

OxLEP Skills: Picks of the Week

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## Picks of the Week: 7th February 2022

Happy National Apprenticeship Week everyone! Our #NAW2022 picks of the week contains lots of links and resources to help you #BuildTheFuture.



### Welcome back Aoife!

We're delighted to welcome Aoife back from maternity leave this week! Her first day back is Tuesday 8th February and she will be working Tuesday-Friday each week. Aoife will be in touch with her schools very soon.

## National Apprenticeship Week

### What's on in Oxfordshire

[www.oxfordshirelep.com/news/article/national-apprenticeship-week-2022-oxfordshire](http://www.oxfordshirelep.com/news/article/national-apprenticeship-week-2022-oxfordshire)

See our news article on the OxLEP website for a list of events and activities taking place in Oxfordshire during National Apprenticeship Week 2020.



<https://the360expo.com/find-your-future>

Our National Apprenticeship Week 'dome' is live in the entrance of our Find Your Future online careers platform. Inside the dome are links and resources for students and parents/carers, including short films of two of our Apprenticeship Ambassadors talking about finding and applying for apprenticeships and degree apprenticeships. If the dome isn't showing, try clearing your web browser cache.



## Apprenticeships webinars for parents and carers

We'd really appreciate your help with a final push to let parents/carers know about our 'An introduction to apprenticeships for Oxfordshire parents and carers' (students welcome to attend too!) webinars in partnership with ASK, the University of Oxford and Abingdon & Witney College.

Please encourage your parents/carers to attend by sharing the registration links and [webinar flyer](#) with them and sharing the details on your social media channels with the [downloadable image](#).

- **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>

# An Introduction to Apprenticeships for Parents & Carers

Apprenticeships have changed over the years and there are some brilliant opportunities you might not know about!

Join us online to find out more & have your questions answered  
Wed 9th February 18:00-19:00 OR Thurs 10th February 18:00-19:00



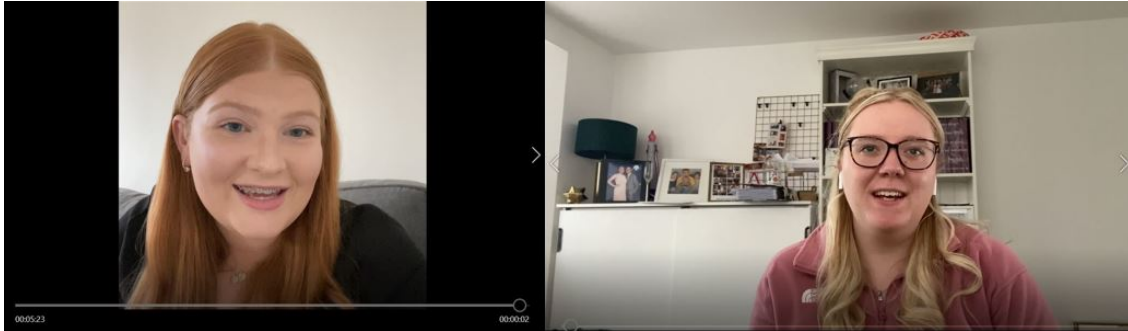





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[www.youtube.com/channel/UCTckOrs9FTuWeGdHjtShBNQ/videos](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTckOrs9FTuWeGdHjtShBNQ/videos)

Two of our ace Apprenticeship Ambassadors have recorded vlogs, which you can access on the OxLEP YouTube channel - Ellie, a Business Admin Apprentice at the University of Oxford talks about [finding and applying for apprenticeships](#) and Jade - an Accountancy Apprentice at Assure UK - talks about [becoming qualified to Level 7 through the apprenticeship route](#).



## Oxfordshire Apprenticeship Awards

[www.oxfordshirelep.com/oaawards2022](https://www.oxfordshirelep.com/oaawards2022)

The Oxfordshire Apprenticeship Awards 2022 are open until midnight on the night of **14th February** and include the Careers Champion Award and School/College Engagement Employer Award. Make sure you get your entries and nominations in!

## BBC Radio Oxford

[www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/live:bbc\\_radio\\_oxford](https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/live:bbc_radio_oxford)

Nikki and two of our Apprenticeship Ambassadors are joining the breakfast show on **Monday 7th February** and some of our Ambassadors will be sharing their stories throughout the week. You can [listen back](#) if you miss them!



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

To celebrate #NAW2022, ACE Training are opening their centre for drop in show around slots from **7th-11th February**. Students interested in having a look around the centre should phone to book an appointment on 01865 370040.

## Estio taster sessions

[www.youtube.com/channel/UCBicIReX6fFmjVcgH35a6fQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBicIReX6fFmjVcgH35a6fQ)

Estio are offering taster sessions of their apprenticeship programmes, including cyber security, data, infrastructure, digital marketing and software, at **12:00 each day from 7th-11th February**.

## Apprenticeship Taster Sessions

To celebrate National Apprenticeship Week 2022 (February 7th - 11th) Estio are offering taster sessions of our apprenticeship programmes on our YouTube channel every day at 12PM.

Taster sessions will cover the following programmes:

- Cyber Security
- Data
- Infrastructure
- Digital Marketing
- Software

Watch here:  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBicIReX6fFmjVcgH35a6fQ>



## Teacher apprenticeship webinar

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81444314184?pwd=KzhOSWlIWnc3a3paa0t4YlNlRNFZ5dz09>

Schools in Oxfordshire are invited to join Adviza for an apprenticeships breakfast webinar on **8th February from 08:00-08.30**.

## Amazon webinar series

<https://careermap.co.uk/amazon-webinar-series>

Amazon are running 8 webinars with Careermap between **8th February and 1st March at either 11:00 or 13:00** for students to find out about the different types and levels of apprenticeships available with Amazon.



## Other events



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<https://pathwayctm.com/event/your-journey-into-banking-and-finance>

This webinar with the London Institute of Banking and Finance on **8th February from 18:00-19:15** will give students the opportunity to hear from brands in the sector, such as HBSC and The FT about their cultures and opportunities.

## Careers in accounting

<https://pathwayctm.com/event/myth-busting-careers-in-accounting>

At this online event on **9th February from 18:00-19:00**, ICAEW will be joining Pathway CTM to myth bust careers in accounting and encourage students to consider this as a career path.



## McDonald's application clinic

<https://pathwayctm.com/event/application-clinic-with-mcdonalds>

This Pathway CTM webinar with McDonald's on **15th February from 11:00-12:00** is for students who are interested in learning more about McDonald's degree apprenticeship programme application process.

## Co-op legal services event

[www.s4snextgen.org/Opportunities/View/id/2619](http://www.s4snextgen.org/Opportunities/View/id/2619)

Co-op Legal Services are getting ready to recruit this year's intake of Level 7 Solicitor and Level 3 Business Administration apprentices. This online event on **14th February from 09:30–12:30** will give **students aged 16+** the opportunity to find out all about these opportunities.



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[www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/google-apprenticeships-parents-insight-webinar-tickets-260281578207](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/google-apprenticeships-parents-insight-webinar-tickets-260281578207)



This online event on **9th March at 18:30** for **parents/carers of Year 10-13 students** who are interested in technology and would like to find out about apprenticeships with Google.

## Work experience

### Pharmacy

<https://pathwayctm.com/event/virtual-work-experience-day-with-nhs-south-west-pharmacy>

On **22nd February from 10:00-15:00**, students will have the opportunity to spend the day with NHS South West Pharmacy to learn about the exciting careers and routes into pharmacy.



### Vodafone

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

On **5th April from 10:00-15:00**, students will have the opportunity to spend the day with Vodafone to learn all about who they are as an organisation and their opportunities for young people.



## Next steps: EMBS, uni and beyond...

### EMBS Community College Sixth Form

[Download information about EMBS Sixth Form](#)

EMBS is a small but diverse post 16 provision, based in Cowley, working with young people from all backgrounds and abilities who have struggled in education. They have a dual programme running side by

the heart of their provision and take students all year round.

If you would like to know more, would like to arrange from someone from EMBS to come and talk to your Year 11 students, or you would like to visit or bring a young person to visit, please get in touch with Shabnam Sabir, Vice Principal at [shabnam@embs.ac.uk](mailto:shabnam@embs.ac.uk) or 07737 816471.

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## University sponsorship opportunity

[Download information about the opportunity](#)

MJA Consulting are offering a fantastic opportunity for **Year 13 students** who are considering studying civil or structural engineering at university. The company is offering to sponsor students throughout their degree course and provide 12 weeks' work experience per year and a job on completion! They are currently supporting 6 local students and are now looking for interested students who are starting university in September 2022. Students need to complete the [application form](#) and submit this along with a covering letter and CV to [jobs@mjaconsulting.co.uk](mailto:jobs@mjaconsulting.co.uk). The closing date for applications is **25th February at 17:00**, with interviews planned to take place during the Easter holidays.

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## Graduate recruitment scheme

[www.burfordrecruitment.co.uk/graduate-recruitment-scheme](http://www.burfordrecruitment.co.uk/graduate-recruitment-scheme)

[Burford Recruitment Company](#) has recently launched a graduate recruitment scheme to support local students and businesses. The scheme is intended to support students by:

1. Providing students with opportunities to gain experience in relevant part-time jobs or internships as they study
2. Connecting students with the local employers looking for their skills and training when they complete their studies
3. Providing expert advice on the recruitment process, including CV writing, tailoring applications and interview support

The scheme is free to join and while it will be of particular benefit to those on specialised vocational courses such as law or engineering, it is open to all students attending or planning to attend university or training who live or study in the area.

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## Competition

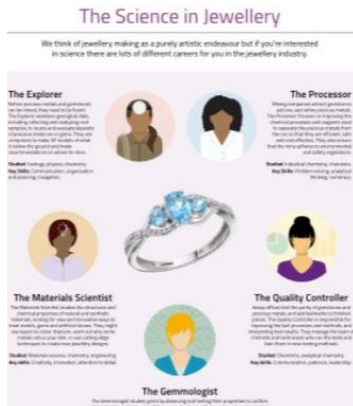
## The Big Bang Competition

[www.thebigbang.org.uk/the-big-bang-competition](http://www.thebigbang.org.uk/the-big-bang-competition)

The competition is open to **students aged 11 to 19** and is a great way to build confidence and teamwork skills. Competitors can only enter one project, either on their own or as part of a team. See the [rules and eligibility](#) for more details. The competition closes for entries on **20th March**.



## Resources



## STEM careers posters

<https://findingada.com/resources/resources-for-schools/posters>

Finding Ada has 5 STEM careers posters for you to download and print - such as STEM Careers in the Jewellery Industry - plus a free education resource pack. Posters can be downloaded and scaled down to print or bought from their web shop.

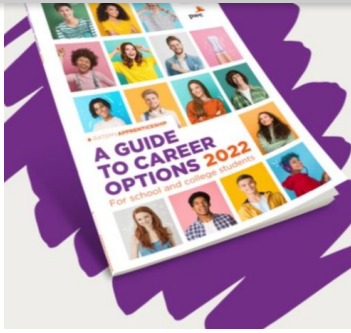
## Get help with technology

<https://get-help-with-tech.education.gov.uk>

DfE provides laptops and tablets for disadvantaged children and young people to help with remote education. Guidance is available on eligibility criteria, funding and how schools can order devices.





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[www.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk/top-employers/guide](http://www.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk/top-employers/guide)

This guide from Rate My Apprenticeship includes everything students need to know about the career options available to them and how to get there. It also features the Top 100 Employers & Top 50 Training Providers 2022, as voted for by 1000s of apprentices across the UK.

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## Levelling Up the United Kingdom

[www.gov.uk/government/news/government-unveils-levelling-up-plan-that-will-transform-uk](http://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-unveils-levelling-up-plan-that-will-transform-uk)

On 2nd February, the government published their [Levelling Up White Paper](#), which sets out a plan to transform the UK by spreading opportunity and prosperity to all parts of it..



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## Apprenticeship opportunities

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### STFC engineering apprenticeships

The Science and Technology Facilities Council (STFC)'s engineering apprenticeship vacancies are now live and close on **3rd April**. STFC has over 25 years' experience in providing engineering apprenticeships and provides an excellent training ground to equip individuals with the relevant skills and experience for their chosen career in either mechanical, electrical or electronic engineering. They offer a competitive salary that increases annually, 4 years supervised training, additional core skills development and the opportunity to undertake overseas placements.

- Advanced Mechanical Engineering Apprenticeship  
[www.careersportal.co.uk/UKRI-careers/jobs/advanced-mechanical-engineering-apprenticeship-1647](http://www.careersportal.co.uk/UKRI-careers/jobs/advanced-mechanical-engineering-apprenticeship-1647)
- Advanced Electrical Engineering Apprenticeship  
[www.careersportal.co.uk/UKRI-careers/jobs/advanced-electrical-engineering-apprenticeship-1645](http://www.careersportal.co.uk/UKRI-careers/jobs/advanced-electrical-engineering-apprenticeship-1645)
- Advanced Electronic Engineering Apprenticeship  
[www.careersportal.co.uk/UKRI-careers/jobs/advanced-electronic-engineering-apprenticeship-1646](http://www.careersportal.co.uk/UKRI-careers/jobs/advanced-electronic-engineering-apprenticeship-1646)

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## Thames Valley Nurse Cadets

want to work in the NHS. The Cadetship takes the form of a Level 3 Senior Health Care Support Worker Apprenticeship. Cadets are employed by the Trust on a 22 month Fixed Term Contract, so it's a great way to earn as you learn - gaining nationally recognised qualifications and building a wealth of practical experience working alongside experienced colleagues.

Cadets work full time (37.5 hours) - split between study (7.5 hours per week) and clinical shifts working on a Ward at a Community Hospital (30 hours per week) - these are worked on a rota, so shifts might start from 7am and include weekend working.

The programme is designed with career progression in mind. Successful Nurse Cadets - upon completing their apprenticeship - are guaranteed an interview for a range of further development opportunities according to their interests:

1. Interview to join the Trust as a Band 3 Health Care Support Worker
2. Interview to progress on to a Nursing Associate apprenticeship; which can then lead on to a Nursing Associate job, or if wanted, further qualification to become a Registered Nurse
3. Interview to start a Registered Nursing Degree with Oxford Brookes

If you would like further information, please contact [Nicholas.Kyte@OxfordHealth.nhs.uk](mailto:Nicholas.Kyte@OxfordHealth.nhs.uk). Formal applications are due to open in **March 2022** for Nurse Cadets to join in September 2022.



## Higher and degree apprenticeships

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/higher-degree-listing>

An updated version of the higher and degree apprenticeship listing was published on 6th February, featuring more than 100 current vacancies.

## MI5

<https://mailchi.mp/successatschool/uni-isnt-for-everyone-but-mi5-is-9ddgomxpdy>

MI5 are recruiting Software Engineering Degree Apprentices for September 2022 to help them disrupt serious threats to UK national security. Starting salary is £24,385 in London. There are rigorous eligibility criteria and a long selection process, detailed in the [role description](#).



## Mazars LLP



[www.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk/company-profile/79/mazars-llp/jobs](http://www.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk/company-profile/79/mazars-llp/jobs)

Professional services firm Mazars LLP are recruiting for a range of apprenticeships, such as audit, accountancy and assurance in a variety of locations, including Milton Keynes and London.

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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.

### Savills apprenticeship event

8th February, 17:30-19:00

Savills are running a webinar for students and their parents/carers to find out about apprenticeships with Savills and hear from current apprentices. Email [apprenticeships@savills.com](mailto:apprenticeships@savills.com) to register.

### Careers at BT

8th February, 18:00-19:00

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](#).

### UCAS Discover Apprenticeships live

9th February, 10:00–18:00

This 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. [Register here](#).

### Abingdon & Witney College open events

Abingdon campus (9th February) and Witney campus (16th February), 15:30-19:00

Abingdon & Witney College are holding in person open events for students to see the facilities and meet teaching staff. [Find out more](#).

### 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

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.

### **CMS apprenticeship events**

9th and 10th February, 16:30-17:30

CMS is a future facing, global law firm. They are holding 2 events for students to get the low down on their solicitor apprenticeships and find out the secrets to success with applications. [Find out more.](#)

### **Turning subjects into careers with HSBC**

10th February, 09:10-10:00

This webinar with HSBC will give students the opportunity to hear from staff at HSBC about the way they use these subjects like business, economics and maths in their jobs today. [Register here.](#)

### **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.](#)

### **Alternatives to A Levels**

26th February, 10:00-11:00

This Pathway CTM webinar is for students who don't want to do A Levels to hear about what their post 16 options are. [Register here.](#)

### **ACE Training open mornings**

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.

### **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

This free Zoom event 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. [Register here.](#)

### **National Careers Week virtual fair**

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.](#)

### **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 of the particle accelerators and an interactive computer exercise using real LHC data. [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.](#)

### **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.](#)

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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](#)



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[#ReDrawTheBalance film](#)

[Amazing Apprenticeships](#)

[Step into the NHS](#)

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[Inspiring the Future](#)

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

[Find Your Future](#)

[Choices post 16 resource](#)

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