

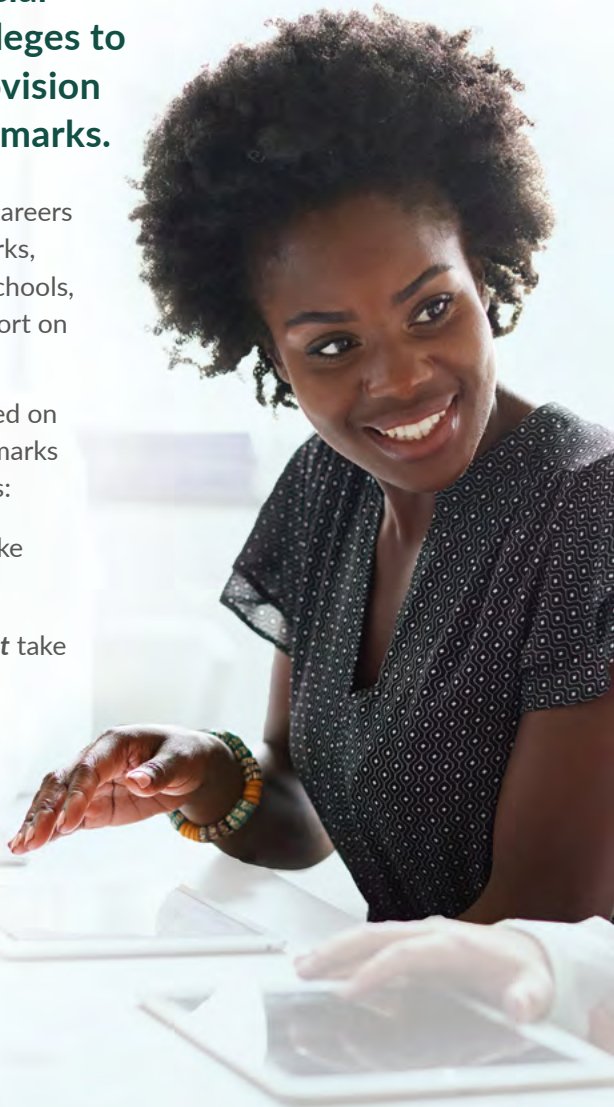
Compass for special schools and specialist colleges

A free digital tool for special schools and specialist colleges to evaluate their careers provision against the Gatsby Benchmarks.

The tool helps you to evaluate your careers activity against the Gatsby Benchmarks, using tailored questions for special schools, providing you with a confidential report on your school's progress.

Compass for special schools is focused on the application of the Gatsby Benchmarks for two key groups of SEND students:

- those students **who will typically** take GCSEs/Level 2 qualifications
- those students **who will typically not** take GCSEs/Level 2 qualifications



Key features of Compass for special schools

- Special schools will often educate students up to the age of 25 and this is now reflected as 'Above Year 13'
- The widest range of students' abilities and career destinations are inherently included
- Indicating where further support is needed, for example with families and careers information
- The language is more inclusive and aligned, for example highlighting 'Transitions', community settings and school-based work experience
- Highlighting that other agencies may be involved for example the Local Authority
- Reflecting the level of qualifications taken e.g. Functional Skills
- Reference to the suitability of work experience and employer encounters and offering different examples
- The inclusion of encounters with higher education is not mandatory, if not applicable to your cohort
- The experience of personal guidance is expressed as having to reflect the needs of the student

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How to get started:

If you already have an account with us, we have automatically switched you over to the Compass for special schools evaluation, and you can access it here using your usual log in details: tools.careersandenterprise.co.uk/login.

Or create an account with us [here](#).

