



Latest Education News Stories

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News from the TES

16th January 2018

'We're on the edge of collapse': Angry heads confront DfE funding boss

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/were-edge-collapse-angry-heads-confront-dfe-funding-boss>

17th January 2018

Quarter of schools in deficit at country's biggest MAT

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/quarter-schools-deficit-countrys-biggest-mat>

Everyone who works in a school should be trained in mental health, report finds

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/everyone-who-works-a-school-should-be-trained-mental-health-report>

18th January 2018

Unions call for cost of living pay increase for all teachers

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/unions-call-cost-living-pay-increase-all-teachers>

Schools cost 40 per cent more to build under PFI, watchdog reveals

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/schools-cost-40-cent-more-build-under-pfi-watchdog-reveals>

19th January 2018

£45m to be given to academy chains to help underperformance in disadvantaged areas

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/ps45m-be-given-academy-chains-help-underperformance-disadvantaged>

Exclusive: Unfunded pay rises spell 'catastrophe' for schools

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/exclusive-unfunded-pay-rises-spell-catastrophe-schools>

22nd January 2018

Damian Hinds: Technology will ease teachers' workloads, not steal their jobs

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/damian-hinds-technology-will-ease-teachers-workloads-not-steal-their>

News from the TES (continued)

23rd January 2018

Exclusive: Teachers say their poor mental health is harming pupil progress

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/exclusive-teachers-say-their-poor-mental-health-harming-pupil>

Education is not enough to improve social mobility, former commissioners warn

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/education-not-enough-improve-social-mobility-former-commissioners>

24th January 2018

Four things we learned about disadvantaged pupils' attainment gap today

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/four-things-we-learned-about-disadvantaged-pupils-attainment-gap>

25th January 2018

New figures reveal dearth of poor students at Russell Group universities

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/new-figures-reveal-dearth-poor-students-russell-group-universities>

League tables: Schools missing standard up, EBacc entries and passes down

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/league-tables-schools-missing-standard-ebacc-entries-and-passes-down>

New teacher applications down by 29% since last year

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/new-teacher-applications-down-29-last-year>

26th January 2018

Exclusive: DfE examining whether Ofsted/RSC 'overlap' is waste of money

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/exclusive-dfe-examining-whether-ofstedrsc-overlap-waste-money>

Bob Geldof: new data protection law putting 'intolerable burden' on schools

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/bob-geldof-new-data-protection-law-putting-intolerable-burden-schools>

28th January 2018

Ministers urged to help 50,000 children 'missing' from education

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/ministers-urged-help-50000-children-missing-education>

29th January 2018

Social mobility top priority at Damian Hinds' DfE

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/social-mobility-top-priority-damian-hinds-dfe>

More schools going into deficit, top DfE official tells MPs

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/more-schools-going-deficit-top-dfe-official-tells-mps>

Two thirds of academy trusts forced to justify high salaries lack 'reasonable' explanation

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/two-thirds-academy-trusts-forced-justify-high-salaries-lack>

30th January 2018

Mental health could become a 'stick to beat teachers with', and eight other things MPs heard today

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/mental-health-could-become-a-stick-beat-teachers-and-eight-other>

Less than a third of secondary school parents have heard of Progress 8

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/less-a-third-secondary-school-parents-have-heard-progress-8>

Funding campaign heads 'invoice' Treasury for £3.5 billion

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/funding-campaign-heads-invoice-treasury-ps35-billion>

News from the TES (continued)

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DfE's 'sluggish and incoherent' approach to teacher shortage 'crisis' slammed by MPs

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/dfes-sluggish-and-incoherent-approach-teacher-shortage-crisis-slammed>

Academy system heading for 'insolvency' as more schools beg from parents

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/academy-system-heading-insolvency-more-schools-beg-parents>

1st February 2018

'We are recruiting the teachers we need,' DfE tells pay body

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/we-are-recruiting-teachers-we-need-dfe-tells-pay-body>

Apprenticeship levy to cost schools £110 million

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/apprenticeship-levy-cost-schools-ps110-million>

2nd February 2018

Investigation: How a 17-year funding boom left schools at financial breaking point

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/investigation-how-a-17-year-funding-boom-left-schools-financial>

5th February 2018

Need to know: Alternative provision

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/need-know-alternative-provision>

6th February 2018

'Dumping grounds': Eight key points from today's alternative-provision hearing

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/dumping-grounds-eight-key-points-todays-alternative-provision-hearing>

Exclusive: National school funding formula threatened as councils demand changes

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/exclusive-national-school-funding-formula-threatened-councils-demand>

7th February 2018

Secondary schools shed 15,000 staff due to 'damaging' funding cuts

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/secondary-schools-shed-15000-staff-due-damaging-funding-cuts>

Exclusive: RSCs to dramatically reduce 'shadow' school inspections

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/exclusive-rscs-dramatically-reduce-shadow-school-inspections>

Councils call for compulsory mental health counselling in all secondary schools

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/councils-call-compulsory-mental-health-counselling-all-secondary>

8th February 2018

Teachers should ask pupils if they are thinking of suicide, says charity boss

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/teachers-should-ask-pupils-if-they-are-thinking-suicide-says-charity>

Councils struggling to check academy admissions and 11 other key Schools Adjudicator findings

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/councils-struggling-check-academy-admissions-and-11-other-key-schools>

Admissions watchdog disturbed by schools using home education to 'off-roll' pupils

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/admissions-watchdog-disturbed-schools-using-home-education-roll>

News from the TES (continued)

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Four-in-10 heads struggle to know which mental health support to provide pupils

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/four-10-heads-struggle-know-which-mental-health-support-provide>

Exclusive: Schools consider 'virtual' A levels that don't need classroom teachers

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/exclusive-schools-consider-virtual-a-levels-dont-need-classroom>

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Councils burn through fifth of school reserves in a year

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/councils-burn-through-fifth-school-reserves-a-year>

12th February 2018

Academy trust boss: 'Schools should be able to leave MATs after five years'

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/academy-trust-boss-schools-should-be-able-leave-mats-after-five-years>

DfE allows unlimited resits for teacher entry tests

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/ministers-allow-unlimited-resits-teacher-entry-tests>

13th February 2018

Fears that linear exams would see pupils pushed into 'safe option' unfounded

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/fears-linear-exams-would-see-pupils-pushed-safe-option-unfounded>

14th February 2018

WATCH: Schools minister refuses to take his own times tables check

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/watch-schools-minister-refuses-take-his-own-times-tables-check>

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Arts subjects are seen as the least important, poll shows

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/arts-subjects-are-seen-least-important-poll-shows>

DfE lists responsibilities of its ministers a month after government reshuffle

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/dfe-lists-responsibilities-its-ministers-a-month-after-government>

16th February 2018

RE 'endangered', as teacher training applications drop by 38%

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/re-endangered-teacher-training-applications-drop-38>

Exclusive: DfE can't say what £31m regional schools commissioners budget pays for

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/exclusive-dfe-cant-say-what-ps31m-regional-schools-commissioners>

News/Publications from the DfE

17th January 2018

What the government is doing to reduce unnecessary workload for teachers, including details of the workload challenge

[Reducing teacher workload](#)

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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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Funding for eligible schools for a range of school improvement activities

[Strategic School Improvement Fund](#)

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New figures show 90 per cent of young university entrants in 2016/17 came from state schools, including an increase among Russell Group institutions

[Education Secretary welcomes record proportion of university entrants from state schools](#)

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School Standards Minister Nick Gibb launches teacher resource to celebrate Commonwealth

[Department for Education launches Commonwealth education pack](#)

8th February 2018

Statistics on the performance of state-funded schools in multi-academy trusts in England

[Multi-academy trust performance measures: 2016 to 2017](#)

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Statutory guidance on local authorities' and regional schools commissioners' responsibilities relating to schools and PRUs causing concern

[Schools causing concern](#)

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Changes to professional skills tests will make sure the best and brightest can pursue a career in teaching

[Measures announced to ensure talented trainees get into teaching](#)

News/Publications from Ofsted

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A leaflet for parents and carers of children whose school is due for inspection

[Inspecting schools: guidance for parents](#)

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Use Data View to explore inspection data for children's social care, early years, further education and skills, initial teacher education providers and schools

[Exploring Ofsted inspection data with Data View](#)

2nd February 2018

Official statistics covering outcomes from initial teacher education inspections between September 2016 to August 2017

[Initial teacher education: inspections and outcomes as at 30 June 2017](#)

News/Publications from Ofqual

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Details of the reforms being made to GCSEs, AS and A levels

[Get the facts: GCSE and AS and A level reform](#)

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Reviews of marking and moderation (previously known as enquiries about results) for GCSE, AS and A level

[Reviews of marking and moderation for GCSE, AS and A Level: summer 2017 exam series](#)

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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](#)

Best wishes,
Simon