

## **Leadership Academy**

With the failure to gain enough candidates for the 2024/25 season we worked on a new presentation and approach for the clubs to consider.

This new and more detailed presentation was intended to help clubs assess suitable candidates to attend the course.

Initial feedback was positive however this did not culminate in sufficient numbers to make running the course for the 25/26 season viable- I apologise to those clubs who did engage and to their candidates that we had to disappoint.

For 2026/2027 we are proposing to run the scheme again and all club chairs should now have the presentation.

We encountered some additional challenges in securing RFU tutors last season which has required some adjustment on our part. Our commitment to the leadership academy remains a strong one and we have taken the decision to run the scheme internally. We will utilise the skills and experience that we have amongst our clubs and within the County framework to deliver a programme to Bucks clubs, delivered by Bucks rugby people

In order to run a viable, meaningful and productive academy for 2026/2027 we will require a minimum of 12 candidates.

It is important to remember that this is free to all clubs and will help clubs develop their pipeline of volunteers and leadership developers both now and into the future.

I am looking forward to running the Bucks Leadership Academy for the upcoming season and look forward to receiving your candidate nominations.

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