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**N E W S R E L E A S E**

**What’s right for me? Careers support for GCSE and A-level students in Bucks**

[Bucks Skills Hub](https://www.buckstvlep.co.uk/key-partners/bucks-skills-hub/) is delighted to receive extra funding by the [Careers & Enterprise Company](https://www.careersandenterprise.co.uk/) (through the Department for Education), to provide young people finishing Key Stages 4 and 5 this summer with [one-to-one careers information, advice and guidance](https://mailchi.mp/c5179a0fe2d7/whats-right-for-me-1-2-1-careers-advice).

Marina Jackson, Under 19 Skills Manager & Careers Hub Lead, Buckinghamshire Skills Hub, said: “COVID-19 has created unprecedented times in the Buckinghamshire job market, as elsewhere in the country, and we want to provide local support to help young people navigate the many paths available to them from higher and further education to training, apprenticeships and employment. Above all, we want to help every individual understand what’s right for them.”

Bucks Skills Hub’s ‘What’s right for me?’ programme provides individual careers guidance for students who need extra support to decide on their next step. One-to-one support will be offered by a Level 6 trained, enhanced DBS-checked careers counsellor employed by Bucks Skills Hub.

The additional support will be available from August 2020 to 31 January 2021. Guidance will be provided either by a virtual face-to-face appointment over Microsoft Teams, or by phone or email and follow up support will be provided as needed.

Marina added: “Our aim is to reduce the number of young people who have left Key Stage 4 or 5 in 2020 and have no appropriate intended destination or September Guarantee offer by the end of August 2020. We also aim to reduce the number of those who have a ‘not known’ or NEET destination by the end of October 2020”.

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Go to <https://bit.ly/bsh-careeradvice> to book your call back, or call 01494 927137 or email info@bucksskillshub.org and an expert careers adviser will be happy to help.

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**Note to editors**

The [Buckinghamshire Skills Hub](https://bucksskillshub.org/) promotes and optimises links between the business community and education/training providers to enable young people and adults to gain valuable insight into career opportunities, and helps them develop the skills and qualifications they need to progress in the workplace at whatever stage of their career they are in.

The Bucks Skills Hub is managed by Buckinghamshire Business First and supported by Buckinghamshire Local Enterprise Partnership, Buckinghamshire Council and the Careers Enterprise Company.

The [Buckinghamshire Local Enterprise Partnership](http://buckstvlep.co.uk/) (Bucks LEP) is a business-led ‘partnership of equals’ between local government and the private sector, building the conditions for sustainable economic growth in the County. Formed in January 2012, the partnership balances a uniquely strong collective business voice with a cohesive elected local leadership. Coming together to engineer the conditions needed to drive forward business prosperity in the county and beyond, Bucks LEP recognises that an important part of this is to support education and skills providers and employers to ensure our young people have the right skills to meet the needs of the economy, including the growth sectors such as life-sciences, space, creative industries and advanced engineering.

[Buckinghamshire Business First](http://www.bbf.uk.com/) (BBF), is the Growth Hub for Buckinghamshire and is backed by Buckinghamshire based entrepreneurs, thousands of SMEs and Local Authorities.  BBF provides the link between public policy and the business community in Buckinghamshire and works with partners to create a dynamic business environment in the Entrepreneurial Heart of Britain.

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