

Compass results for the secondary schools and colleges in England with the Quality in Careers Standard 2022

This note describes the careers provision in the schools and colleges which achieved the Quality in Careers Standard in academic year 2021/2022 as recorded in the Compass data held by The Careers & Enterprise Company. It has been produced by The Careers & Enterprise Company for the Quality in Careers Consortium.

Compass data

The Compass data used for this analysis are the latest evaluation returns by Careers Leaders as of the end of July 2022 for the academic year 2021/22. It is the same data as used for the charts reporting annual data.¹ The results reported in this note are the average number of Gatsby Benchmarks fully achieved and the proportion of schools and colleges achieving each of the eight benchmarks. To fully achieve a benchmark, schools and colleges must meet all the sub-benchmarks (approximately 50 in total across the eight benchmarks depending on the age range of the education institution).

Matching process

The Quality in Careers Consortium provided The Careers & Enterprise Company with a list of 697 schools and colleges that had gained external accreditation under the national Quality in Careers Standard as of August 2022. To prepare the data for matching with Compass data, institutions in Northern Ireland were excluded as were those in the primary/middle school sectors.

Analysis was carried out on 615 schools and colleges in England that were matched with the Compass data. Of this number, 507 (82%) were also in a Careers Hub.

Results

Education institutions accredited under the Quality in Careers Standard achieved an average of 5.6 Gatsby Benchmarks in 2021/22. This is one benchmark higher than the previous year.² This is the same as for the schools and colleges that have been in a Careers Hub the longest. The national average for schools and colleges of 4.9 and for all those in a Careers Hub (5.1).

Schools and colleges with accreditation that were also in Careers Hubs achieved, on average, 5.6 Gatsby Benchmarks (N=507). Those with accreditation that were not in a Careers Hub achieved, on average, 5.2 (N=108).

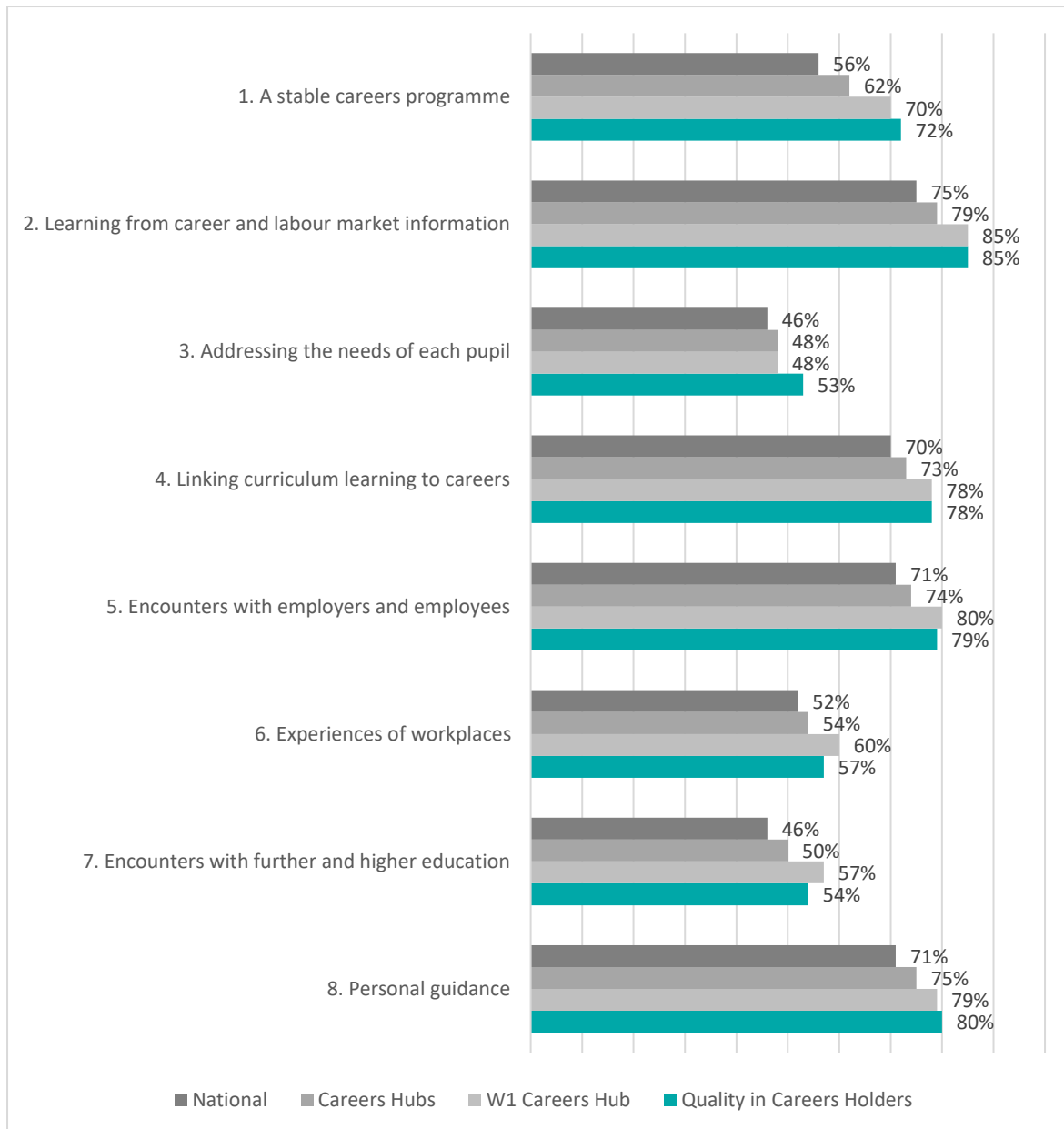
¹ <https://www.careersandenterprise.co.uk/our-evidence/evidence-and-reports/ready-for-the-future-a-review-of-careers-education-in-england-2021-22/>

² <https://www.qualityincareers.org.uk/2022/01/12/12th-january-2022-news-compass-results-analysis-shows-added-value-of-achieving-the-quality-in-careers-standard-and-joining-a-careers-hub/>

Mean average number of Gatsby Benchmarks fully achieved in 2021/22

	Mean average GBs fully achieved	Number schools and colleges
Schools accredited through Quality in Careers Standard	5.6	615
<i>Of which, those also in a Careers Hub</i>	5.6	507
<i>Those not in a Careers Hub</i>	5.2	108
All state-funded schools and colleges in England	4.9	4,200
Schools and colleges in Careers Hubs (since 2018-2021)	5.1	3,140
Schools and colleges in wave 1 Careers Hubs (since 2018)	5.6	678

Percentage of schools and colleges achieving each Benchmark in 2021/22



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