

Careers Service update: a comprehensive picture of careers work in English schools

This report provides the most comprehensive picture of schools' careers and enterprise provision ever collected - describing the careers and enterprise provision in secondary schools in England in the 2016/17 academic year.



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Over the last year; 578 schools in England have completed Compass, a self-assessment tool which allows them to benchmark their school's provision against the Gatsby Benchmarks. The data provided by schools through Compass gives a comprehensive picture of careers work in English schools.

The Gatsby Benchmarks (published in 2014) offer an evidence-based standard for careers provision. The benchmarks say that schools should be providing: a stable careers programme; learning from career and labour market information; addressing the needs of each pupil; linking curriculum learning to careers; encounters with employers and employees; experiences of workplaces; encounters with further and higher education; and personal guidance provided by a professional. Only if schools are doing all of this can they be judged to offering "good career guidance".

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