Unifrog and Achieving the Gatsby Benchmarks



The new Statutory Guidance outlines the important role the Gatsby Benchmarks should play in structuring your careers provision. Here at Unifrog we work with our partner schools to create a structured and cohesive Careers Strategy for KS3, KS4 and KS5 that helps meet the Gatsby Benchmarks.

Gatsby Benchmark	How Unifrog helps you meet this Benchmark
Benchmark 1 - A stable careers programme	 Adaptable Careers Strategy Year Plans differentiated for each key stage that make it easy for you to develop a stable careers programme that is underpinned by whole-school use of Unifrog. Our team is always on hand to help you fine-tune your plans. Powerful management tools including easily downloadable data so that you can continually assess and improve your careers strategy, and your provision. This includes downloading records of all guidance interactions, and cutting your data on key student characteristics (such as 'Pupil Premium', 'SEND'), and the Gatsby Benchmarks. All staff and parents have accounts, and the platform empowers students in KS3, 4 and 5 via an unparalleled breadth of content and functionality (taking students from exploring their interests, to recording what they've done, to searching for opportunities, to preparing application materials, to submitting applications) leading to a holistic and whole-school careers strategy.
Benchmark 2 - Learning from career and labour market information	 Our Careers Library and Know-How Library together contain an enormous, easily searchable treasure trove of information about the full range of career pathways and progression routes available, so students understand where their education and training choices could take them. Up-to-date national and local LMI on over 1,200 career profiles, and all apprenticeship standards. We've crunched millions of datapoints so that students can see – for any area in the UK – LMI like the most popular jobs, median salaries, and even what jobs people in that area are more likely to do versus the national average. This doesn't exist anywhere else. Access to the world's most complete database of post-16 and post-18 opportunities.
Benchmark 3 - Addressing the needs of each pupil	 Each user has their own online profile which they can access on any device, at any time. In one place students and their teachers can see all the interactions, feedback and documents uploaded by them and for them, and teachers can also send students messages within the platform. The system keeps a complete record of everything that every user has done on the platform, and everything is securely backed up. It's easy to assign students to particular groups such as 'Pupil Premium' and 'SEND', then track the support they're given. You can then report on how well you support a particular type of student versus other types of students. Unifrog holds the world's biggest database of Post 16 and Post 18 opportunities.
	 Every pathway is covered – from Traineeships and Intermediate, Advanced, Higher and Degree Apprenticeships, to every course taught at Further Education colleges, to every UK university course. We even make it easy for students to find and compare undergraduate programmes taught in English in Europe, Asia, the USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand. The platform supports students with every stage of the progression process – from exploring their interests, to learning about different jobs, to searching for live opportunities, to recording things they've done, to creating application materials, to submitting actual applications. Unifrog is committed to independence and impartiality. We show students everything,

and the platform gives them the tools to make their own choices.

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Benchmark 4 -Linking curriculum learning to careers

- The Careers Library can be searched by school subjects, and the Subjects Library gives career and pathways information for each subject.
- he Resources Library has a dedicated section for resources which focus on linking curriculum learning to careers.
- Interactions and activities can be easily recorded by all classroom teachers, supporting a truly whole-school careers guidance programme.

Benchmark 5 -Encounters with employers and employees

- The Apprenticeships tool is the most complete database of UK apprenticeships in existence. It's updated every 24 hours and pulls together vacancies of all levels, from Traineeships to Degree Apprenticeships. It includes employer descriptions and links to apply for each vacancy.
- Intuitive functionality for teachers to plan and track encounters with employers and employees, and also to gather feedback from students on what they've learnt from these encounters.
- The Careers Library features high production-value videos that allow students to hear from a wide range of people in the labour market, helping them to understand what different jobs actually entail, and learn about the pathways that can get them there.

Benchmark 6 - Experiences of workplaces

- Lots of top-notch resources to help students prepare for their work experience, including identifying sectors of interest, how to behave in a work environment, and how to reflect on their experiences. Many of these resources include films of students talking about best practice.
- Easy-to-use CV building and competency-recording tools to help students craft impressive applications.
- Every student has a 'Locker' on Unifrog with unlimited storage where they can keep things like references from employers that have hosted them on work experience. Teachers can also put things in students' Lockers.

Benchmark 7 -Encounters with further and higher education

- Our university and FE search tools ensure students can easily compare every academic
 and vocational opportunity available at Post 16 and Post 18, to inspire them with the
 wealth of opportunities available. Students can also easily jump from the UK university
 search tool to book open days.
- Our Special opportunities tool makes it easy for students to find thousands of summer schools, scholarships and contextual offers, and is the only database of its kind. Just in terms of scholarships, the tool shows students £5M of opportunities that are otherwise tricky to find.
- Teachers can add upcoming encounters with further and higher education to students'
 Unifrog calendars, they can send students reminders before events, and finally these
 interactions can later be reported on. This makes it easy to spot if, for example,
 students with particular characteristics have had fewer encounters with further and
 higher education than students with other characteristics.

Benchmark 8 -Personal guidance

- The Interactions tool means you can quickly ensure all students receive the personal guidance they need. You can see how far along the progression process each student has got to (for example, have all students in a particular year group completed a CV?), and you can see if students are missing a particular intervention (for example, have all students in a particular year group had a 1-1 conversation with a qualified adviser?)
- Unifrog also makes the logistics of delivering personal guidance a doddle. For example you can add 1-1 guidance sessions to students' calendars, send them reminders, and then record notes on what happened in these sessions.
- Students can easily access a wealth of information on pathways and progression routes meaning they are more clued-up and motivated, leading to more productive adviser meetings!