

Richard Harrington
Chief Executive Officer
Buckinghamshire Local Enterprise Partnership

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Dear Richard,

I am writing to formally express our appreciation for the significant contribution made by the Buckinghamshire Local Enterprise Partnership and Buckinghamshire Business First to Aylesbury UTC this year.

As you know, Aylesbury UTC (formally Buckinghamshire UTC) joined the Merchant Taylors' Oxfordshire Academy Trust in November 2021. It was a school very much in need of improvement. There have been many changes over the past 18 months, and we are very pleased that the school is becoming more successful. We have a growing student roll, a more stable staff, higher quality teaching, more effective learning, stronger relationships with local employer partners, and a more positive culture overall. Whilst there is still a great deal of progress to make, these indicators are very encouraging.

One major consideration has been our curriculum and the decision to introduce a new Health Pathway here. Our aim is to provide a high quality, employer-linked, technical education for young people looking to move into the Health Care or Social Care sectors. We are well-placed to serve the local community and the shortage of skilled employees in these sectors. Since this pathway was an addition to our curriculum, we needed to enhance course-specific facilities and resources. Largely, this is due to the 'hands-on' learning style that we would like to embed for students on this pathway.

Thanks to the generous contribution from Bucks LEP and BBF, we now have a fantastic Health and Social Care Suite. I was thrilled that you were able to join us for our opening event. As I'm sure you picked up, students feel very fortunate to be the first to use these new resources. This addition has already made a difference to the learning environment and subsequently students' chances of success on these courses. It is worth noting that a number of students come from disadvantaged backgrounds or have found education very challenging up to this point. With our new facilities they feel valued, supported and inspired to achieve as well as possible.



I would be grateful if you could pass this letter on to those involved the funding decision. When the time is right, we would very much like to host members of the Bucks LEP and BBF so that you can see first-hand what a difference the facilities are making to the lives of our young people. I look forward to welcoming those who can join us, very soon.

Yours sincerely



Nick Lamb
Principal

