

Announcement

The Careers & Enterprise Company and Founders4Schools join forces to simplify careers provision for schools

(London, Wednesday 4 July, 2018): The Careers & Enterprise Company, established to provide high impact careers support to young people, and award-winning GovTech charity Founders4Schools (F4S) have joined forces in a pilot project to help schools using both services benefit from employer engagement more easily.

The new collaboration will connect their services to create a simplified system for careers leaders in England. This marks the beginning of a larger project to increase connection and integration between all digital careers systems and so make it easier for teachers to put meaningful programmes in place.

The announcement of this new partnership will be made by Sherry Coutu, CBE, Executive Chair at F4S at the Careers & Enterprise Company's annual conference at Newbury Racecourse on 4 July 2018.

The approach will use an Application Programming Interface (API) to link digital services in a single place, allowing teachers to find and track relevant careers resources in their local area with the minimum of effort.

Driven by a vision to help schools move towards excellence in careers provision, both organisations have Gatsby benchmarks embedded into their systems. This helps educators to find the student-employer encounters that produce the best outcomes for their students.

The Founders4Schools learning platform helps educators and students find speakers and work experience hosts and guides them through their next steps based on Gatsby and Enabling Enterprise principles. Any employer encounter booked by a career lead or a student on the F4S or Workfinder platform can now automatically be recorded in The Career & Enterprise Company's Tracker service to enable them to plan the schools' activity more holistically and reflect the whole picture for the first time.

Claudia Harris, Chief Executive, The Careers & Enterprise Company, said: "2,500 schools and colleges in England are using our Compass tool to disclose their careers provision against best practice. Today's announcement means that now, as schools look to fill gaps they can do this in an automated way through F4S."

"We believe creating this sort of API is the way forward to help busy school and college leaders deliver world class careers support for young people. We are delighted to be piloting this approach with the innovative organisation, F4S."

As schools prepare to publish details of careers programmes on their websites in September, automatic tracking of activity will significantly help their reporting of successes.

Sherry Coutu, CBE, Executive Chair, Founders4Schools said: “It’s vital for the education sector to be able to share information digitally so that we improve careers provision and optimise teachers’ time in a busy school day. We were thrilled to have partnered with The Careers & Enterprise Company to help create a world first in our sector which makes it so much easier for them to see our educational partners’ achievements automatically.

“We have six years of data to work with. Teachers who use our services get expert advice based on the Gatsby Framework and Enabling Enterprise at their fingertips. No other learning platform makes it easier for educators to do that.”

“Every day we delay is a missed opportunity for one child, so we must make the process seamless for teachers.”

Watch the Founders4Schools and CEC tracker integration here: bit.ly/2zg0Ao2

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About Founders4Schools

Founders4Schools is a GTECH charity dedicated to helping students with their transition to work by providing an expert platform for educators that draws upon the Gatsby and enabling Enterprise research frameworks to guide them to build smart connections with small, medium and large businesses in their community to ensure that young people have what they need to get or create work that inspire them. Drawing on expertise in AI and machine learning from the Tech and Financial Services sectors, every educator and student who uses our platform has access to our recommendations based on the Gatsby Foundation and Enabling Enterprise Frameworks to increase both student attainment and educator productivity.

Used by educators in 300 local authorities and all LEAs, Founders4Schools platform has facilitated 370,000 student-employer encounters for more than 130,000 students to date. More than 1,000 educational partners use F4S services to access volunteers from small, medium and large business, professional firms and the not for profit sector who either speak in schools or host work experience placements for young people aged 16-24.

F4S collaborates with CEC to enable all its partners to report into the CEC Tracker software so that progress the school is making is effortlessly reported to CEC without the educator having to even lift their finger once, after opting in to the ‘connect my activity to the CEC Tracker’ button.

<https://www.founders4schools.org.uk/>

About the Careers & Enterprise Company

The Careers & Enterprise Company was set up in 2015 to transform careers support and guidance for young people. The Company is at the heart of a national network that connects schools and colleges, employers and career programme providers, helping to inspire and prepare young people for the fast-changing world of work.

The Government’s Careers Strategy, launched in December 2017, gives the Careers & Enterprise Company a central role in driving forward careers provision.

For more information, visit <https://www.careersandenterprise.co.uk/>