



Latest Education News Stories

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News from the TES

3rd January 2018

Exclusive: New free schools expected to halve with support scrapped in many areas

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/exclusive-new-free-schools-expected-halve-support-scrapped-many-areas>

4th January 2018

Twelve things we learned today about pupils' use of social media

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/twelve-things-we-learned-today-about-pupils-use-social-media>

Social media 'cliff-edge': Nine ways for schools to help pupils cope

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/social-media-cliff-edge-nine-ways-schools-help-pupils-cope>

'Alarming' new stats show teacher recruitment down by a third

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/alarming-new-stats-show-teacher-recruitment-down-a-third>

English, maths and science teacher training applications all drop by a quarter

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/english-maths-and-science-teacher-training-applications-all-drop-a>

5th January 2018

Exclusive: Law flouted as pupils forced to wait more than a year for SEND support

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/exclusive-law-flouted-pupils-forced-wait-more-a-year-send-support>

Exam malpractice by school staff up by 149%

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/exam-malpractice-school-staff-149>

'Enough, they can only do so much' – MP's concern over teachers' mental health responsibilities

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/enough-they-can-only-do-so-much-mps-concern-over-teachers-mental>

Bureaucracy to blame for sharp drop in teacher-training applicants, union claims

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/bureaucracy-blame-sharp-drop-teacher-training-applicants-union-claims>

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£45 million for literacy will not 'reverse damage' of funding cuts, Labour says

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/ps45-million-literacy-will-not-reverse-damage-funding-cuts-labour>

News from the TES (continued)

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GCSE computer science pupils to receive no marks for coursework, Ofqual confirms

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/gcse-computer-science-pupils-receive-no-marks-coursework-ofqual>

Justine Greening resigns from government

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/justine-greening-resigns-government>

In-tray: Nine issues for the new education secretary

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/tray-nine-issues-new-education-secretary>

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Theresa May's reshuffle increases the proportion of privately educated Cabinet ministers

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/theresa-mays-reshuffle-increases-proportion-privately-educated>

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Exclusive: Grammars view Damian Hinds' appointment as boost for expansion plans

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/exclusive-grammars-view-damian-hinds-appointment-boost-expansion>

Replace Ofsted banners with pupil quotes, says heads' union

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/replace-ofsted-banners-pupil-quotes-says-heads-union>

Second new DfE minister has shown support for grammar school expansion

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/second-new-dfe-minister-has-shown-support-grammar-school-expansion>

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Thousands of teachers are on long-term stress leave, new figures reveal

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/thousands-teachers-are-long-term-stress-leave-new-figures-reveal>

Justine Greening presses government to ensure sex education is taught in all schools

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/justine-greening-presses-government-ensure-sex-education-taught-all>

Lower grade boundaries for maths GCSE resit exam spark concern

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/lower-grade-boundaries-maths-gcse-resit-exam-spark-concern>

Teacher training agency failed to prove that grants were used properly

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/teacher-training-agency-failed-prove-grants-were-used-properly>

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Education budgets 'on a precipice'

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/education-budgets-a-precipice>

Exclusive: Academy executives cutting their own pay by up to 40%

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/exclusive-academy-executives-cutting-their-own-pay-40>

Sam Freedman's open letter to the new ed sec: 'Start by improving teacher recruitment and retention'

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/sam-freedmans-open-letter-new-ed-sec-start-improving-teacher>

Cash-starved Ofsted underspends budget and suggests extra inspections

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/cash-starved-ofsted-underspends-budget-and-suggests-extra-inspections>

School support staff urged to reject pay offer

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/school-support-staff-urged-reject-pay-offer>

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Science degrees not appealing to girls despite rise in A-level take-up

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/science-degrees-not-appealing-girls-despite-rise-a-level-take>

News/Publications from the DfE

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Charity Now Teach handed investment to attract experienced professionals into the classroom

[Boost to get more top professionals into teaching](#)

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

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/free-schools-open-schools-and-successful-applications>

Statutory guidance for schools on providing careers guidance

[Careers guidance and access for education and training providers](#)

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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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Damian Hinds "honoured" to be appointed Education Secretary

[Damian Hinds appointed Secretary of State for Education](#)

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The Year of Engineering will see government and industry tackle a major skills gap and inspire the engineers of tomorrow

[Engineering in the spotlight for 2018 as government launches campaign to inspire the next generation](#)

News/Publications from Ofsted

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HM Chief Inspector Amanda Spielman discusses science education and the quest for knowledge

[Amanda Spielman's speech at the Association for Science Education Annual Conference 2018](#)

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Management information published monthly and a one-off publication of inspections and outcomes from 2005 to 2015

[School inspections and outcomes: management information](#)

News/Publications from Ofqual

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Official statistics for malpractice in GCSE, AS and A level exams in summer 2017

[Malpractice for GCSEs, AS and A levels: 2017](#)

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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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Rules and regulations for GCSEs (9 to 1) in computer science

[GCSE \(9 to 1\) subject level conditions and requirements for computer science](#)

Best wishes,
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