



Latest Education News Stories

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News from the TES

21st November 2017

Pisa: UK does better than expected in collaborative problem-solving – rankings at a glance
<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/pisa-uk-does-better-expected-collaborative-problem-solving-rankings-a>

'We don't know how many pupils are in alternative provision,' researchers tell MPs
<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/we-dont-know-how-many-pupils-are-alternative-provision-researchers>

Ofsted chair welcomes calls for greater scrutiny of 'outstanding' schools
<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/ofsted-chair-welcomes-calls-greater-scrutiny-outstanding-schools>

22nd November 2017

Budget: Education's share of public spending set to fall for fifth year running
<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/budget-educations-share-public-spending-set-fall-fifth-year-running>

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Primary progress measure covers period 'longer than average headteacher's job'
<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/primary-progress-measure-covers-period-longer-average-headteachers>

AS-level numbers drop sharply after decoupling
<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/level-numbers-drop-sharply-after-decoupling>

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Teacher recruitment 'a pipeline leaking at both ends'
<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/teacher-recruitment-a-pipeline-leaking-both-ends>

DfE promises crackdown on home schooling
<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/dfe-promises-crackdown-home-schooling>

25th November 2017

Spielman: 'Culture of fear' has developed around Ofsted ratings
<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/spielman-culture-fear-has-developed-around-ofsted-ratings>

News from the TES (continued)

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Ofsted inspections of multi-academy trusts: what you need to know

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/ofsted-inspections-multi-academy-trusts-what-you-need-know>

Most people have a 'great deal' of respect for teachers, poll shows

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/most-people-have-a-great-deal-respect-teachers-poll-shows>

Ofqual says marks for computing coursework should end after widespread malpractice in GCSE

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/ofqual-says-marks-computing-coursework-should-end-after-widespread>

Schools with sixth forms do not perform better than those without, says new research

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/schools-sixth-forms-do-not-perform-better-those-without-says-new>

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Assessment: The 'worrying' rise in exam malpractice – and four other trends discussed by experts today

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/assessment-worrying-rise-exam-malpractice-and-four-other-trends>

Revealed: The best and worst parts of England for disadvantaged pupils

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/revealed-best-and-worst-parts-england-disadvantaged-pupils>

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Ofsted urged to change policy that allows schools breaching SEND code to be rated 'outstanding'

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/ofsted-urged-change-policy-allows-schools-breaching-send-code-be>

Spending on supply teachers rises to £1.3 billion

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/spending-supply-teachers-rises-ps13-billion>

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Teacher-training targets missed in all secondary subjects except history and PE

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/teacher-training-targets-missed-all-secondary-subjects-except-history>

Schools with deprived pupils less likely to improve, Ofsted figures show

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/schools-deprived-pupils-less-likely-improve-ofsted-figures-show>

Teaching apprenticeship grants for schools revealed

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/teaching-apprenticeship-grants-schools-revealed>

Academies' pre-conversion grades to be made public under Ofsted plans

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/academies-pre-conversion-grades-be-made-public-under-ofsted-plans>

DfE MATs defence 'a grotesque parody'

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/dfe-mats-defence-a-grotesque-parody>

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Teacher involvement in research has no impact on pupils' outcomes

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/teacher-involvement-research-has-no-impact-pupils-outcomes>

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Government pledges £215m to bring mental health treatment into schools

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/government-pledges-ps215m-bring-mental-health-treatment-schools>

News from the TES (continued)

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Government's social mobility board members resign over 'unfair' Britain

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/governments-social-mobility-board-members-resign-over-unfair-britain>

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Teacher apprenticeships: what you need to know

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Every school to have a dedicated careers leader

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/every-school-have-a-dedicated-careers-leader>

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At a glance: How PIRLS ranks 10-year-olds around the world in reading

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/a-glance-how-pirls-ranks-10-year-olds-around-world-reading>

Academies given less than two weeks to justify high salaries

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/academies-given-less-two-weeks-justify-high-salaries>

Ofsted will wait two years before inspecting schools that may no longer be 'good'

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/ofsted-will-wait-two-years-inspecting-schools-may-no-longer-be-good>

Lord Agnew's first ministerial appearance at the education committee: 5 things we learned

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/lord-agnews-first-ministerial-appearance-education-committee-5-things>

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Teacher training applicants drop by more than 40%

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/teacher-training-applicants-drop-more-40>

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Greening: Review body should consider 'affordability' of teacher pay rise

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/greening-review-body-should-consider-affordability-teacher-pay-rise>

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Lord Adonis calls for ban on expelling pupils unless they break the law

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/lord-adonis-calls-ban-expelling-pupils-unless-they-break-law>

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SEND pupils 'pushed out of sight and out of mind', Ofsted chief inspector says

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/send-pupils-pushed-out-sight-and-out-mind-ofsted-chief-inspector-says>

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GCSE and A-level remarks: What you need to know

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/gcse-and-a-level-remarks-what-you-need-know>

More than 60 organisations pledge action to boost flexible working for teachers

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/more-60-organisations-pledge-action-boost-flexible-working-teachers>

News/Publications from the DfE

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England's PISA 2015 results, with an international comparison of science, maths, reading, and collaborative problem solving performance of 15-year-old pupils

[PISA 2015: national report for England](#)

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Statistics about young people who are not in education, employment or training (NEET)

[NEET statistics quarterly brief: July to September 2017](#)

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Schools across England will take part in a study to help measure our progress in reading

[Progress in International Reading Literacy Study \(PIRLS\) 2016](#)

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Information on all academies open in England, and those in the process of becoming academies

[Open academies and academy projects in development](#)

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Provisional recruitment to initial teacher training programmes in England in the academic year 2017 to 2018

[Initial teacher training: trainee number census - 2017 to 2018](#)

Multi-million pound package announced to support children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities

[£45m boost for young people with SEND](#)

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The government's plan for raising the quality of careers provision in England

[Careers strategy: making the most of everyone's skills and talents](#)

Ways for schools and colleges to support pupils' mental health are set out in a green paper, as well as plans for new mental health support teams

[Government proposals on children and young people's mental health](#)

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PIRLS ranks England joint eighth out of 50 countries, and among the highest-performing in Europe

[Pupils in England climb global rankings in reading and literacy](#)

Comparisons of Ofsted ratings for local authority schools and sponsored academies since 2010

[Analysis of Ofsted outcomes for sponsored academies since 2010](#)

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Provisional statistics on the achievements of young people at the end of key stage 4 in England, in the 2016 to 2017 academic year

[GCSE and equivalent results: 2016 to 2017 \(provisional\)](#)

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Information on looked-after children at both national and local authority levels for the financial year 2016 to 2017

[Children looked after in England including adoption: 2016 to 2017](#)

The Secretary of State's letter to the STRB asking for recommendations on teachers' pay and conditions for 2018

[School Teachers' Review Body \(STRB\) remit letter for 2018](#)

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Details of open free schools and successful applications in the pre-opening stage

[Free schools: open schools and successful applications](#)

News/Publications from the DfE (continued)

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How the government is working with the education sector to help schools adopt flexible working arrangements that benefit teachers and children alike

[Increasing flexible working in schools](#)

News/Publications from Ofsted

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These updates for inspectors and stakeholders contain information and guidance about Ofsted's inspection work in schools

[School inspection update: academic year 2016 to 2017](#)

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Guidance and prototypes for the new primary, secondary and 16 to 19 inspection data summary report (IDSR)

[Using Ofsted's IDSR: early years foundation stage profile to key stage 5](#)

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This data on maintained schools and academies covers April to August 2017 (provisional) and September 2016 to March 2017 (revised).

[Maintained schools and academies inspections and outcomes as at 31 August 2017](#)

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Changes will ensure short inspections are responsible interventions that minimise the burden on schools

[Ofsted confirms new arrangements for short inspections](#)

News/Publications from Ofqual

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Ofqual consults on changes to non-exam assessment for GCSE computer science

[Assessment arrangements for GCSE computer science](#)

A table showing the status of subjects being accredited for teaching from September 2018

[Accreditation of GCSEs and A levels for teaching from 2018](#)

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The number of entries by subject for GCSE in November 2017 in England

[GCSE entries in England: November 2017](#)

Best wishes,
Simon