

Building Strong Futures: The Gatsby Benchmarks at Garstang Community Academy

In 2014, Lord Sainsbury's Gatsby Charitable Foundation published a ground-breaking report on effective careers guidance in schools, titled "Good Career Guidance" by Professor Sir John Holman. This report identified eight key benchmarks that form the foundation of a strong careers programme.

We are proud to say that the Gatsby Benchmarks are deeply embedded within our careers program here at Garstang Academy. By meeting and exceeding these benchmarks, we ensure our students receive an extensive careers programme that equips them with the knowledge and skills to navigate their future career paths.

To learn more about the Gatsby Benchmarks and their importance in shaping successful careers programs, please visit the following link:

<http://www.gatsby.org.uk/education/focus-areas/good-career-guidance>



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Every school and college should have an embedded programme of career education and guidance that is known and understood by pupils, parents, teachers and employers	Every pupil, and their parents, should have access to good-quality information about future study options and labour market opportunities. They will need the support of an informed adviser to make best use of available information	Pupils have different career guidance needs at different stages. Opportunities for advice and support need to be tailored to the needs of each pupil. A school's careers programme should embed equality and diversity considerations throughout	All teachers should link curriculum learning with careers. For example, STEM subject teachers should highlight the relevance of STEM subjects for a wide range of future career paths	Every pupil should have multiple opportunities to learn from employers about work, employment and the skills that are valued in the workplace. This can be through a range of enrichment activities including visiting speakers, mentoring and enterprise schemes.	Every pupil should have first-hand 'experiences' of the workplace through work visits, work shadowing and/or work experience to help their exploration of career opportunities, and expand their networks.	All pupils should understand the full range of learning opportunities that are available to them. This includes both academic and vocational routes and learning in schools, colleges, universities and in the workplace.	Every pupil should have opportunities for guidance interviews with a careers adviser, who could be internal (a member of school staff) or external, provided they are trained to an appropriate level. These should be available, wherever significant study or career choices are being made. They should be expected for all pupils but should be timed to meet their individual needs