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Careers newsletter for families - April 2021

Our April careers newsletter for families announces the launch of a new website to inspire the next generation about job possibilities, while supporting everyone with the latest skills, careers and redundancy advice. We've also highlighted upcoming events and resources to help young people develop their future goals – and motivate them in their current studies.

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New website explores careers in Bucks and beyond

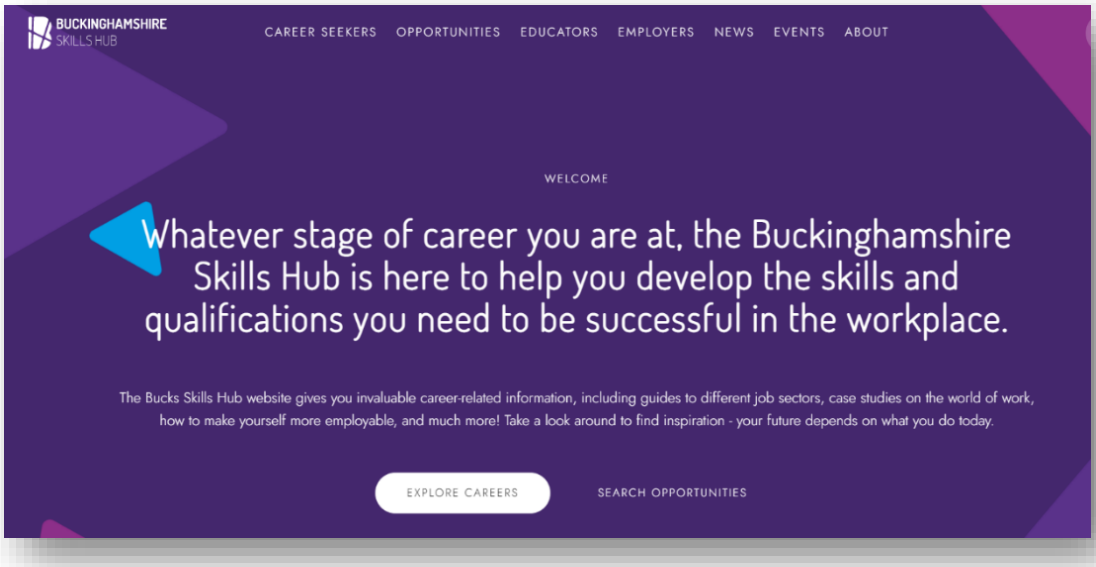
Visit BucksSkillsHub.org – the brand new locally-produced careers website – to journey into the world of work, whatever your starting point, whether you want to discover opportunities in Buckinghamshire or further afield.

Students can use it to explore careers:

- take the quick careers quiz to find your perfect role
- use career profiles to explore ones you're interested in - and discover ones you've never heard of!
- browse live jobs (plus apprenticeship opportunities coming soon)
- discover which sectors are booming locally
- watch videos from local employers

You can also find inspiration and advice if:

- you're a graduate looking to take next steps
- you're an adult looking to make a career change
- you have been made redundant and need support
- you have a special education need or disability
- you're a local employer wanting advice or to widen your network



Backed by the Careers & Enterprise Company and Buckinghamshire Local Enterprise Partnership, the website provides simple, non-biased information (no sign-in necessary or adverts) so that you have the best chance of making the right choice for you.

Whatever stage of career you are at, BucksSkillsHub.org helps you develop the skills and qualifications you need to be successful in the workplace. Enjoy exploring!

HEADLINE NEWS & EVENTS continued

Lift off for SPACE parent workshops

Parents and carers can book on virtual workshops that help them to help young people through secondary school.

SPACE (Supporting Parents and Carers in Education) is a free programme which also explores opportunities for study after school. Sessions include:

1) **Student Finance:** Tues 20 April**,** 7 – 8pm
   Oxford Brookes University explains student finance and the support available. The Thrifty Londoner gives some top tips on budgeting.
2) **Wellbeing & Resilience**: Tues 4 May, 7 – 8pm
   Positively MAD delivers an interactive and reflective personal development workshop focusing on upskilling students to become resilient to setbacks.
3) **Exam & Revision Tips:** Tues 18 May, 7 – 8pm
   MADE Training shares ideas of how to motivate students and help them study.

SPACE is organised by Study Higher, a partnership of universities and further education colleges working together to provide young people with high quality impartial advice and guidance about education opportunities.

Click here for more information and click here to book

New 'Make it Yours' booklet for Years 9+

Download Study Higher's new Make It Yours free careers booklet which helps learners in Years 9 and above better understand themselves and their future options and gain skills.

There are three interactive and engaging sections:

- **All about me**: students can identify their qualities and how these might help them in the future.
- **My future options**: students understand both further and higher education options and take a quiz on employability skills.
- **What can I do now**: students find out how to develop their skills, learn new techniques and hone their study skills.

Download the guide here

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Book on a free virtual event

There are plenty of virtual careers events on in April to help you focus on your future. See what's happening over Easter and book one in – they're all free.

Company/event title	Career type	Date/ time	More information/ registration
The Goldsmiths' Company Foundation Course virtual open day	Creative: explore working in jewellery, silversmithing and the allied crafts	Tues 6 April Two sessions: 11am and 2pm	https://www.goldsmiths-centre.org/courses/foundation-programme/
Actuarial Careers – a virtual webinar for sixth formers (national firm with a base in Amersham)	Finance/business	Mon 12 April 10am – 1pm	Good at maths and enjoy working with numbers? Explore being an actuary. Find more about careers at Barnett Waddingham here and book here https://www.barnett-waddingham.co.uk/careers/webinar-insight-actuarial-careers/
Business Leadership with Capgemini Executive Vice President Billie Major	Leadership skills (generally) plus careers in technology	Mon 12 April 3 – 4pm	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/business-leadership-with-billie-major-tickets-144619570027
Technology careers virtual insight with Capgemini: sharing career journeys, skills and attributes	Technology	Tues 13 April 11am – 12 midday Repeated Thurs 29 April 4 – 5pm	13 April: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/technology-careers-tickets-144681210395 29 April: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/technology-careers-tickets-144681990729
Interesting Careers with Co-op - Virtual Insight Event: meet employees and learn about career opportunities	Retail/Business	Tues 13 April 5 – 6pm	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/interesting-careers-with-co-op-virtual-insight-event-tickets-146613919179

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NHS virtual insight: Nursing Primary Care	Healthcare	Thurs 20 April 5 – 6pm	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/nhs-virtual-taster-day-nursing-primary-care-tickets-147745224945
Technology engineering with Capgemini: Artificial Intelligence, Robotics, and Medical Devices	Technology	Wed 21 April 4 – 5pm	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/technology-engineering-tickets-146903934623
Job Ready: Working Smart – Top Tips with HS2	Develop employabiltiy skills	Wed 21 April 5 – 6pm	Develop skills and gain insight into how you can succeed in a new job, covering time management, productivity, prioritisation https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/job-ready-working-smart-top-tips-with-hs2-tickets-144464869313
NHS virtual insight: Men in nursing	Healthcare	Mon 10 May 5 – 6pm	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/nhs-virtual-taster-day-nursing-careers-for-men-tickets-147747271065
NHS virtual insight: Non-Clinical Roles in the NHS	Healthcare	Tues 8 June 5 – 6pm	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/nhs-virtual-taster-day-non-clinical-roles-tickets-147748420503
Fashion Retail Academy virtual open days	Fashion retail	Level 4 Tues 8 June 5.30 – 7.30pm Level 2/3 Thurs 10 June 5.30 – 7.30pm	Find out about careers in the fashion industry here and book the open days here: https://portal.fashionretailacademy.ac.uk/events.aspx
Norland Open Day on Early Years degree and diploma	Childcare and education	Sat 8 May 10am – 12 midday	A live tour of the Norland campus followed by a live Q&A session: https://www.norland.ac.uk/events/open-morning-may-2021/

HEADLINE NEWS & EVENTS continued

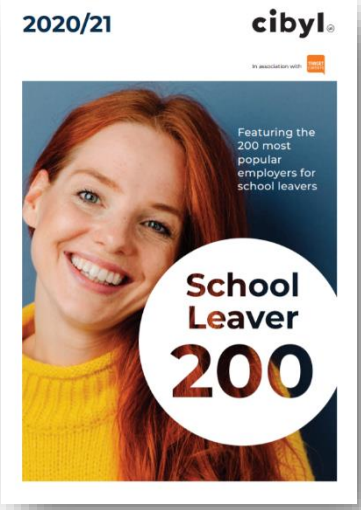
Top 200 employers for school leavers revealed

Want to discover which employers you might like to work for?

Check out Target Career's annual 2020/21 UK schools survey to find the 200 most popular employers for school leavers.

We've listed the top 10 on the right here. The results are explored in the brilliant School Leader 200 magazine – it's really worth a read!

Download School Leader 200 magazine



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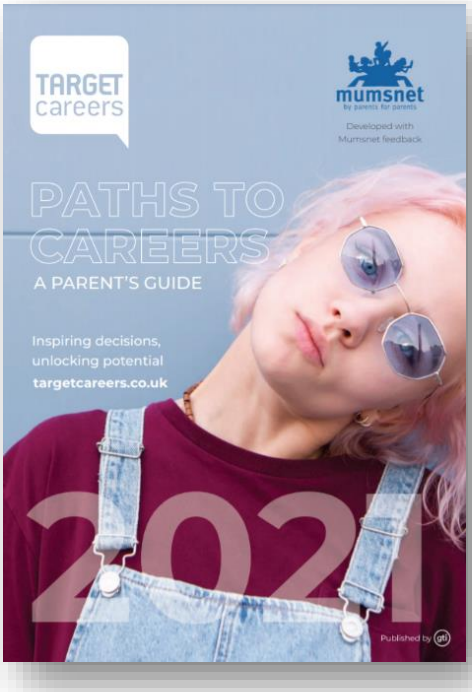

Paths to careers: a parent's guide

Get advice on supporting your child with their career choices, on making decisions about university and on employer programmes with the free updated Paths to Careers guide developed by Target Careers with Mumsnet.

The guide:

- introduces and explains all the options/routes post-18
- covers career paths within many of the UK's largest industries
- details the pros and cons of each route
- shares career stories of young professionals
- includes practical advice for parents on where to go for careers information, who to speak to and how you can best support your child in making decisions.

Download Paths to Careers here

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APPRENTICESHIPS

Real apprentices relate stories from the front line

APPRENTICES ON THE FRONT LINE

What do apprentices actually do and who are they?

Watch Apprentices on the Frontline, a series of short videos highlighting extraordinary stories across different business sectors, showing how apprentices have adapted during Covid and overcome huge obstacles. Truly inspiring!

Watch Apprentices on the Frontline here

THAMES VALLEY POLICE

Will Jones (PCSO C7300), as a Police Community Support Officer contributes to the policing of

VIEW STORY

QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL KING'S LYNN NHS TRUST

During the pandemic Brodie Moore like many others continued to work on the front line

VIEW STORY

TANGERINE COMMUNICATIONS

Annie Ellis – Dawson was furloughed during the last few months of her Business Administration

VIEW STORY

Live apprenticeship opportunities

GOV.UK

Looking for an apprenticeship? Head over to www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship and search current opportunities.

Below, we've highlighted just a few of the latest school/college leaver apprenticeships at local and national employers.

Martin-Baker: The world-leading aerospace ejection seat manufacturer based in south Bucks has extended the deadline to apply for its engineering apprenticeships to **5 April**. Visit Martin-Baker's website for more information and to apply.

Martin-Baker

FCDO Services: The Government's security, property, digital and logistics experts FCDO Services (Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office) has just launched its new apprenticeship scheme covering a really wide range of areas from business administrator to wood workshop technician, marketing assistant to product design technician. Find out more here

FCDO Services

BT

BT: There are new technical apprenticeship opportunities at BT. Find out more and apply here

IBM: Technology and business placements are going at IBM. Explore careers here and apply here

IBM

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APPRENTICESHIPS continued

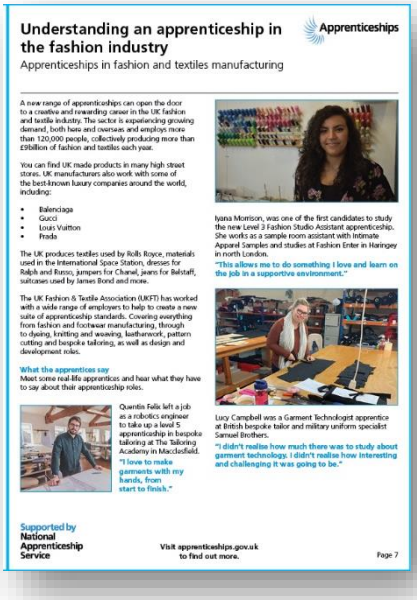
Ask about apprenticeships: download the March parent pack

Get the latest advice and guidance from the National Apprenticeship Service from the monthly Amazing Apprenticeships Parents' Pack.

The March pack includes:

- International Women's Day
- preparing for virtual recruitment
- the new T-Levels film
- apprenticeships in the fashion industry
- SEND post-16 options

Download the March Parents' Pack here



Understanding an apprenticeship in the fashion industry

Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships in fashion and textiles manufacturing

A new range of apprenticeships can open the door to a creative and rewarding career in the UK fashion and textile industry. The sector is experiencing growing demand, both here and overseas and employs more than 120,000 people, collectively producing more than £9billion of fashion and textiles each year.

You can find UK made products in many high street stores. UK manufacturers also work with some of the best-known luxury companies around the world, including:

- Balenciaga
- Gucci
- Louis Vuitton
- Prada

The UK produces textiles used by Rolls Royce, materials used in the International Space Station, dresses for Ralph and Russo, jumpers for Chanel, jeans for Belstaff, suitcases used by James Bond and more.

The UK Fashion & Textile Association (UKFT) has worked with a wide range of employers to help to create a new suite of apprenticeship standards. Covering everything from fashion and footwear manufacturing, through to dyeing, knitting and weaving, leathework, pattern cutting and bespoke tailoring, as well as design and development roles.

What the apprentices say

Meet some real-life apprentices and hear what they have to say about their apprenticeship roles.

Quentin Felix left a job as a robotics engineer to take up a level 5 apprenticeship in bespoke tailoring at The Tailoring Academy in Macclesfield.

"I love to make garments with my hands, from start to finish."

Iyana Morrison, was one of the first candidates to study the new Level 3 Fashion Studio Assistant apprenticeship. She works as a sample room assistant with Intimate Apparel Samples and studies at Fashion Enter in Haringey in north London.

"This allows me to do something I love and learn on the job in a supportive environment."

Lucy Campbell was a Garment Technologist apprentice at British bespoke tailor and military uniform specialist Samuel Brothers.

"I didn't realise how much there was to study about garment technology. I didn't realise how interesting and challenging it was going to be."

Supported by National Apprenticeship Service

Visit apprenticeships.gov.uk to find out more.

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Independent training providers: the alternative you're looking for?

Did you know that apprenticeships and training courses are available through 'independent training providers' (ITPs) as well as through an employer or further education college?

- **What are ITPs?** They are usually privately-owned, mostly profit-making companies, though many run on a not-for-profit basis.
- **How do they work?** On site, through online/distance learning, by a tutor or assessor visiting the workplace, or through 'block release' where an apprentice travels occasionally to a training centre for a concentrated period of classroom study (as opposed to a weekly day release typically happens via a local college).
- **Where are they?** We don't have many ITPs with physical training centres in Bucks, but we do have over 150 'out of area' providers delivering apprenticeship training locally. Find them through:
  - the Get My First Job website
  - the Government's 'Find Apprenticeship Training' service
- **What are some examples?** Here's a small selection to start exploring:

All Spring Media (creative and digital media)

Bucks Construction Academy (construction)

JGA Group (eg marketing, business admin)

QA (tech skills/IT)

Lantra (land-based industries eg forestry, animals)

Remit Training (automotive, business, care, food, hospitality, IT, retail, management)

Span Training (hairdressing)

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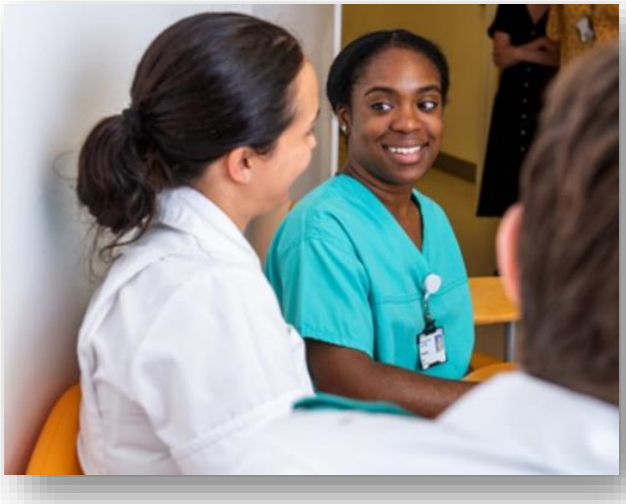
WORK EXPERIENCE

Now's the time for VWEx!



Getting work experience is tricky at the moment – but there are some inspiring virtual (VWEx) opportunities around which perhaps let young people explore further than they've ever been able to before.

Look at this Smart Guide to Finding Work Experience and helpful work experience ideas produced by the NHS.

And don't forget the Parents' Guide to Work Experience to see how it can make young people stand out in a competitive world – and keep them focused on their studies.

Read on for Easter experiences plus book ahead for summer.

Your journey into healthcare starts this Easter

Take your first steps into the world of the NHS with low-cost virtual work experience run by allied healthcare professionals.

Select from one day to a full six-month work experience programme with a choice of dates from **4 April through to September**.

Each day costs £10 or save £10 if you opt for all 6.

Follow patients from admission to discharge in live simulation settings from the comfort and safety of home, gaining insight into a variety of allied healthcare roles including:

Nursing ● Midwifery ● Paramedicine ● Physiotherapy ● Occupational Therapy ● Radiography ● Art, drama and music therapy ● Dietetics ● Radiography ● Prosthetics and orthotics ● Speech and language therapy ● Pharmacy

Click here for more information and to book

F1 Mercedes WEx applications now open for 18+

Dream of a career in Formula 1? Mercedes AMG High Performance Powertrains have just released 2021 work experience opportunities, although you have to be at 18+ to take part. Apply asap as places are limited.

Click here for more information and to apply

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Book on career days over April and May (cost applies)

Book on an online CareerDays.co.uk experience for students aged 14-18. Learn all about a profession in the morning, then take part in WEx in the afternoon.

Please note **each day costs £59**, although bursary places are available:

- Dentistry – **Saturday 10 April**
- Psychology – **Saturday 17 April**
- Business – **Saturday 24 April**
- Performing Arts – **Sunday 2 May**
- Veterinary Medicine – **Saturday 8 May**
- Computer Science – **Saturday 15 May**
- Architect – **Saturday 22 May**
- Teaching – **Saturday 29 May**

Book a career day here

Keep checking for new VWex opportunities

New virtual work experience opportunities are being added all the time. Keep checking these three free platforms regularly:

1) **Springpod**

2) **Speakers for Schools** such as:

- NHS: NextGen Nurse - Meet the people behind the masks – Tuesday 11 May (min age 14, apply by 19 April)
- Royal Air Force: Virtual Insight with Royal Air Force – Tuesday 27 April (min age 14, apply by 5 April)

3) **Pathway CTM via Eventbrite**: Sign up for free online work taster days over Easter. Click through to book:

- BT Virtual Taster Day – Discover what it's like to work for BT
  Tuesday 6 April 10am - 3pm
- NHS Virtual Taster Day – Hertfordshire (only a virtual hop over the border!)
  Wednesday 7 April 10am – 3pm:
- Virtual work experience with Vodaphone
  Wednesday 14 April 10am - 3pm
- NHS Virtual Taster Day – Mental Health Focus
  Thursday 15 April 10am – 3pm

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UNDERSTANDING THE JOB MARKET

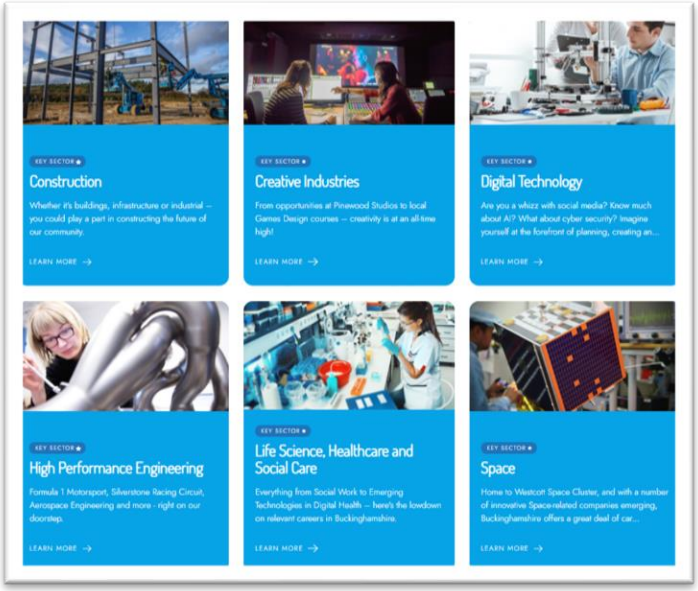
What's booming in Bucks?

If you're not sure what kind of career might be best for you, try browsing opportunities by industry sector on the new BucksSkillsHub.org website.

Want to know what sectors are on the rise locally? Or simply curious as to what's involved in the job areas you've heard about?

The Sector Hub is filled to the brim with information on all the key sectors in Buckinghamshire - from up-and-coming emerging technologies to the sectors booming with business growth.

Explore careers by industry sector here



Industry sector spotlight: Construction

Each area of the economy has a different story to tell. We take a look in each issue of Classroom to Career at a sector where job opportunities are growing: this month we feature careers in construction.

GO CONSTRUCT
Find out more about a career in construction

Nationally … Construction is all around us – from buildings to industrial areas to infrastructure and more. Whether you're a plumber, roofer, electrician, bricklayer, engineer, architect, town planner or surveyor, this sector covers plenty of interesting roles and right now, it's thriving.

- Visit Go Construct for an overview of the national picture and all sorts of construction careers advice.
- Look at real job opportunities to give you ideas for the future at Careers in Construction.

Locally … Around 14,500 people work as employees within the Buckinghamshire construction sector, plus a further 9,000 work in the sector on a self-employed basis.

- HS2, the high-speed railway line, is expected to create another 4,000 jobs during its construction. EKFB, which is made up of civil engineering and construction companies Eiffage Kier, Ferrovial Construction and BAM Nuttall, is carrying out the main building works for HS2.
- Over the last 7 years, the construction workforce has expanded by nearly a third.
- 4,500 employees are involved in the construction of residential buildings across the county, including 2,250 focusing on electrical installation.

Look up some of the main local employers: EKFB, Cala Group, Taylor Wimpey, Buckingham Group Contracting Limited, Network Rail Infrastructure Limited, Morgan Sindall, Flannery Plant Hire, Ringway Jacobs, Balfour Beatty, Origin, Inland Homes, Optima Systems, Grant and Stone, WysePower.

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UNIVERSITY

Discover university: watch live or on demand

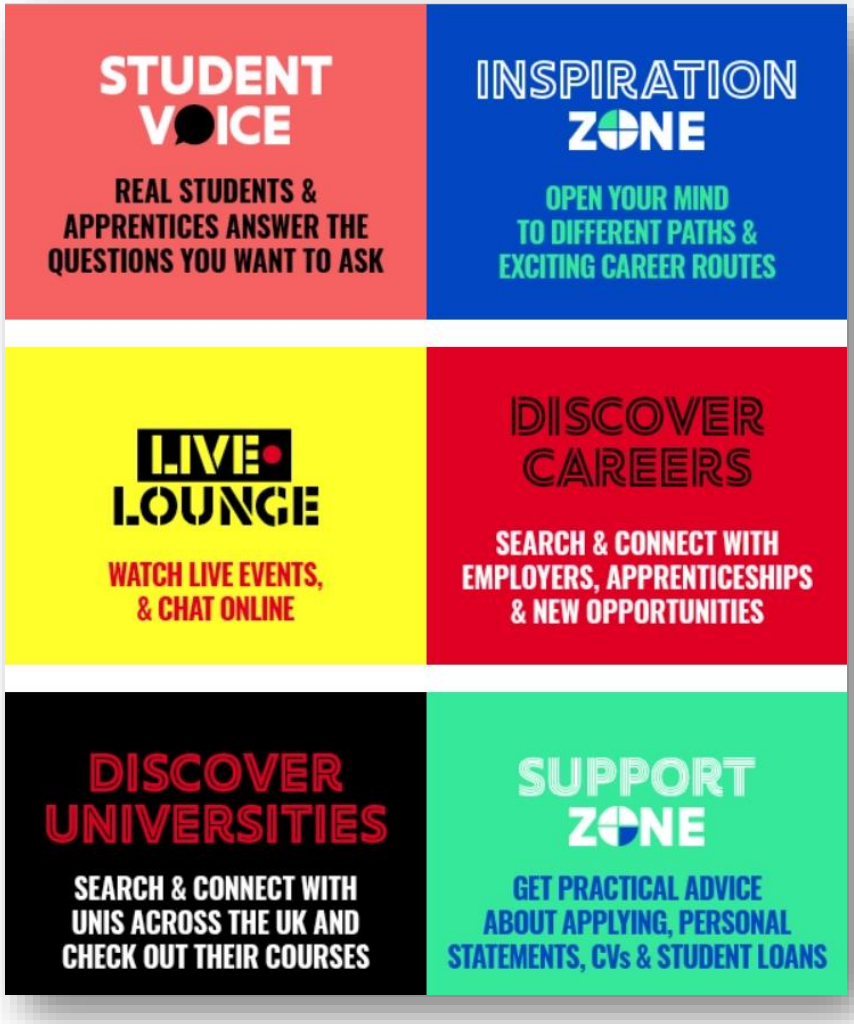
Interested in going to uni? Not sure if it's right for you? Explore the possibilities at the UCAS/Discovery event for the South East region on **Tuesday 20 and Wednesday 21 April**.

Join live between 10am – 6pm on both days: either tune in from school or later on from home. Alternatively, watch on demand at whatever time suits.

- Explore over 100 UK universities.
- Get inspiration about different career opportunities.
- Understand if an apprenticeship is right for you.
- Take part in live sessions and get your questions answered by the experts.
- Get practical help on personal statements, accommodation and student loans.
- Hear from real students.

UCAS, the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service, is the organisation responsible for operating the application process for British universities.

Book here, whether you are watching live or to be sent the recording on demand



Clearing opportunities: a date for your diary

What University Live? will be hosting a virtual event on Monday **16 August** focused on Clearing opportunities for the 2021/2022 university intake.

'Clearing' is how unis and colleges fill any places they still have on their courses. It's always good to have a back-up plan!

Check for updates here

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PERSONAL GUIDANCE

Book a call with the National Careers Service

Get information, advice and guidance to help you make decisions on learning, training and work from the National Careers Service, funded by the Government.

Parents, carers and students over 13 can speak to a trained adviser:

- call 0800 100 900
- between 8am to 8pm Monday to Friday
- between 10am to 5pm on Saturdays
- calls are free from landlines and most mobile numbers
- if you don't want to call them, you can also: chat online, ask them to get in touch by email or ask them to call you.

Visit the National Careers Service website

Free expert 1:1 careers guidance for young people in Bucks – until June

Higher or further education? Sixth form? Training or apprenticeship? Employment?

Talking about taking their next step with a trained careers counsellor can help young people choose which one's right for them.

If your son or daughter is in Year 11, 12 or 13, you can arrange a free virtual advice session (funded by The Careers & Enterprise Company) until the end of June.

Click here to book, call 01494 927137 or email info@bucksskillshub.org

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FOCUS ON SKILLS: Learn about leadership

Capgemini

Leadership is a key employability skill that's useful for everyone to learn. If you've ever captained a sports team, led a project or directed a play, you're on your way!

- Check out more ideas of how to gain skills and get experience on p14 of School Leaver 200 here.
- Build your leadership skills at the free online platform Skills Builder and work your way through the different steps.
- Another way is to learn from those already at the top: book a free ticket for **Monday 12 April** from 3-4pm to hear Billie Major, Capgemini's Executive Vice President, share her career journey, what she thinks makes a good leader and what she looks for in upcoming talent: book your ticket here

Book on to BCA for veterinary physio to horticulture

Book onto Berkshire College of Agriculture's virtual open evening on **Wednesday 5 May** 5pm - 7:30pm to discover alternative further education options post-16.

Meet tutors from all the subjects areas and view course videos and information from the comfort of your own home.

BCA specialises in land-based courses such as agriculture, equine studies and arboriculture, but also offers a whole range including art & design, media, health & social care, childcare, theatre, business, sports and more.

Find out more and book here

Escape Studios guide ready to download

Download Escape Studios' new digital guide and explore creative careers in Visual Effects (VFX), Game Art, Animation and Motion Graphics.

Undergraduate and short courses based at Pearson College London offer vocational, industry-focused training experience.

Download the guide here and book on the undergraduate taster day on Saturday 17 April 10am – 12.30 here.