

# 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.

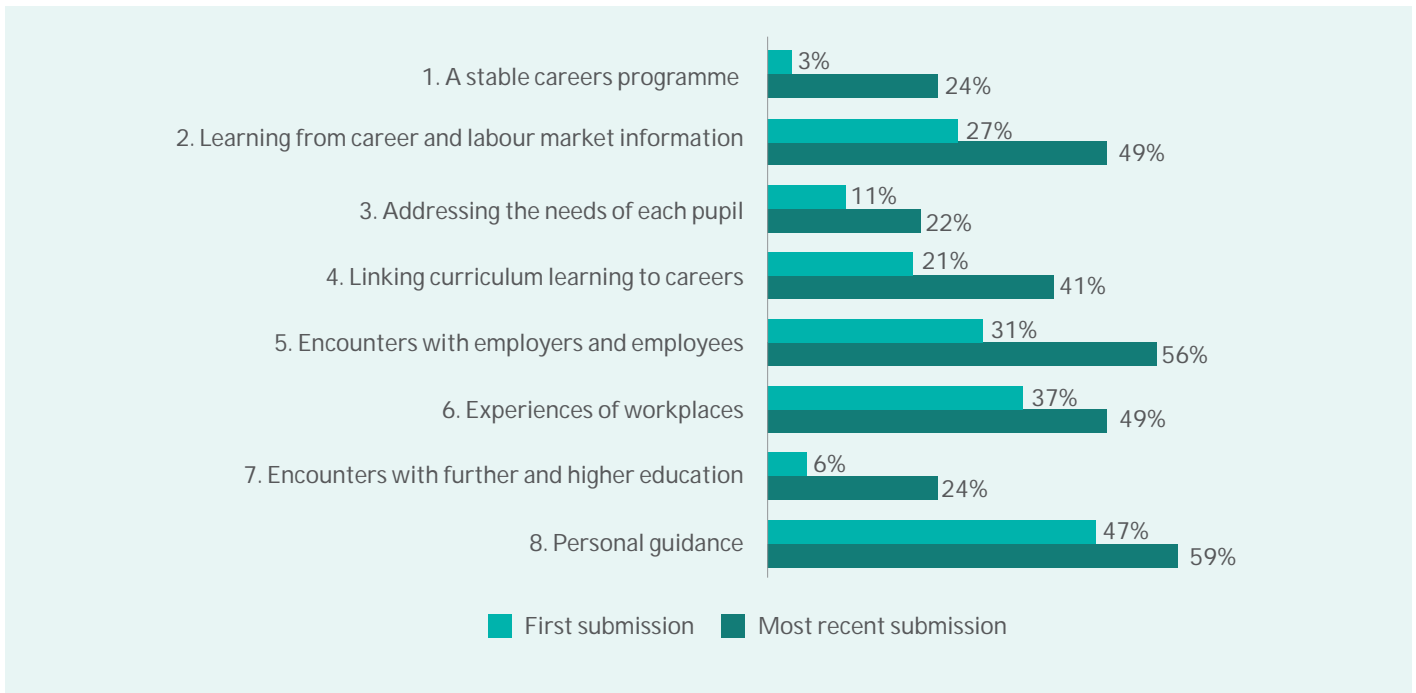
### 1 |

- 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'.

### 2 |

- 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)



### 3 |

- 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.

### 5 |

- 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.

### 4 |

- 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.



