

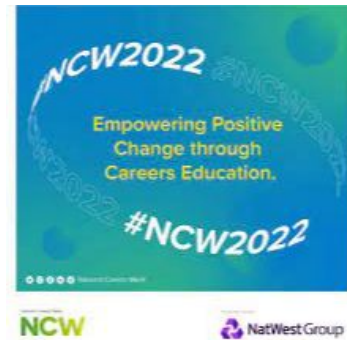
OxLEP Skills: Picks of the Week

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Picks of the Week: 7th March 2022

This week brings both National Careers Week and International Women's Day. This week's Picks of the Week contains some useful #NCW2022 and #IWD2022 resources for you. Please see also the dates for your diary section for a reminder of events we have featured in previous weeks.



National Careers Week



NCW one stop shop

<http://ncwresources.co.uk>

This is the place to get all your classic National Careers Week resources. The three main sections you'll find everything you are looking for are activities, planning & printables, and booklets & guides.

EMPLOYER ENCOUNTERS STREAMED TO YOUR STUDENTS

Live & On Demand sessions with some of the largest employers in the UK!

Monday 0900 - 0930	Tuesday 0900 - 0930	Wednesday 0900 - 0930	Thursday 0900 - 0930	Friday 0900 - 0930
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Years 5 - 8	Years 7 - 9	Years 11 - 13	Years 8 - 10	Years 9 - 11
From Farm to Fork: Career opportunities with Tes-	Hydrogen... Fuel of the future?	Your Financial Future...	The People behind the magic!	Developing an Entrepreneurial Mindset

The Inspirational Learning Group are streaming these events at 09:00 each day during #NCW2022, or you can access them on demand. Register your school or college to access the events at <https://form.jotform.com/220334546529355>

Institute of Physics

www.iop.org/careersweek

Limit Less is the campaign from the Institute of Physics (IOP) to support young people to change the world and fulfil their potential by doing physics. They have a National Careers Week programme of events and suite of resources.



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www.youthemployment.org.uk/employment-help-young-people/choices/online-skills-and-careers-courses/aged-14-create-your-future

#CreateYourFuture from Youth Employment UK and the CEC gives students aged 14+ the chance to try out a wide mix of opportunities and build confidence when it comes to skills, careers and training/education. The programme has finished but students can carry out the activities in their own time.

International Womens Day

IWD Banbury

www.iwdbanbury.com

A number of #BreakTheBias events are taking place in Banbury, including virtual 'Greta' [speed mentoring sessions](#), where local business and community members connect with girls in short 'speed-dating' style mentoring sessions online.



Enterprising Oxford

www.linkedin.com/company/enterprising-oxford

Enterprising Oxford are sharing profiles of inspirational female entrepreneurs for IWD via their [LinkedIn](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) channels. Quite a few have a STEM focus.

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<https://iwd2022frs.blogspot.com/p/international-womens-day-2022.html>

The Fire & Rescue Service are holding a series of virtual #BreakTheBias events from **7th-11th March**, including careers talks from inspirational women to inspire the next generation.



Some of Us Are Brave

<https://casildart.com/whats-new>

This exhibition showcases the work of women of African and Caribbean heritage on the theme of feminine form and function. It opens in Gloucester Green, Oxford on **7th March** to coincide with IWD and runs until **27th March**.

Why gender equality matters

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/why-gender-equality-matters-a-global-perspective-tickets-261167738737

At this online event on **8th March from 18:00-20:00**, four researchers from the University of Portsmouth women and gender studies research group share their perspectives on 'Why Gender Equality Matters: A Global Perspective'.



Stemettes MI5, MI6 & GCHQ hack

<https://stemettes.org/events/stemettes-international-womens-day-hack-mi5-mi6-and-gchq>

This one day online event on **12th March from 10:00-16:45** will focus on intelligence, security and cyber and how MI5, MI6 and GCHQ hone in on skills across STEM to create a smarter and safer world. It is aimed at **young women aged 12-21**.

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Careers at sea

www.maritimeuk.org/events/careers/careers-sea-cpd-session

Join Maritime UK online **7th March from 15:30-16:30** to learn from seafarers from the Merchant Navy who enjoy careers at sea. The session will cover topics like cadetships and apprenticeships and progression routes from these.



Events

A blue and white recruitment poster for Nurse Cadets. At the top, it asks 'Are you currently a Year 11 - leaving school this year?'. Below this is a photo of a group of young women in white nurse uniforms. The text 'We are recruiting... Nurse Cadets Oxfordshire - £18,546 per annum' is prominently displayed. A quote from a current cadet, 'The best thing about the Nurse Cadet training is the confidence it gives you. I am a different person now! - Jenny, current Nurse Cadet', is included. At the bottom, the NHS Oxford Health logo and the text 'NHS Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust' are shown, along with the email 'careers@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk' and the hashtag '#workwithus'.

Nurse Cadets Q&A

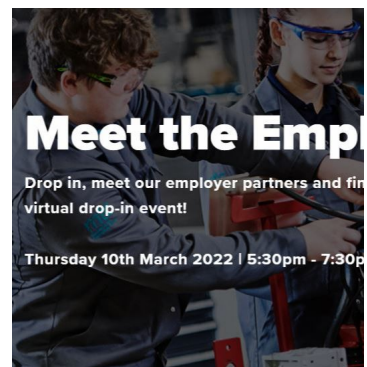
[Link to register](#)

Oxford Health are holding a live Q&A event on **8th March from 16:30-17:30** for students to find out more about their Nurse Cadet programme, which is aimed at **16 year olds** who want to work in the NHS. The Cadetship takes the form of a Level 3 Senior Health Care Support Worker Apprenticeship. For more info, please email Nicholas.Kyte@OxfordHealth.nhs.uk

OAS meet the employer

www.oas.ukaea.uk/meet-the-employer

Oxfordshire Advanced Skills are holding a 'Meet the Employer' drop-in event on **10th March from 17:30-19:30** for students and their families to explore the apprenticeship opportunities available with some of their fantastic employer partners.



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www.diamond.ac.uk/Public/VisitUs.html

This virtual Inside Diamond open day on **12th March** gives members of the public the chance to virtually visit the facility and see inside the particle accelerator and experimental laboratories. It's a great opportunity for students and their parents/carers to get an insight into life at Diamond. Sessions last 2 hours and there are 2 slots available, **10:00 or 14:00**.

Brookes humanities taster day

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/open-minds-open-borders-exploring-identity-and-difference-registration-264200620167

This taster day for **Level 3 students** on **12th March from 10:00-14:20** will explore the theme Open Minds, Open Borders in relation to Humanities and Social Sciences whilst getting a feel for what being a student at Oxford Brookes is like.



Ask the NHS - pharmacy

<https://pathwayctm.com/event/ask-the-nhs-pharmacy-edition-2>

This informal session on **15th March from 18:00-19:00** will be led by pharmacists and current university students to answer any questions students may have about careers in pharmacy, routes into pharmacy and the application process.

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<https://pathwayctm.com/event/discover-diageo-global-leader-in-beer-spirits>

At this online event on **16th March from 18:00-19:00**, students can find out about careers with multinational producers of beer and spirits Diageo, including their engineering and packaging apprenticeships.



Work experience



ICAEW

<https://careers.icaew.com/work-experience>

This virtual work experience programme is designed to introduce **Year 12 students** to the surprising world of chartered accountancy. There is a choice of 2 weeks: **25-29 July** or **1-5 August**.

Competition

The Big Bang Competition

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**.

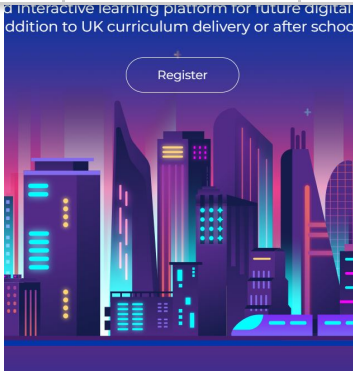


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www.cyberexplorers.co.uk

Cyber Explorers is a free interactive learning platform for **11-14 year olds**, offering hands-on insights into how digital, computing and cyber security skills are integral to exciting career paths. Students choose their own journeys, during which they'll encounter an engaging mix of activities, quizzes and challenges, earning collectable badges on the way.

S.P.A.C.E. parents' programme

www.studyhigher.ac.uk/space

Study Higher are inviting **parents and carers of Year 9-13 students** to sign up to a host of weekly webinars called SPACE: Supporting Parents and Carers in Education, which explore further and higher education to help them gain an understanding of the options for their child. [Download a poster.](#)



Parents' and Carers' Pack

www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/influencers/resources-for-parents

March's edition of the Amazing Apprenticeships Parents' & Carers' Pack is now available, packed full of interesting articles about the success of National Apprenticeship Week, an insight into the life of an apprentice and much more.



Apprenticeship opportunities

Oxford Health

<https://tinyurl.com/2p8sv9y9>

Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust have 3 Apprentice Service

Apprentice Service Desk Analyst

This is the ideal role for school/college leaver or someone looking for the first step into your IT career

- Based in Oxford
- £20,330 per annum
- 2 year fixed term contract

careers@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk
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Nurse Cadets

<https://tinyurl.com/2p85spb7>

Oxford Health are recruiting Nurse Cadets to start in September 2022. This is a great route into nursing, as Cadets train as Apprentice Senior Health Care Support Workers with the opportunity to progress into a route of their choosing on completion. The closing date is **13th March**.

National Audit Office

<http://naoaccountancyscheme.co.uk>

NAO's accountancy apprenticeships require 120 UCAS points from 3 A levels (or equivalent) in any subjects and no degree. This route takes up to 5 years through to ICAEW membership. Applications close on **21st March**.



Lloyds Banking Group

www.lloydsbankinggroup.com/apprentices/our-apprenticeships

Lloyds are currently inviting applications for their Group Finance, Group Corporate Treasury and Corporate Markets Apprenticeships to start in September 2022. The closing dates are **13th or 20th March**.

Dates for your diary

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

Skanska drop ins

7th and 10th March

[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](#).

VFX Festival EDU

8th March, 10:00-16:00

VFX Festival EDU 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. [Find out more](#).

Unifrog next steps fair

8th March, 17:00 to 20:00

This virtual event 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. [Find out more](#).

OAS apprenticeship open evening

9th March, 17:00 or 18:00

At the next Oxfordshire Advanced Skills apprenticeship open evening, students can meet staff, current apprentices and employer partners and ask questions. [Find out more](#).

Women in finance Q&A

9th March, 18:00-19:00

This webinar, 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. [Register here](#).

Google apprenticeships insight

9th March, 18:30-19:15

This webinar 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. [Register here](#).

Spotlight on green jobs

9th-10th March

This online careers event brings together the UK's leading employers and apprentices to inspire young

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.](#)

Web development workshop

12th March, 09:30-16:30

This workshop with QA will give students an understanding of how to build modern web applications using HTML, CSS, and JavaScript. [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 of the particle accelerators and an interactive computer exercise using real LHC data. [Register here.](#)

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.](#)

Studying healthcare at uni

23rd March, 18:30-19:30

This webinar 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**. [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.

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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.](#)

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.

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](#)

[Find Your Future](#)

[Choices post 16 resource](#)

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