



Careers News: Updates and Opportunities

Helping every student to find their best next step and make positive career choices

“It’s not what you achieve, it’s what you overcome. That’s what defines your career”

See below the latest Careers opportunities available together with some key ICC dates for your diary. Please do contact Mrs Richardson if you have any queries: helen.richardson@ickniel.oxon.sch.uk



Why choose an Apprenticeship over Further Education? Some facts and real opportunities....

1. **An Apprenticeship is a real job.** Apprenticeships are available to people aged 16+
2. **Apprentices are paid a salary.** All apprentices earn a wage, the minimum wage is £4.30 per hour although many employers pay much more!
3. **Apprenticeships last for a minimum of 12 months.** Most apprenticeships take between 1-4 years to complete, depending on the level
4. **Apprenticeships range from a Level 2 up to a Level 7.** Apprenticeships start at a Level 2 which is equivalent to 5 GCSE's and continue up to Bachelor's or Masters Degree level.

Name	Level	Equivalent education level
Intermediate	2	5 GCSE passes at grade 9-4
Advanced	3	2 A Level passes/Level 3 Diploma/International Baccalaureate
Higher	4,5,6 and 7	Foundation degree and above
Degree	6 and 7	Bachelor's or master's degree

5. **Apprentices do not pay for their training.** All apprenticeship costs are paid for by their employer and/or the government, meaning there is no cost to the apprentice.
6. **Apprentices will receive 20% off the job training.** 20% of an apprentice's paid time will be spent learning, gaining valuable skills and a qualification provided by a training provider. This could be at a local college or completed in-house.
7. **Apprentices will spend 80% of their time on-the-job.** 80% of an apprentice's paid time will be spent on-the-job working within the company, gaining new skills and experience of the workplace
8. **There are 1000's of apprenticeship opportunities available across the UK.** New apprenticeships are advertised weekly, with a wide range of opportunities, something for everyone!

Look on our school website under 'Student Information' on how to find an apprenticeship, below are a few local opportunities.

- **Oxford University Hospitals** are seeking **six Level 3 Pre-registration Pharmacy Technician Apprentices**. The successful candidates will rotate around different areas of the pharmacy, gaining a huge wealth of knowledge that will enable them to register as qualified technicians in September 2024 with the General Pharmaceutical Council. The course will start this year in September. For further information and to apply, click on the following link: <http://jobs.ouh.nhs.uk/job/v4127098>
Closing date 29.05.22
- **Oxford University Hospitals** are seeking to appoint an **Apprentice Healthcare Scientist** within Microbiology. The diagnostic Microbiology Department is an exciting field to work in, no day is ever the same! From diagnosing acute & chronic infections; to tracing & supporting outbreaks; to guiding on antimicrobial treatment; to battling the coronavirus pandemic; there is never a dull moment. The successful candidate would work as a Laboratory Support Worker and undertake a Level 2 BTEC qualification in healthcare Science. For further information and to apply click on the following link: <http://jobs.ouh.nhs.uk/job/v4086451> **Closing date 30.06.22**
- **University of Oxford** are looking to recruit an Apprentice Laboratory Technician in the Nuffield Department of Women's & Reproductive Health. The successful candidate will work towards completing a **Level 3 Laboratory Technician** apprenticeship, which will take 2 years to complete. You will need a Grade 4+ pass in English, maths & Science as well as an A Level in Science. For further information, please click on the following link: [Apply now](#) **Closing date 20.06.22**
- **Farols of Thame** are hosting an Open Morning on **Saturday 18 June from 9am – 12noon** (arrival from 8.45am.) Guests will get the chance to explore current Apprenticeship opportunities which include Golf/Turf Technician Apprentice, L3 Tractor Mechanics Apprentice and a L2 Business Apprenticeship. To register your interest, please email AnningAli@farol.co.uk and KempDenise@farol.co.uk, giving your full name and listing how many guests will be attending with you (i.e your parents.)
- **The University of Oxford** are offering a Y11 student the opportunity to join them on a **Level 2 Apprenticeship (continuing to a Level 3) in Finance and Accounting**. Together the two courses will take three years to complete. Ideally students wishing to apply should have GCSE's in English and Maths graded between 9-4, however if you do not quite hit the grades, please do not be put off and continue to apply as there is an option to study functional skills alongside the apprenticeship. For more information, please log onto: <https://www.apprenticeships.ox.ac.uk> or click on the following 'Apply Now' link. **Closing Date is 13.06.22** [Apply now](#)
- **DAF Trucks Ltd** are looking to recruit a **Level 3 Apprentice** to work within the Financial Asset Management department which is responsible for the return of DAF Trucks at the maturity of the finance contracts. The apprenticeship will last for 18months, has a start date of 4 July 22 and an annual wage of £16,000. This opportunity would be ideal for any Y11 student who would like to gain an apprenticeship within the Business sector. Please click on the following link for further details: [Business Administration Apprentice - Financial Asset Management Department - Find an apprenticeship \(findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk\)](#) **Closing date 17.06.22**
- **University of Oxford** are looking to recruit a **Level 3 Advanced Apprentice** in Business and Administration. The successful candidate will work at the Nuffield Department of Women's & Reproductive Health in Oxford and will be required to attend the Abingdon & Witney College for 10 days of professional training (1 day per week, over 10 weeks). In total the course will take 2yrs to complete. Salary £20,047 For further information, please click on the following link: <https://www.apprenticeships.ox.ac.uk> To apply please click here: [Apply now](#) **Closing date 06.06.22**



- **Sparsholt College** are holding their next Open Event on **Thursday 16 June from 4.30-7.00pm**. This event is on campus and is open to ALL year groups. Students will get a tour of the subject area they are interested in and have the opportunity to meet some tutors. To register for this event please click on the following link: [Experience Sparsholt - Sparsholt College Hampshire](#) In addition to this Sparsholt are also offering current Y11's to join them for an Applicant Welcome Day in July. If you are still considering applying, you can still do so by following this link: [How to Apply - Sparsholt College and University Centre Sparsholt](#)
- **City of Oxford College** are hosting an Open Event on **Saturday 2 July from 9.30am – 12.30pm**. This event is aimed at students whom have already signed up for a place at the college from September and also those who are still unsure. Students will have an opportunity to speak to tutors about the different or your chosen course, explore the campus and see the facilities, meet the learning support teams and join the Head of Campus for an Introduction to City of Oxford College. To register your interest and to learn more, click on the following link: [City of Oxford College Summer Open Event - City of Oxford College \(activatelearning.ac.uk\)](#)
- **Trinity College, Oxford** are hosting an online event aimed at parents and carers of students in **Years 10, 11 & 12** who are interested in attending University. The first session will be taking place on **Tuesday 14 June from 6-7pm**. This session will be particularly useful for those who did not attend University themselves and would appreciate updated information and guidance. The second session will be a guide to the University of Oxford application process. This will take place on **Tuesday 5 July from 6-7pm**. This session will be particularly useful to students who are wishing to apply to University of Oxford, it will help guide you through the application process, clarifying the benefits and costs of attending University. To book yourself onto either event, please click on the following link: [HERE](#) There is also a leaflet attached to the main body of the newsletter with further information
- **Abingdon & Witney College** are hosting an Open Day on **Wednesday 22 June from 3.30 – 7.00pm**. Students who have applied to join the college are encouraged to attend. You will have the opportunity to tour the campus, talk to the tutors and watch demonstrations in various departments. For further information, please see flyer attached.
- **Bicester Construction Skills Centre** are hosting an Open Day on **Saturday 9 July from 9am – 12 noon**. Students are invited to come along, tour the site, see the facilities and talk to tutors about current apprenticeship opportunities. For further information, please see flyer attached.
- **Bucks College Group** are having one final Open Event in each of its campuses during June. It gives students an opportunity to explore the campus in person, speak to the tutors and explore the college and workshops, studios and learning spaces. To register your interest, please click on the following link: [Campus Open Events 21/22 \(jotform.com\)](#) **High Wycombe – 15 June 5-7.30pm, Aylesbury – 16 June 5-7.30pm and Amersham – 23 June 5-7.30pm**
- **Morgan Stanley Summer Academy** Morgan Stanley are offering students the opportunity to join their Summer Academy, a six-week webinar series designed for students in Y11 to Y13. Students will have the opportunity to sign up to the following modules: How Money Works, Morgan Stanley News Room, Personal Efficiency, Think Like A Coder, Relationship Currency and Plan Your Future. To find out more and to apply for a place, click on the following link: [2022 Morgan Stanley Summer Academy - Morgan Stanley Campus \(tal.net\)](#) To learn more about Morgan Stanley, click on their website link here: [Morgan Stanley | Global Leader in Financial Services](#)



- The T Level website has the latest listings of T Level providers in your area. Simply type in your postcode and you will be able to see what's available where. T Levels are aimed at students who have finished their GCSE's and are seeking knowledge and experience to get straight into employment, an apprenticeship or higher education. They are split with 80% of your time spent in the classroom and 20% on a 45-day placement with an employer. T Levels take 2 years to complete and are equivalent to 3 A Levels. To find out more, click on this link: [Find a T Level | T Levels](#)



Y11 parents – College's are accepting applications for September 2022, many settings have already hosted their Open Days. Please keep an eye on each college websites for further updates and please if you haven't already done so, start applying for place with your child now. You will also find these details on our school website under Careers. *N.B. Please note all Sixth Form schools have now closed their applications. Should you child have missed the deadline, please ask them to come and see me in school.

<u>College</u>	<u>Event Date/Time</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Deadline to apply for entry</u>
Abingdon & Witney College	22 June 3.30 – 7pm Study courses in Oxfordshire - Abingdon & Witney College (abingdon-witney.ac.uk)	This college offers a variety of vocational courses from Level 1 to Level 4.	Open Ended
BCA, Berkshire College of Agriculture	PASSED Berkshire College of Agriculture - BCA	BCA are an agriculture college based on the outskirts of Maidenhead. They offer a wide range of Animal and Land Based courses as well as Early Years, Motor Vehicle Maintenance and much more.	Open Ended
Sparsholt College, Hampshire	16 June 4.30-7pm Experience Sparsholt - Sparsholt College Hampshire (please see attached link to newsletter)	Sparsholt is an agricultural college offering a broad choice of Countryside learning.	Open ended

<p>City of Oxford College, Active Learning</p> <p>Activate Learning, Construction Skills Centre, Bicester College</p>	<p>2 July 9.30am – 12.30 pm City of Oxford College Summer Open Event - City of Oxford College (activatelearning.ac.uk)</p> <p>9 July 9am – 12 noon</p>	<p>City of Oxford College offer a broad range of courses and programmes from Beauty to Business, Construction to Media as well as a range of A-Levels, T-Levels and Apprenticeships</p>	<p>Open Ended</p>
<p>The Henley College</p>	<p>PASSED</p>	<p>Henley College offer a range of A-Levels including a few not so widely available such as Law and Criminology. They also offer Level 2 and 3 Diplomas from Travel & Tourism to Film, TV and Radio production, Applied Science to Engineering and much more.</p>	<p>Open Ended</p>
<p>Bucks College Group, which includes Aylesbury, High Wycombe and Amersham Colleges</p>	<p>High Wycombe – 15 June 5-7.30pm Aylesbury – 16 June 5-7.30pm Amersham – 23 June 5-7.30pm Campus Open Events 21/22 (jotform.com) please check website for details on applying www.buckscollegegroup.ac.uk</p>	<p>Bucks College Group offer a variety of Level 1 – Level 3 BTEC and Vocational Courses across all three campuses</p>	<p>Open Ended</p>