



Latest Education News Stories

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News from the TES

21st March 2018

NHS-style 6.5% pay deal for teachers would not solve recruitment crisis, union warns

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/nhs-style-65-pay-deal-teachers-would-not-solve-recruitment-crisis>

Five things Damian Hinds told MPs at his first education committee appearance

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/five-things-damian-hinds-told-mps-his-first-education-committee>

'Vulnerable pupils are being pushed out of school through the back door', children's commissioner warning

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/vulnerable-pupils-are-being-pushed-out-school-through-back-door>

Rise in schools cutting teachers and support staff to balance books

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/rise-schools-cutting-teachers-and-support-staff-balance-books>

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School absences: 10 key facts we learned today

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/school-absences-10-key-facts-we-learned-today>

Academy sponsors taking on indebted schools will no longer face financial 'millstone'

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/academy-sponsors-taking-indebted-schools-will-no-longer-face>

23rd March 2018

'Modest' pay hike for early-career teachers could solve recruitment crisis in maths and science, research suggests

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/modest-pay-hike-early-career-teachers-could-solve-recruitment-crisis>

Exclusive: Teacher training chief warns workload is fuelling recruitment crisis

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/exclusive-teacher-training-chief-warns-workload-fuelling-recruitment>

Toby Young resigns from New Schools Network

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/toby-young-resigns-new-schools-network>

25th March 2018

The education week that was: Pay, fence-sitting and recruitment

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/education-week-was-pay-fence-sitting-and-recruitment>

News from the TES (continued)

26th March 2018

Need to know: The Easter teaching union conferences

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/need-know-easter-teaching-union-conferences>

Close schools in areas with surplus places, head of biggest academy trust says

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/close-schools-areas-surplus-places-head-biggest-academy-trust-says>

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Grammar school pupils do no better than other children, research finds

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/grammar-school-pupils-do-no-better-other-children-research-finds>

Exclusive: SEND pupils 'being pushed out' of school due to funding squeeze

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/exclusive-send-pupils-being-pushed-out-school-due-funding-squeeze>

Guarantee European teachers the right to stay after Brexit, headteachers demand

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/guarantee-european-teachers-right-stay-after-brexit-headteachers>

Hinds 'disingenuous' about cause of global teacher workload problem, union claims

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/hinds-disingenuous-about-cause-global-teacher-workload-problem-union>

Academy leaders accused of 'not speaking up about funding cuts'

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/academy-leaders-accused-not-speaking-about-funding-cuts>

Exclusive: Greening warns social mobility is 'far more complex' than grammar schools

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/exclusive-greening-warns-social-mobility-far-more-complex-grammar>

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System 'can't handle the crisis of pupils' mental health'

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/system-cant-handle-crisis-pupils-mental-health>

Looked-after children are five times more likely to be temporarily excluded, and six other figures released today

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/looked-after-children-are-five-times-more-likely-be-temporarily>

Tests and narrow curriculum behind 'explosion' in mental ill health, says union

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/tests-and-narrow-curriculum-behind-explosion-mental-ill-health-says>

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Ofsted to use artificial intelligence algorithm to predict which schools are 'less than good'

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/ofsted-use-artificial-intelligence-algorithm-predict-which-schools>

Success rate for school exam appeals more than doubles and four other key points from today's Ofqual figures

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/success-rate-school-exam-appeals-more-doubles-and-four-other-key>

News/Publications from the DfE

21st March 2018

The independent panel supporting the Review of Post-18 Education and Funding is seeking evidence to inform its work

[Review of Post-18 Education and Funding: call for evidence](#)

22nd March 2018

This release reports on pupil absence in primary and secondary schools in the 2016 to 2017 academic year

[Pupil absence in schools in England: 2016 to 2017](#)

Guidance for schools, sixth-form colleges, 16 to 19 academies and further education institutions wishing to use automated biometric recognition systems

[Protection of children's biometric information in schools](#)

Guidance for schools and local authorities on what happens if a school has a budget surplus or deficit when it converts to academy status

[Academy conversion: surplus and deficit balance transfer process](#)

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New legislation requires all maintained schools and academies to provide opportunities for a range of education and training providers to have access to pupils

[Skills Minister highlights new provider access law for schools](#)

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Approved 16 to 18 qualifications and discount codes for reporting in the school and college performance tables

[16 to 18 qualifications, discount codes and point scores](#)

Information for education and training providers on the planning and delivery of study programmes

[16 to 19 study programmes: guide for providers](#)

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Statistics on children under local authority care at national and local authority level

[Statistics: looked-after children](#)

Guidance for schools and academy trusts reviewing staff workforce structures

[School workforce planning](#)

28th March 2018

Organisations invited to apply for share of £2 million funding to run enrichment programmes during the school holidays

[Boost to support disadvantaged families during the holidays](#)

29th March 2018

Approved key stage 4 qualifications, discount codes and point scores for reporting in the 2014 to 2020 school and college performance tables

[Key stage 4 qualifications, discount codes and point scores](#)

News/Publications from Ofsted

22nd March 2018

Official statistics on the inspections and outcomes of maintained schools and academies in England

[Maintained schools and academies inspections and outcomes: official statistics](#)

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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

21st March 2018

Information about the National Reference Test being used by Ofqual to support the awarding of GCSEs in England

[National Reference Test: information](#)

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A series of 'postcards' outlining the work Ofqual is doing, with an emphasis on current reforms to qualifications in England

[Ofqual postcards: GCSE, AS and A level reforms](#)

A pack of slides with information from Ofqual and the Department for Education that teachers can use to explain the reforms to parents

[Qualifications reform: resources for teachers](#)

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A letter to heads of secondary schools and FE colleges about available explanatory resources on the new GCSE combined science grades

[Combined science GCSE grades: A letter to Heads](#)

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Statistics on the number of appeals against results for GCSEs, AS and A levels

[Appeals for GCSE, AS and A level: summer 2017 exam series](#)

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 for the Easter holidays,
Simon