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Recent TES News (19th to 24th April 2018)

19th April 2018

<https://www.tes.com/news/funding-crisis-putting-education-standards-risk>

20th April 2018

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-cuts-will-have-life-changing-negative-impact-generation>

<https://www.tes.com/news/ungraded-gcse-computer-science-coursework-continue-despite-teachers-concerns>

21st April 2018

<https://www.tes.com/news/what-you-need-know-about-memory-aid-your-pupils-revision>

22nd April 2018

<https://www.tes.com/news/education-week-was-testing-times-school-funding-and-pupils>

<https://www.tes.com/news/teachers-shouldnt-have-do-parents-job-too>

<https://www.tes.com/news/defence-slt-quit-rounding-school-leaders-or-no-one-will-step>

23rd April 2018

<https://www.tes.com/news/need-know-ofsted-inspection-changes>

<https://www.tes.com/news/teachers-and-pupils-let-down-mental-health-crisis-grips-schools-poll-shows>

24th April 2018

<https://www.tes.com/news/ofsted-schools-are-overreliant-meaningless-data>

<https://www.tes.com/news/too-often-teachers-are-portrayed-saints-or-shirkers-there-seems-be-nothing-between>

<https://www.tes.com/news/england-has-lost-its-way-vocational-education-warns-new-report>

<https://www.tes.com/news/exclusive-survey-school-leaders-reveals-incredible-gloom-over-funding-and-recruitment>

Recent Schools Week News (19th and 20th April 2018)

19th April 2018

<https://schoolsweek.co.uk/disadvantaged-pupils-maths-attainment-sees-england-fall-behind/>

<https://schoolsweek.co.uk/academy-autonomy-has-no-positive-impact-in-the-classroom/>

<https://schoolsweek.co.uk/understanding-of-gcses-down-after-9-to-1-grading-system-introduced/>

<https://schoolsweek.co.uk/mps-to-investigate-school-and-sixth-form-funding/>

20th April 2018

<https://schoolsweek.co.uk/gdpr-is-the-dfe-failing-to-prepare-schools-for-the-new-data-future/>

<https://schoolsweek.co.uk/computer-science-gcse-to-be-exam-only-until-2020/>

Recent Schools Week News (21st to 24th April 2018)

22nd April 2018

<https://schoolsweek.co.uk/ofquals-2017-exam-survey-the-main-findings/>

Older Schools Week News (30th March to 18th April 2018)

30th March 2018

<https://schoolsweek.co.uk/the-6-things-we-learned-from-the-public-accounts-committees-damning-report-into-academies/>

31st March 2018

<https://schoolsweek.co.uk/nut-commits-to-teacher-pay-strike-ballot/>

1st April 2018

<https://schoolsweek.co.uk/cuts-blamed-as-number-of-send-pupils-without-a-school-place-soars-by-137/>

2nd April 2018

<https://schoolsweek.co.uk/school-staff-warn-eligible-pupils-are-missing-out-on-free-meals/>

3rd April 2018

<https://schoolsweek.co.uk/school-funding-campaign-is-not-over-says-defiant-union-leader/>

4th April 2018

<https://schoolsweek.co.uk/academy-trust-gender-pay-gap-is-three-times-the-national-average/>

5th April 2018

<https://schoolsweek.co.uk/160000-children-will-lose-free-school-meals-says-spending-watchdog/>

9th April 2018

<https://schoolsweek.co.uk/school-support-staff-feeling-the-brunt-of-funding-cuts/>

<https://schoolsweek.co.uk/exam-pressures-to-blame-for-workload-say-teachers/>

<https://schoolsweek.co.uk/dfc-ends-divisive-pupil-nationality-data-collection/>

10th April 2018

<https://schoolsweek.co.uk/schools-could-be-fined-if-pupils-are-removed-to-home-education/>

<https://schoolsweek.co.uk/schools-struggling-to-provide-send-support/>

<https://schoolsweek.co.uk/academy-trusts-with-multiple-staff-on-100k-told-to-justify-pay/>

11th April 2018

<https://schoolsweek.co.uk/application-process-for-strategic-school-improvement-fund-is-unfit-for-purpose/>

<https://schoolsweek.co.uk/men-get-promoted-more-quickly-and-4-other-findings-from-new-school-leadership-research/>

13th April 2018

<https://schoolsweek.co.uk/government-under-pressure-to-reveal-plans-for-free-teacher-vacancy-service/>

<https://schoolsweek.co.uk/weak-schools-will-get-longer-breather-between-ofsted-inspections/>

14th April 2018

<https://schoolsweek.co.uk/ceos-at-tiny-academy-trusts-paid-more-than-big-chain-bosses/>

15th April 2018

<https://schoolsweek.co.uk/doing-great-on-gatsby-what-schools-need-to-do-to-meet-the-eight-careers-benchmarks/>

18th April 2018

<https://schoolsweek.co.uk/academies-trusts-must-pause-as-they-grow-or-risk-school-improvement/>

<https://schoolsweek.co.uk/education-committee-to-hold-send-inquiry/>

News/Publications from the DfE (30th March to 24th April 2018)

1st April 2018

Statutory guidance on NQT inductions for headteachers, school staff and governing bodies

[Induction for newly qualified teachers \(NQTs\)](#)

4th April 2018

Funding guidance for schools and ITT providers for 2018 to 2019, including bursaries, scholarships and School Direct (salaried) grants

[Funding: initial teacher training \(ITT\), academic year 2018 to 19](#)

5th April 2018

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

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

6th April 2018

Biggest change to student finance since 2012 will see repayment threshold rise to £25,000 per year

[600,000 graduates to benefit from financial milestone](#)

10th April 2018

School Standards Minister Nick Gibb announces £96 million to support talented music, drama and dance pupils kick-start their career in the arts

[Funding boost for the arts to support talented pupils](#)

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

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

Call for evidence on greater oversight of children whose parents elect to educate them at home, and consultation on revised DfE guidance documents

[Home education: call for evidence and revised DfE guidance](#)

11th April 2018

An evaluation of the processes relating to the first round of applications to the strategic school improvement fund (SSIF), which closed in June 2017

[Strategic school improvement fund: evaluation of round one](#)

News and information for schools and initial teacher training (ITT) providers running teacher training programmes

[Teacher Recruitment Bulletin](#)

Statistics on the size and characteristics of the school leaders in state-funded schools

[School leadership 2010 to 2016: characteristics and trends](#)

12th April 2018

Information about the new GCSE grades for parents, employers and further and higher education providers

[GCSE new grading scale: factsheets](#)

16th April 2018

How academies can opt in to the risk protection arrangement (RPA), what the arrangement covers and where they can go for support

[Risk protection arrangement \(RPA\): guide for academies](#)

Guidance about free school meals and transitional protection arrangements for them under Universal Credit

[Free school meals: guidance for schools and local authorities](#)

20th April 2018

Advice for accredited providers of initial teacher training (ITT) on developing an annual self-evaluation and improvement plan to raise outcomes for trainees

[Initial teacher training: self-evaluation and improvement planning advice for providers](#)

23rd April 2018

Guidance to support schools with data protection activity, including compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

[Data protection: toolkit for schools](#)

News/Publications from Ofsted (30th March to 24th April 2018)

3rd April 2018

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](#)

12th April 2018

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

[School inspection handbook](#)

Guidance for Ofsted inspectors carrying out school inspections under section 8 of the Education Act 2005

[Handbook for short, monitoring and unannounced behaviour school inspections](#)

17th April 2018

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 (30th March to 24th April 2018)

3rd April 2018

Our comprehensive programme of work, comprising 5 goals, to fulfil our statutory duties over the period 2018 to 2021

[Ofqual's corporate plan](#)

16th April 2018

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

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

17th April 2018

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](#)

19th April 2018

The results of Ofqual's annual survey on perceptions of A levels, GCSEs and other qualifications in England. Conducted 24 October to 1 December 2017

[Perceptions of qualifications in England: wave 16](#)

20th April 2018

Assessment arrangements for GCSE computer science

[Assessment arrangements for GCSE computer science](#)

A letter sharing feedback from previous exam years to help schools/colleges have a successful exam series

[Let's have a successful exam series](#)

Best wishes,
Simon