

State of the Nation 2019

Careers and enterprise provision in England's secondary schools and colleges

This year's State of the Nation shows that careers education is improving everywhere, as young people are benefiting from a new world-class approach to careers guidance.

- 1 | Over 2,800 schools and colleges have completed Compass twice. They show improvements on every dimension of careers support.
- 2 | At least 2 million young people are now receiving an encounter with an employer every year.
- 3 | Progress can be seen across the country. Schools and colleges serving disadvantaged communities are among the highest performers.
- 4 | In total, over 3,800 schools and colleges have now completed Compass.
- 5 | Over the next year, the impact of the Careers Strategy looks set to continue.

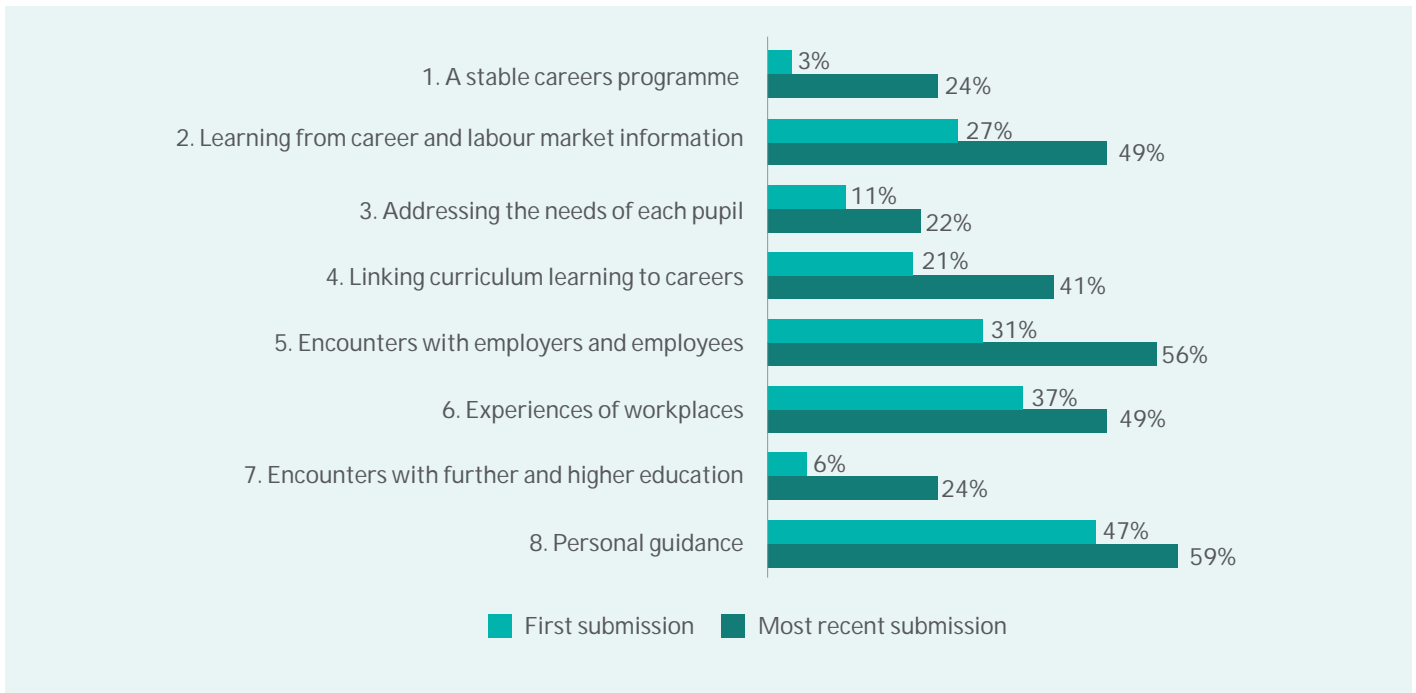
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- The schools and colleges that have completed Compass twice achieve a mean average of 3.2 out of 8 benchmarks, an increase of over 50% since 2017.
- There has been progress on every benchmark.
- Progress has been particularly strong on 'Encounters with employers and employees', Linking curriculum learning to careers, establishing 'A stable careers programme' and 'Encounters with further and higher education'.
- Over half of schools and colleges are achieving benchmarks 'Personal guidance' and 'Encounters with employers and employees'.

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- The research shows the number of schools and colleges running regular encounters has increased by 70 per cent, from less than a third two years ago (31%) to more than half this year (52%).
- Approximately two thirds of young people in the schools and colleges that have completed Compass are receiving an employer encounter every year.

Change in the proportion fully achieving each benchmark among repeat submissions (N = 2,880)



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- All areas of the country have made progress.
- Almost all Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs) have at least one school or college achieving 7 or more benchmarks.
- Some of the highest performing areas serve disadvantaged communities.

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- The Careers Leader workforce is becoming established, and will continue to be supported by the Careers Leader training bursaries in 2019/20.
- 20 new Careers Hubs are getting started in September 2019, continuing the success of the first 20 Hubs established in September 2018.

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- The majority of schools and colleges are now using Compass to record and track themselves against the Gatsby Benchmarks.
- Over 3,300 schools and colleges completed Compass most recently during 2018/19 giving us an up-to-date picture of progress.
- Engaging with the benchmarks is becoming the norm for schools and colleges.

