, entrepreneurs, national sector bodies and representatives, industry leaders and influencers to continue to champion the creative industries in Oxfordshire at a local, national and international level.

'Celebrating Oxfordshire's role in the UK's creative economy'. It will also engage teachers and school leaders to highlight the potential of future careers for Oxfordshire's young people in the creative industries. The day will focus on a series of panel sessions curated by key partners; Oxford Brookes University, University of Oxford TORCH and OxLEP.

Oxfordshire Advanced Skills Roadshow

The Oxfordshire Advanced Skills Roadshow is now taking enquiries for bookings for **September 2022 onwards**. The OAS Roadshow is essentially a visit from OAS (a science and engineering apprenticeship provider based in Culham) to demonstrate several interesting experiments and activities that people can engage with. This might be mapping something to be produced by a 3D printer or coding a robotic hand to move and pick something up – this has been set up with a view to inspire people to consider a career in science and engineering.

OAS are particularly hoping to engage with those people that might not view it as a viable career path or even know it exists. By doing so OAS is attempting to make their programmes more accessible and gain strength through diversity. They hope to clarify what being an engineer can look like, the routes to becoming an engineer and the relative benefits of each. Their target engagement group is **Year 9 and above**.

The roadshow is completely free but it is in high demand, so they might not be able to accept all enquiries. To get in touch, please email oasphase2@the-mtc.org or for some more information about what OAS offers, you can visit their website: www.oas.ukaea.uk.



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Volunteers' Week
1 - 7 June 2022

Volunteers Week

<https://volunteersweek.org>

Volunteers Week runs from **1st-7th June** and is a great opportunity to say thank you to your Enterprise Adviser/s and engage more business volunteers. You can use this [thank you card](#) on social media and tag @CareerEnt.

Electrifying Careers and You



www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/scientist-in-the-spotlight-live-electrifying-careers-and-you-tickets-339894542727

This free webinar on **13th June from 15:30-16:15** is aimed at **11-14 year olds**. Students will hear from role models who work in jobs related to the generation of electricity, supply of electricity, electrical engineering or similar.

Spotlight Live:

Careers and You

Career inspiration
Q&A

ON: 15.30 - 16.15

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Uncovering Your Strengths

<https://pathwayctm.com/event/understanding-my-strengths-pathway-ctm-outreach-5>

This Pathway CTM online session on **18th June from 10:00-11:00 will help** students to understand how they can identify their own strengths and also look at what strengths employers and universities look for.

Into Games Career Festival

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/into-games-career-festival-2022-tickets-227773686227

This free 4-day online careers festival takes place from **22nd-25th June** and is designed to help students get hired in video games. There are a range of sessions and opportunities to take part in workshops, panel sessions and Q&As.



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www.bigmarker.com/women-s-engineering-society/International-Women-In-Engineering-Day-WES-Webinar

This webinar from the Women's Engineering Society will take place on **23rd June from 12:00-13:00** and will celebrate the amazing work that women engineers around the world are doing to support lives and livelihoods every day.

Oxford Brookes Open Day

www.brookes.ac.uk/open-days/24-06-2022/undergraduate-open-day-24

School and college groups are invited to attend the next Oxford Brookes undergraduate open day on **24th June**. Use the [group booking form](#) to sign up a group of students or email schools.liaison@brookes.ac.uk to discuss. There will be a session for professionals on navigating UCAS from **12:45-13:15**.

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Undergraduate Open Day

Friday 24 June

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Group booking form



National Apprenticeship Week 2023

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/event/naw-2023-planning-webinar>

NAW2023 will be celebrated from **6th-12th February**. Get prepared by joining an Amazing Apprenticeships early planning webinar for schools and colleges on **5th July from 15:30-16:00**.

STEM to Save the Planet

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/scientist-in-the-spotlight-live-stem-to-save-the-planet-tickets-339907832477

This free webinar on **11th July from 15:30-16:15** is aimed at **11-14 year olds**. It will have an informal, panel-style format held on MS Teams where students will be encouraged to ask the speakers questions.



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Scientist in the Spotlight
STEM to Save the Planet

Join us for free
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FREE ONLINE SESSION
11th July



Green Futures Conference

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](#)

Pathway CTM Accelerator Week

<https://pathwayctm.com/events/page/2>

During this virtual careers week from **18th-21st July**, students get the chance to hear directly from employers about what it takes to get into and build a career within the following four sectors – law, finance, technology and professional services.



Role Model Week



Role Model Week 2022:

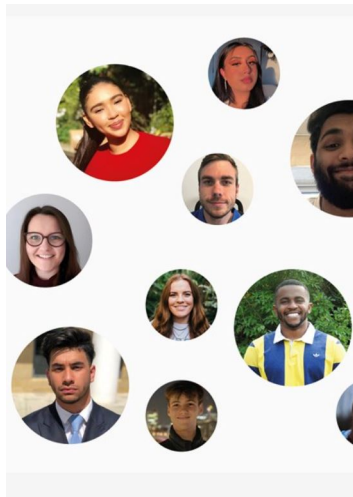
[www.founders4schools.org.uk/about/role-model-week](http://wwwFOUNDERS4SCHOOLS.org.uk/about/role-model-week)

Founders 4 Schools Role Model Week takes place from **10th-14th October** and is an opportunity to recognise the impact role models can have on young people's aspirations and ambitions. [Register here](#) to be kept up to date and receive a free Role Model Week pack.

Work Experience

www.igd.com/social-impact/employability-programmes/work-experience

IGD’s virtual work experience programme provides insight into the diverse range of opportunities the food and grocery industry has to offer and helps participants develop the skills they need through live interactive workshops and hands-on projects. The next one is in July. They also offer 1 hour [employability workshops](#).



CEC Youth Advisory Group

www.byc.org.uk/uk/careers-enterprise-company-advisory-group

The [CEC Youth Advisory Group](#) enables **young people aged 14–25** to have their voices heard and influence the direction of their work. They are recruiting a new cohort and would like your help in promoting this incredible learning and development opportunity with your students, alumni and networks. Deadline for applications is **3rd July**.

Ambitious about Autism

www.ambitiousaboutautism.org.uk/what-we-do/employment/paid-work-experience/work-experience-opportunities

Ambitious about Autism offers autistic people **aged 18 years and older** the opportunity to showcase their skills and attributes in the workplace. You can [join the Employ Autism network](#) to receive news about future placements.



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<https://app.livewebinar.com/461-742-161>

Globalbridge is facilitating a webinar from HMI and national Ofsted lead Roary Pownall on **28th June from 16:30**. It will cover what personal development (PD) is and why it's important for students, how Ofsted inspect PD and how to prepare for inspection and what are the key indicators of effective practice.

Competition

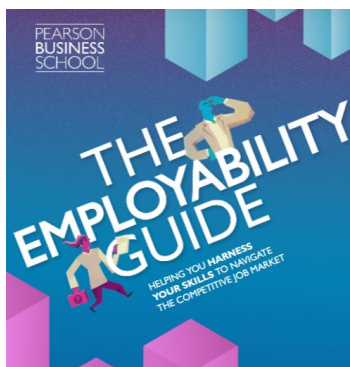
goIT Monthly Challenge

<https://neonfutures.org.uk/experiences/goit-monthly-challenge-secondary>

The goIT monthly challenge will set **students aged 11-17** on the path to becoming the digital innovators of the future. They have the opportunity to develop an innovative tech-based solution that addresses a different challenge each month.



Resources



The Employability Guide

www.pearsoncollegelondon.ac.uk/pearson-business-school/employability-guide.html

This free Employability Guide from Pearson aims to equip young people with the skills and knowledge they need to enter the job market with confidence.

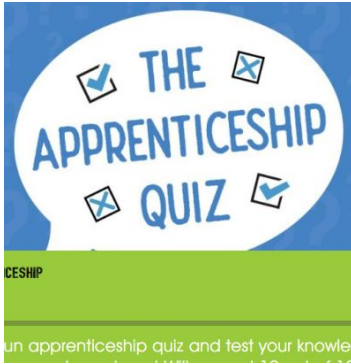
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www.founders4schools.org.uk/about/blog/use-awareness-days-enrich-your-careers-education-activities

Whilst you're planning for the next academic year, you can use this Founders 4 Schools calendar to plot out key dates to harness young people's excitement for real world events.



Amazing Apprenticeships Quizzes

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/quizzes>

These quizzes are a quick and fun way to introduce different topics and test your students' knowledge. They cover apprenticeships, traineeships, T Levels and topics such as social mobility, STEM and coding.

Entrepreneur Story

<https://eship.ox.ac.uk/daisy-allington-co-founder-of-cognitant>

Daisy Allington is the Chief Operating Officer and co-founder of Cognitant – a health-technology start-up that aims to improve patient education. She gives advice about becoming an entrepreneur, such as the 3 top skills needed.



For Parents/Carers



Parents' Guide to Apprenticeships

<https://successatschool.org/advisedetails/1204/a-parents-guide-to-apprenticeships>

Success at School have written an article to help parents and carers understand apprenticeships, which includes a link to a short film they can watch to help them get started.

Festival of Apprenticeships

<https://festivalofapprenticeships.com>

The Festival of Apprenticeships is a careers roadshow exhibition taking place in London (**30th June**), Manchester (**4th July**) and Birmingham (**8th July**). You could share this with parents/carers who may be interested in attending with their children.



Apprenticeships

White Horse Leisure and Tennis Centre

GLL/Better Leisure Centres is looking for active, sporty people to join their team. Their Leisure Team Member Apprenticeship will give you all the skills and qualifications you need to work as a Fitness Instructor, Lifeguard and Swimming Teacher and what's more, you get paid a real living wage while you train too! Through work experience, coaching and training (both practical and vocational), they will work with you to complete a structured learning programme. Students should email Whitehorse@gll.org for further information.



Oxford Direct Services

www.odsgroup.co.uk/Careers/Apprentices

ODS are currently recruiting for a range of apprenticeships, including motor vehicle, countryside worker, grounds maintenance, HR and IT solutions among others.

Dates For Your Diary

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

Inside Diamond Open Day

11th June (4 time slots available)

The next Inside Diamond event will take place in person on 11th June (4 time slots available) and includes a talk, tour and Q&A. The events are very popular and there is a limit on the number of visitors they can

Clean Careers and Women in Engineering

21st June, 09:45-14:30

Founders for Schools are holding a webinar which will shine a spotlight on clean careers and women in engineering. More details will be made available in due course. [Register here.](#)

Uni of Oxford Access Event

22nd June from 09:30-15:45

This University of Oxford access event is for young women in Years 10-12 with Bangladeshi and Pakistani heritage. It will give them the opportunity to find out what it feels like to be a student at the University of Oxford. Complete the booking form by 27th May. [Download a flyer.](#)

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.](#)

Big Bang Digital

22nd-24th June

Big Bang Digital 2022 will feature 6 STEM panels streamed live from The Big Bang Fair (2 each day), where students get to hear from real scientists and engineers, shining a spotlight on sustainability, health and wellness and technology, ask questions and get inspired. [Find out more.](#)

Oxford Brookes Open Day

24th June

Oxford Brookes are holding their next undergraduate open day. [Register here.](#) They want to welcome school and college groups and will be hosting mini CPD conferences for professionals, as well as UCAS/application support sessions. Contact schools.liaison@brookes.ac.uk or register using the [group booking form.](#)

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 recordings can be accessed after the event to be used at a time to suit. [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.](#)

Women in STEM

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workshops, networking sessions and academic sessions related to STEM subjects. Contact womeninstem@studyhigher.ac.uk for more. [Find out more.](#)

Morgan Stanley Insight Day

29th July from 09:00-17:00

Step In, Step Up is an introductory one-day programme on for Year 12/13 female students. It takes place in person in London. It will give an insight into the different technology programmes at Morgan Stanley and the opportunity to partake in interactive challenges, panel sessions and career workshops. Apply by 12th June. [Register here.](#)

Useful Links

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

[Amazing Apprenticeships Parents' & Carers' Packs](#)

[Oxfordshire Apprenticeship Awards 2022](#)

[101 Jobs That Change The World](#)

[A Guide to Career Options](#)

[Escape Studios Careers Guide](#)

[Amazing Apprenticeships](#)

[Step into the NHS](#)

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

[Find Your Future](#)

[Choices post 16 resource](#)

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