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## Bucks Skills Show 2026 - what an event it was!

Were you among the 6,000 people who rocked up to Stoke Mandeville Stadium and took part in the biggest careers event in Buckinghamshire? To check out the photos and videos from the two-day event, [read our round-up here](#).

## Menu Masters final crowns first ever Bucks winner

More than 450 Year 9 students battled it out by creating and presenting their incredible concepts for restaurants. Two brilliant business owners - Atul Kochhar and Karim Kassam - and their teams supported the students throughout the competition, with four teams making it to the final on April 27th. But who won first prize?

[Read on to find out!](#)



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## How to prepare for an apprenticeship assessment centre

If you're applying for an apprenticeship, you might be invited to an assessment day where you'll carry out some exercises and activities designed to see how well you'd fit in with the company. If this sounds daunting, don't worry - **here are some ways you can prepare.**



### Aylesbury UTC Open Day

Aylesbury UTC hosts its final open event of the academic year on May 14th. Year 9–12 students and their families can explore future pathways in Film, TV & Content Creation, Digital, and Health & Social Care. Meet employers, sample lessons, tour the campus. **Learn more and book your free place.**

### Five ways AI can help you explore your career options

Not sure what you want to do when you're older? There are lots of AI tools available that help you match your strengths and interests with real-world career paths. Plus, they can help with applications and interviews. There's also lots of jobs in AI! **Learn how AI can open doors for you.**

### Great minds think differently!

There are lots of employability programmes, post-16 support networks, supported internships and alternative learning options for young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). **Discover a world of possibilities here.**

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## Sector spotlight: High Performance Engineering

Buckinghamshire is a world leader in high-tech engineering, with Formula 1 teams among thousands of businesses based around Silverstone alone. Colleges and universities, including the Silverstone UTC centre of excellence, offer plenty of courses too.

**Learn all about a career in high performance engineering.**



**Virtual work  
experience  
– it's the future!**

Looking for work experience but don't want to go into a physical workplace yet? Virtual work experience sounds perfect for you! There's a variety of employers and sectors offering opportunities - so learn all about this brilliant way to gain experience.

## For the attention of parents & carers

We are looking for employers who can offer meaningful and inspirational work experience to young people. It could be an activity, a site tour, a placement - anything that opens a window to the world of work. **Learn how you or your employer can get involved here.**

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