



Latest Education News Stories

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News from the TES

1st March 2018

Fall in teacher-training applications softens slightly

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/fall-teacher-training-applications-softens-slightly>

2nd March 2018

Exclusive: School autonomy group wants to become the voice for academies

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/exclusive-school-autonomy-group-wants-become-voice-academies>

Exclusive: 'Why is the law forcing us to label 11-year-olds as failures?'

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/exclusive-why-law-forcing-us-label-11-year-olds-failures>

Most 18-year-olds say lack of work experience is a barrier to career success

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/most-18-year-olds-say-lack-work-experience-a-barrier-career-success>

4th March 2018

The education week that was: Snow days, northern standards and teacher fads

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/education-week-was-snow-days-northern-standards-and-teacher-fads>

5th March 2018

DfE demands three-year budget forecasts from academy trusts

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/dfe-demands-three-year-budget-forecasts-academy-trusts>

6th March 2018

Exclusive: Heads' union launches commission into 'high-stakes, low-trust' accountability system

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/exclusive-heads-union-launches-commission-high-stakes-low-trust>

DfE wants teachers and heads to explain how pay is affecting recruitment

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/dfe-wants-teachers-and-heads-explain-how-pay-affecting-recruitment>

News from the TES (continued)

6th March 2018

The rise in home education – and eight other things we learned today about pupils outside mainstream schools

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/rise-home-education-and-eight-other-things-we-learned-today-about>

7th March 2018

DfE should track out-of-school children and six other key messages from Ofsted chief

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/dfe-should-track-out-school-children-and-six-other-key-messages>

England's school system has returned to the Victorian era, academic argues

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/englands-schools-system-has-returned-victorian-era-academic-argues>

8th March 2018

Class sizes rising in majority of secondary schools 'due to underfunding'

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/class-sizes-rising-majority-secondary-schools-due-underfunding>

9th March 2018

Heads call for 'long-term plan for education' to avoid 'blizzard of change'

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/heads-call-long-term-plan-education-avoid-blizzard-change>

Social media sites harm pupils' mental health, heads warn

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/social-media-sites-harm-pupils-mental-health-heads-warn>

ASCL: Funding 'squeeze' is driving grammars to expand

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/ascl-funding-squeeze-driving-grammars-expand>

Schools' reputations are put at risk by social media, heads warn

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/schools-reputations-are-put-risk-social-media-heads-warn>

10th March 2018

Heads warn of 'exorbitant cost' of teacher recruitment crisis

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/heads-warn-exorbitant-cost-teacher-recruitment-crisis>

WATCH: How heads have coped with a 'blizzard of change'

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/watch-how-heads-have-coped-a-blizzard-change>

Analysis: What's behind Damian Hinds' focus on teacher workload?

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/analysis-whats-behind-damian-hinds-focus-teacher-workload>

11th March 2018

The education week that was: Conference season, Ofsted's future and Oscar glory

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/education-week-was-conference-season-ofsted-future-and-oscar-glory>

12th March 2018

'Exploited' support staff increasingly covering teachers' roles, survey finds

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/exploited-support-staff-increasingly-covering-teachers-roles-survey>

13th March 2018

Spring statement: Chancellor hints at future increase in funding for public sector services

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/spring-statement-chancellor-hints-future-increase-funding-public>

News from the TES (continued)

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Ministers speak to only 'a few favoured academy CEOs' – school autonomy leader

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/ministers-speak-only-a-few-favoured-academy-ceos-school-autonomy>

Fewer schools applying to be academies

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/fewer-schools-applying-be-academies>

14th March 2018

Exclusive: Watchdog forces Hinds to admit school funding increase claim was wrong

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/exclusive-watchdog-forces-hinds-admit-school-funding-increase-claim>

Watch Professor Stephen Hawking praise the inspirational maths teacher who changed his life

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/watch-professor-stephen-hawking-praise-inspirational-maths-teacher>

DfE to pilot schemes to tempt teachers back into the classroom after career break

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/dfe-pilot-schemes-tempt-teachers-back-classroom-after-career-break>

Royal college director attacks 'steady decline' of music in state schools

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/royal-college-director-attacks-steady-decline-music-state-schools>

15th March 2018

Rise in the number of full and over-capacity primary and secondary schools

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/rise-number-full-and-over-capacity-primary-and-secondary-schools>

Ofsted grades from predecessor schools will now remain on new academies' records

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/ofsted-grades-predecessor-schools-will-now-remain-new-academies>

Academy put 'zero-tolerance' policy above pupil's education, tribunal finds

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/academy-put-zero-tolerance-policy-above-pupils-education-tribunal>

'Outstanding' schools could be narrowing the curriculum, senior Ofsted official fears

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/outstanding-schools-could-be-narrowing-curriculum-senior-ofsted>

16th March 2018

Secondaries in deficit have trebled, and four other school funding facts we learned today

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/secondaries-deficit-have-trebled-and-four-other-school-funding-facts>

Half of schools will be unable to afford teacher pay rise, warns think-tank

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/half-schools-will-be-unable-afford-teacher-pay-rise-warns-think-tank>

DfE investigates why some children are more likely to be excluded than others

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/dfe-investigates-why-some-children-are-more-likely-be-excluded-others>

DfE pledges to 'transform' alternative provision

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/dfe-pledges-transform-alternative-provision>

Government to open new wave of alternative-provision free schools

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/government-open-new-wave-alternative-provision-free-schools>

18th March 2018

The education week that was: Funding, Damian Hinds, funding and funding

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/education-week-was-funding-damian-hinds-funding-and-funding>

British teacher wins million-dollar Global Teacher Prize

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/british-teacher-wins-million-dollar-global-teacher-prize>

News from the TES (continued)

19th March 2018

Government sets aside £26 million to support breakfast clubs

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/government-sets-aside-ps26-million-support-breakfast-clubs>

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Hundreds of schools to rally against 'national funding scandal'

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/hundreds-schools-rally-against-national-funding-scandal>

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Five ways in which teaching compares with a career in the police or nursing

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/five-ways-which-teaching-compares-a-career-police-or-nursing>

WATCH: Nick Gibb denies DfE is struggling to find academy sponsors

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/watch-nick-gibb-denies-dfe-struggling-find-academy-sponsors>

News/Publications from the DfE

1st March 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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New government bursary of £40,000 available from September 2018 for ex-service personnel to retrain as teachers

[New bursary to get veterans into teaching](#)

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The Education Secretary pledges to tackle workload together with Ofsted and school leaders

[Damian Hinds sets out plans to help tackle teacher workload](#)

Education Secretary addresses the Association of School and College Leaders' annual conference in Birmingham

[Damian Hinds: There are no great schools without great teachers](#)

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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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Edward Timpson to carry out a review into school exclusions to better understand inequalities that exist in the system

[New action to improve outcomes for children with additional needs](#)

Setting out the government's vision for alternative provision (AP) and outlining reforms to raise standards and improve outcomes for all children in AP

[Creating opportunity for all: our vision for alternative provision](#)

Funding to deliver projects to improve outcomes for children in alternative provision

[Alternative Provision Innovation Fund](#)

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More than 1,770 schools set to benefit from £26 million to boost breakfast clubs in disadvantaged areas

[Funding boost to give more children healthy start to the day](#)

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 2017 to 2018](#)

Guidance for inspecting schools under the common inspection framework, with a mythbuster document on common misconceptions

[School inspection handbook](#)

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Ofsted's Chief Inspector addressed the 2018 Association of School and College Leaders (ASCL) Annual Conference in Birmingham

[Amanda Spielman's speech at the ASCL 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](#)

Guidance for the primary and secondary inspection data summary report (IDSR)

[Using Ofsted's IDSR: early years foundation stage profile to key stage 4](#)

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Consultation outcome

[Changes to Ofsted's statistical reporting of inspection outcomes for maintained schools and academies](#)

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Information for inspectors and stakeholders on using the 16 to 19 inspection data summary report or IDSR

[Using Ofsted's inspection data summary report \(IDSR\): 16 to 19](#)

News/Publications from Ofqual

2nd March 2018

Overview of the qualifications market and a single reference point about participants in the market

[Annual qualifications market report: academic year 2016 to 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](#)

Best wishes,
Simon