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**Bucks Skills Show goes virtual for 2020**

The annual [Bucks Skills Show](https://bbf.uk.com/business-support/buckinghamshire-skills-show) helps young people explore careers and work out how to get there – but this year looks different. The exciting two-part event runs from 9th –13th November and is entirely virtual!

Marina Jackson, Under 19 Skills Manager & Careers Hub Lead, [Buckinghamshire Skills Hub](https://www.buckstvlep.co.uk/key-partners/bucks-skills-hub/), said: “We are very excited to be running the first online Skills Show. Our employer led curriculum sessions aim to embed careers within curriculum and help students to understand the relevance of their subjects to future careers. Sessions for young people and their parents/carers will explore the different options available to them. Careers support and guidance will play a critical role now more than ever before and we are delighted to have the support from our amazing employers.”

This year’s Bucks Skills Show is based around a two-part event ‘Bringing lessons to life in-school’ and ‘Student/parent webinars and 1:1 careers advice’.

The Bucks Skills Show Online 2020 is live streaming inspirational speakers from businesses - including McAfee, Esri, Sodexo, Capgemini, ANT Telecom, Pinewood Studios and Ngage Solutions to name but a few - into lessons to show how they use curriculum subjects in their every-day-job. Lessons will be aimed at Year 9 students, enthusing them about subjects and their potential and relevance to their future careers – without teachers having to give up precious curriculum time. These lessons will run throughout the week starting Monday 9th November.

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The second part of the event ‘Student/parent webinars and 1:1 careers advice’, offers two live webinars for 16-18 year olds ‘Where next: employment, education or apprenticeship’ on 10th November and ‘Understanding the job market: what’s on your doorstep?’ on 12th November. In addition, there will be an opportunity to book a free 30-minute ‘What’s right for me?’ 1:1 advice and guidance session with a careers expert.

Marina added: “COVID-19 has created unprecedented times in the jobs market, and we want 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 student understand what’s right for them.”

In addition, to the businesses supporting this year’s Bucks Skills Show, the Bucks Skills Hub are working in partnership with Pathway CTM who will be hosting the sessions on Zoom.

For further information on the Bucks Skills Show please visit: [www.bbf.uk.com/business-support/buckinghamshire-skills-show](http://www.bbf.uk.com/business-support/buckinghamshire-skills-show)

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**Photo caption:** *The annual Bucks Skills Show helps young people explore careers and work out how to get there.*

**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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