

BERKSHIRE CAREERS HUB NEWSLETTER

Latest updates for your careers provision
in Berkshire

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Make sure you are following us on social media as this is often the quickest way to find out about what's going on!



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WELCOME

Welcome to the Berkshire Careers Hub Newsletter! As you may be aware, we have been working hard to collate opportunities for students and careers leaders: these can now be found all in one place. We hope you find this useful!

Our ambition is to have a dedicated space for careers leaders, students, parents and employers. This will consistently be kept up to date so you can access upcoming opportunities and events.

If you have any feedback on our website, please email us at: careersandenterprise@thamesvalleyberkshire.co.uk.



The Berkshire Careers Hub Team at Shinfield Studios during an Enterprise Adviser Meeting

RESOURCES

Don't forget to check out [Berkshire Opportunities](#), explore all the current and future events and opportunities near you!

The Careers People exists to offer high-quality careers education to young people. [Download your 2023/24 Careers Calendar](#). This is completely free - you don't even have to put in your email.

Have you read our brand new case study on Beechwood school? Check it out [here](#).



CALL TO ACTION

TEACHER ENCOUNTERS

We are excited to announce our new [Teacher Encounters](#) opportunity. This enables teachers to engage directly with employers to learn about the different career pathways relevant to their subjects and how it applies practically in business. There are limited spots left, secure yours now! Please note, the £600 bursary is for each school, not person. Please [click here](#) to sign up.

GIVE AN HOUR

Did you know we have a list of volunteers who can provide at least an hour of their time to deliver careers activities within your school, to help support young people with either mock interviews, CV writing or sharing their career story. Contact careersandenterprise@thamesvalleyberkshire.co.uk

FEEDBACK

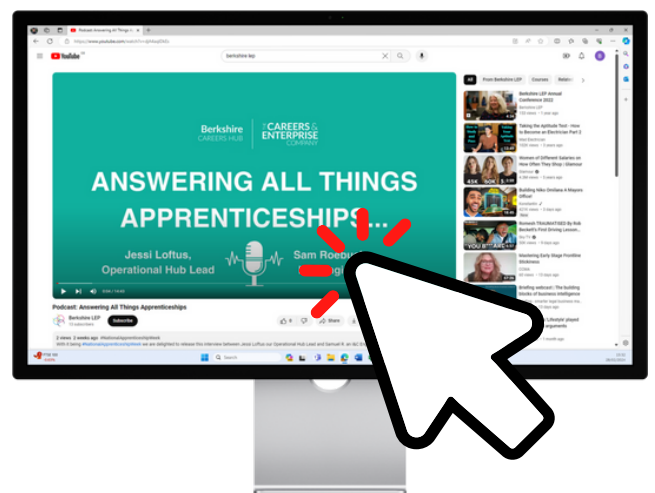
This March we will be publishing our celebratory report as the Berkshire Careers Hub meets 5 years of being established. We will be looking back, as well as looking forward. Please email us to let us know how Berkshire Careers Hub has helped you to comms@thamesvalleyberkshire.co.uk.

NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

During National Apprenticeship Week, we had an opportunity to speak to a local ex Slough student about his experience of doing an Apprenticeship.

Watch the video [here](#) where Sam and Jessi talk about all things Apprenticeships.

Please feel free to share this as part of your awareness raising, we hope this may be a helpful resource to share with students and parents.



NEWS UPDATES

LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION

We often get asked about the latest Labour Market Information for Berkshire and are pleased to share our latest data.

You can download the PowerPoint presentation to edit and share [HERE](#).

SPEAKERS FOR SCHOOLS

Using project funds from the CEC aimed at schools with a greater proportion of students eligible for free school meals, we have engaged 'Speakers For Schools' to provide workplace experiences. We launched this initiative across eight schools, featuring participation from employers such as CTS, Volker Fitz Patrick, Mace, SCL, Heathrow, and others!

This is a great opportunity to connect young people to inspirational, eye-opening experiences with some of the largest employers locally and nationally.

Need help with speakers or employers?

Explore the following options...

[Speakers For Schools](#), [Founders for Schools](#), [Inspiring the Future](#), [STEM Ambassadors](#)

Alternatively, you can contact our pool of

Give an Hour volunteers via

[**careersandenterprise@thamesvalleyberkshire.co.uk**](mailto:careersandenterprise@thamesvalleyberkshire.co.uk)

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Range of [Compass+](#) support resources including handy checklists supporting every stage of the [Compass+](#) journey.

View resources to support [using Compass+ effectively with a partner platform](#).

If you have not yet upgraded to [Compass+](#), you can find out more about [upgrading to Compass+](#). For [Compass+](#) questions Compassplus@careersandenterprise.co.uk.

View the national webinar programme and [register for a webinar](#) or [watch a previous webinar recording](#).

The [Future Skills Questionnaire](#) gives students the opportunity to reflect on their career-related knowledge and skills and informs Careers Leaders how effective their careers programme is – a real help with benchmark 1! It can also be used to help identify students who may be at risk of NEET, track students who are responding consistently negatively to the FSQ questions and use responses to tailor support and intervention. You can search and access [all Help Centre articles](#).

Future Skills Questionnaire resources:-
[Implementation resources \(including checklist\)](#)
[SEND guidance](#)
[Learner Guide PowerPoint Presentation](#)