



Thursday 22 January 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 9 visit to Bucks Skills Show - 4/5 March 2026 (25-ZBUSS)

Careers education and exploring future pathways is a core element of our PSHE lessons at AHS. We are pleased to be able to take all Year 9 students to the [Bucks Skills Show](#) which is taking place at Stoke Mandeville Stadium in Aylesbury. This is a skills and careers event with over 120 exhibitors where young people will be able to:

- Connect with employers eager to inspire and support future talent.
- Explore what it's like to work in a wide range of key industry sectors.
- Speak with universities, colleges, and apprenticeship providers to help identify their best next steps.

We will take Year 9 to the event in two groups:

- Wednesday 4 March, 12:50-15:30 - classes 9.1, 9.2 and 9.3
- Thursday 5 March, 12:50-15:30 - classes 9.4, 9.5 and 9.6

On each day, we will depart from school at 12:50 (provisional time, to be confirmed) to walk as a group to the stadium. Members of staff will accompany the group and remain at the venue. Students will explore the exhibition in small groups. We will then walk back to school as a group in time for the end of the school day at 15:30. We will ask students to have a packed lunch on the day of their visit and there will be time for them to eat this at school before we leave.

Students will be able to meet representatives from the following sectors:

- Construction
- Civil Engineering
- Creative, Film & TV
- Digital Technology
- High-Performance Engineering, Manufacturing & Space
- Hospitality, Leisure and Tourism
- Charities & Public
- Medical, Health Care and Social Care
- Business, Finance and Professional Services

There will be preparatory activities at school beforehand to support students to get the most out of the event. We will share the list of exhibitors with you and encourage you to discuss this with your daughter in advance to help her to prioritise who to talk to on the day.

Consent and Medical Details

Please note that the student medical information and your contact details that we hold on record will be used for the trip, so if anything has changed since you last updated us, please email the changes to Mrs Sheed (dsheed@ahs.bucks.sch.uk).

All medication brought on trips should be accompanied by the trip [medication form](#), which should be completed and emailed to the First Aid Administrator, 'krandall@ahs.bucks.sch.uk' at least 2 weeks before the trip. This is found on the '[Trips and Visits](#)' page of the school website. Medicines must be handed in to the trip leader in their original packaging with the information leaflet and the dispensing label attached.

As with all trips, we want students and staff to have an enjoyable experience. If either you or the school have any concerns about your daughter's ability to participate then it is vital that we discuss at an early stage how the school can appropriately support her and ensure the trip is suitable for her.

Information regarding trips and visits including the code of conduct, insurance arrangements and voluntary contributions can be found in the [Trips and Visits section](#) of the school website.

If you have any questions regarding the visit, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

Mrs Michelle Sutton
Next Steps and Careers Lead