

May 24<sup>th</sup> 2018

Claudia Harris  
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Dear Claudia,

## **Re Buckinghamshire's Bid to the Careers and Enterprise Company for a Careers Hub**

I am writing to express my support for the bid that BTVLEP is co-ordinating on behalf of a group of schools in Buckinghamshire to establish a Careers Hub in the Buckinghamshire Thames Valley LEP Area.

As I understand it, the funding from the Careers and Enterprise Company will enable more resources to be brought to bear to support schools to implement an effective careers and enterprise education programme in Buckinghamshire, and improve their performance against the eight Gatsby benchmarks of Good Career Guidance;

1. A stable careers programme
2. Learning from career and labour market information
3. Addressing the needs of each pupil
4. Linking curriculum learning to careers
5. Encounters with employers and employees
6. Experiences of workplaces
7. Encounters with further and higher education
8. Personal guidance

As an organisation that is passionate about ensuring young people are fully prepared for the world of work – and that has supported the delivery of Buckinghamshire Skills Hub's programmes – I am writing to express my total support for this initiative, which will build on the strong foundations established by the Enterprise Co-ordinator network in Buckinghamshire.

If you need any further information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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The Buckinghamshire Thames Valley Local Enterprise Partnership (BTVLEP) is a business-led 'partnership of equals' between local government and the private sector, building the conditions for sustainable economic growth in the county.