



In January 2023 DfE updated its Statutory Guidance to schools on fulfilling their statutory duty and its guidance to FE Colleges:

The Guidance “**strongly recommends**” all secondary schools and colleges to work towards and achieve the national **Quality in Careers Standard**. Page 13 of the Guidance states:

“Schools and colleges can gain formal accreditation of their careers programme through the Quality in Careers Standard – the single national quality award for careers education, information, advice and guidance.

*The Standard is fully aligned to the Gatsby Benchmarks and incorporates Compass and Compass+ into its processes. The Standard seeks additional evidence of outcomes for students from the school or college careers programme. As the Standard is externally assessed by one of the Licensed Awarding Bodies, appointed by the Consortium, student voice is a key part of assessors’ evidence gathering on the impact the careers programme has had on students’ career-related learning. **We strongly recommend that all schools and colleges work towards the single national Quality in Careers Standard to support the development of their careers programme.***

Due to this guidance Richard Lander School with the full support of Governors has made the commitment to achieve accreditation in ‘The Quality in Careers Standard’ through CSW Investors in Careers. This will mean that we would have successfully met all the 8 Gatsby Benchmarks as well as the additional Quality in Career Standard requirements.

The 8 Gatsby Benchmarks:

- A stable careers programme
- Learning from careers and labour market information.
- Addressing the needs of each student
- Linking curriculum learning to careers
- Encounters with employers and employees
- Experiences of workplaces
- Encounters with further and higher education
- Personal guidance

For further information about the Quality in Careers Award please see:

<https://cswgroup.co.uk/business/what-is-the-quality-in-careers-standard/>

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