



# The Quality in Careers Standard >>>>

**NEWS from the Chairman of the Quality in Careers Consortium Board (5.12.2017):**

**The Department for Education published its CAREERS STRATEGY on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2017**

Here is the link to the full strategy: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/careers-strategy-making-the-most-of-everyones-skills-and-talents>

And here is the DfE press notice: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/careers-guidance-for-modern-country-unveiled>

Chairman of the Consortium Board, Dr Barrie Hopson, says:

*“We will be considering the full strategy more closely. Below we publish an extract from the strategy where DfE commends the Quality in Careers Standard and welcomes our Consortium’s plans to work closely with the Careers and Enterprise Company & the Gatsby Foundation ‘more fully to align’ our assessment criteria to the Benchmarks. We will also be incorporating the self-assessment Compass tool into our procedures. Discussions with our CEC & Gatsby colleagues are set for the New Year and we aim to bring a proposed revision to our Guide to the Standard to our Consortium Board in May 2018.”*

## **EXTRACT FROM THE STRATEGY: paragraphs 53 and 54**

53. Schools and colleges can also gain formal accreditation of their careers programme through the Quality in Careers Standard - the national quality award for careers education, information, advice and guidance. The Standard offers an opportunity for providers to undergo an external evaluation of their careers programme and so is distinct from the Compass self-assessment.

54. The Quality in Careers Consortium has already led work to map the Standard to the Gatsby Benchmarks. We welcome that the Consortium is committed to working with the CEC and the Gatsby Charitable Foundation to align the Standard more fully to the Benchmarks and to incorporate Compass into its processes by June 2018. **We would then expect schools achieving the Quality in Careers Standard to meet all eight Benchmarks. We strongly recommend that all schools and colleges work towards the updated Quality in Careers Standard, incorporating Compass, to support the development of a world-class careers programme for all their young people.**