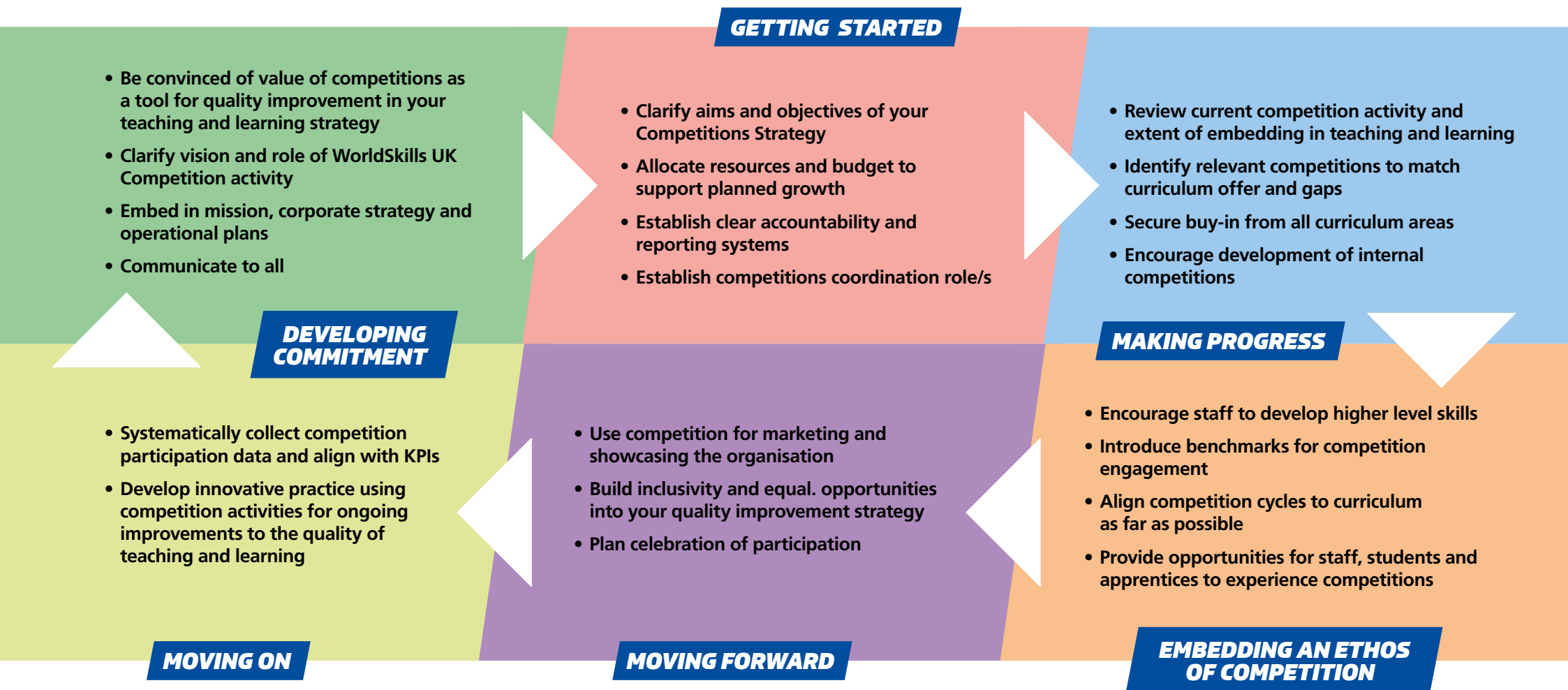


A quick guide to embedding skills competitions into your teaching and learning strategy

Skills competitions can transform learning outcomes through innovations in teaching and assessment practices across the curriculum. By embedding competition activity into core teaching and learning activities, vocational education and training providers can ensure their apprentices, students and staff can raise standards, improve outcomes and enhance engagement.

This quick guide provides education and training providers with an overview of the process for embedding skills competition activity into their teaching and learning strategy.



Embedding WorldSkills UK Competition activity checklist

You can use this checklist of features of embedded approaches to skills competition activity to assess how embedded your approach to skills competition activity is and to identify what else you might consider introducing to embed it further.



Features of embedded approaches to skills competition activity	Fully in place	Partly in place	Not in place
There is explicit commitment to embedding WSUK Competition activity on the part of the chief executive, governors and senior managers			
WSUK Competition activity is reported on and discussed at governing body, SMT and departmental meetings			
Performance in WSUK Competitions is used to inform benchmarking processes			
Quality improvement and self-assessment processes include WSUK Competition activity			
Developing staff skills and training is linked to WSUK Competition activity			
Commitment to WSUK Competition activity is explicit in the mission, strategy and other policy documentation			
The budget for supporting involvement in WSUK Competition is set at a realistic level			
Employers are involved in supporting learners' in WSUK Competition activity			
Employers are involved in sponsoring (cash or VIK) local competitions			
WSUK Competition activity is included at the early stages of learning programmes for young people			
WSUK Competition activity is planned within overall learning programmes			
WSUK Competition activity is aligned to major competition cycles such as WorldSkills UK Competition registration period			
Support for WSUK Competition activity is coordinated across the organisation			
WSUK Competition advocates and ambassadors are in place across all vocational areas			
Publicity relating to WSUK Competitions is capitalised upon			
Learners and staff are encouraged to participate in WSUK Competitions			
Evidence of the impact of participation on learner retention and achievement is routinely collected			
Mechanisms are in place for sharing good practice in embedding WSUK Competitions into teaching and learning			
Examples of WSUK Competition-related delivery strategies are disseminated for others to incorporate into their delivery			
Specific reference to WSUK Competition activity is included within stakeholder feedback for learners, employers, staff wellbeing surveys, etc.			

For assistance and help embedding competitions into your organisation, get in touch with us and we will arrange a visit to support you competitions@worldskillsuk.org