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Dear Careers Hub Partners,

## **Subject: South Yorkshire Careers Hub Update - Start**

As members and partners of the South Yorkshire Careers Hub, you will be aware of an agreement that has been in place across South Yorkshire with the Careers platform, Start.

The Start platform has provided a student-facing portal to enable students to access and complete records about their own careers and enterprise experiences, in support of Gatsby Benchmark 3. The platform has included further features such as personalised Labour Market Information (LMI) for the city and a SEND-friendly version of the platform to support learners with additional needs.

The agreement expired at the end of August 2024 and whilst schools and colleges in the city can opt to fund their own licenses for Start, there is now no subsidiary funding from the Careers Hub, SYMCA or Local Authorities moving forward which relevant schools were made aware about in advance.

SYMCA and the Local Authorities funded a month's extension to the South Yorkshire <https://southyorkshire.startprofile.com/page/home-page> and the SEND platform <https://pathways.startprofile.com/page/home-page>, to ensure that schools and colleges who had not benefitted from funded licenses and therefore had prior notification, did not start the new academic year without access to a Careers platform. The platforms on the following links will be removed from the 1<sup>st</sup> October, so please update your websites removing links to either of these sites.

We are aware many of you use other platforms and have direct arrangements outside of Start currently and encourage you to identify Careers platforms which allows students to access and record their own careers and enterprise experiences. There are many Careers platforms including Xello, UniFrog and Morrisby, which include additional features such as



Work Place Experience Planners and the Doncaster Careers Consultants would be happy to support your school or college in sourcing an alternative platform if you don't already have one. The free Compass+ Career Leader Dashboard is also a useful tool for Career Leaders and wider staff (such as Heads of Departments) to keep systematic records on each pupil's experience of careers and enterprise activity.

Please reach out to your Careers Consultant (Sonia or Danielle), using the above contact details, should you require any support or need to discuss your careers provision.

Yours sincerely

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