Weekly Education News and Insight

A round up of national education news and DfE insight.





National Education News

A round up of national education news from various sources

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State and private schools cash gap doubles

The gap between private-school fees and state-school per-pupil spending in England has more than doubled over the past decade, the Institute for Fiscal Studies says.

READ THE FULL ARTICLE HERE https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-58818527



Removing cap on teacher hours 'would hit recruitment'

Education research chief cautions against adding to teachers' 'unmanageable workload' by lifting limit on working hours.

READ THE FULL ARTICLE HERE
https://www.tes.com/news/teacher-workload-recruitment-supply-risk-if-hours-cap-scrapped-warns-expert



School Covid absences rise two-thirds in fortnight

The number of pupils absent from England's state schools rose by two-thirds to 204,000 in the fortnight to Thursday, 30 September.

READ THE FULL ARTICLE HERE https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-58805054



2021 autumn A-level 'resit' entries plummet 56%

Ofqual reveals just 8,880 entries have been made for autumn A-level exams, down from 20,100 in 2020.

READ THE FULL ARTICLE HERE https://schoolsweek.co.uk/2021-autumn-a-level-resit-entries-plummet-56/

DfE Insight

A round up of DfE insight, guidance, research and key educational information.



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Teaching mathematics at key stage 3

Guidance for teaching mathematics at key stage 3 to help pupils progress through the national curriculum.

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Teaching mathematics in primary schools

Guidance for teaching mathematics at key stages 1 and 2 to help pupils progress through the national curriculum.

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Teacher subject specialism training (TSST): programme details

A programme to improve subject knowledge for non-specialist and returning-teachers.

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Proposed changes to the assessment of GCSEs, AS and A levels in 2022

The consultation has now concluded. The consultation was available online for 21 days and received 6,725 responses.

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Adaptations in 2022 summer exams to ensure fairness for students

Students will sit GCSE, A and AS level exams next year with adaptations to recognise the disruption to their education.

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Statistics: local authority and school finance

Statistics on local authority and school spending on education, including academies and children and young people's services.

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Senior mental health lead training

Find out how to apply for a grant and access DfE quality assured training to help develop a whole school or college approach to mental health and wellbeing.

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Coronavirus (COVID-19) National Testing Programme: conditions of grant from August 2021

Conditions of grant funding from August 2021 for the national roll-out of rapid mass testing for coronavirus (COVID-19) in schools and colleges.

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