

# CES NEWS AND POLICY DIGEST

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## NEWS

### RELEVANT EDUCATIONAL NEWS

#### [22 March Is London's ethnic diversity driving its school success story? \(Guardian\)](#)

Government policy is credited for the capital's educational turnaround – but others say it is the result of more children from aspirational ethnic minority families at its schools

#### [22 March Minister admits poor children face 'soft bigotry of low expectations' in schools \(Independent\)](#)

Regional differences in pupils' educational chances are 'a scandal' and 'deeply unfair'

#### [22 March No party has solution to workload problems, teachers say \(TES Connect\)](#)

Half of teachers do not believe that any of the political parties have policies in place that will ease the burden of their heavy workloads, a survey reveals.

#### [21 March Nicky Morgan: Control of national curriculum content must stay in hands of elected politicians \(TES Connect\)](#)

Education secretary Nicky Morgan has rejected calls for an independent commission of teachers and education experts to set the core curriculum.

#### [20 March British values 'a tough call' for inspectors – Ofsted \(BBC\)](#)

Inspecting British values has made life "difficult" for Ofsted, one of the watchdog's senior officials has said.

#### [20 March Catholic schools targeted by secularists rated as outstanding \(Catholic Herald\)](#)

The two highly praised schools opened in Richmond in 2013 despite a campaign by secularist lobby groups

#### [20 March 'British values' curriculum scrutinised by MPs \(The Christian Institute\)](#)

The Education Select Committee has called for careful handling of the Department for Education's controversial 'British values' regulations.

#### [20 March Labour blasts 'appalling' lack of compulsory sex education \(Evening Standard\)](#)

Labour has clashed with the Tories over whether sex and relationship education should be mandatory.

#### [19 March Wales' colleges face financial crisis after reports that more jobs and courses could be for the axe \(Wales Online\)](#)

Swingeing budget cuts are starting to bite within the nation's further education sector

#### [18 March St Benet's Hall to expand and welcome female undergraduates \(Catholic Herald\)](#)

The Benedictine institution at Oxford University has acquired a second site, currently run by the Society of the Sacred Heart

#### [17 March Thousands of pupils in Wales are being denied the chance to study Religious Education, says a leading Welsh Christian group \(Wales Online\)](#)

'This is depriving thousands of young people in Wales from having the opportunity to consider some of life's great issues'

### WHAT EDUCATION LOBBYISTS ARE SAYING

#### [20 March 2014 Government claim that College of Teaching will operate free from political interference is risible, says NASUWT \(NASUWT\)](#)

Commenting on the announcement from the Secretary of State Nicky Morgan that she is to support plans to establish a College of Teaching, Chris Keates, General Secretary of the NASUWT, the largest teachers' union in the UK.

#### [20 March 2015 ATL comment on Government pledge to fund College of Teaching \(ATL\)](#)

Dr Mary Bousted, general secretary of the Association of Teachers and Lecturers (ATL), said: "We welcome the Government's pledge to fund the start-up of a College of Teaching, but we hope they recognise that if the profession is Cinderella, we don't have to look too far to see who the wicked stepmother is..."

#### [20 March 2015 Faith based prejudice and discrimination at British schools highlighted \(ACCORD\)](#)

The Equality and Human Rights Commission has found a wide range of problems with the way matters of religion and belief are negotiated in British schools.

### CES NEWS AND UPDATES

[Revised CES Model Legal Policies and Procedures](#)

[Revised CES Application Forms](#)

[CES Contracts of Employment](#)

[CES Census website](#)

[CES website](#)

### CES PRESS RELEASES

[Election resources](#) for schools are now available

## POLICY

### IN PARLIAMENT

No news.

### FROM THE DEPARTMENT FOR EDUCATION (ENGLAND)

[20 March 2015 Government announces plans to help raise the status of teaching](#)

New college of teaching and more high-quality training to support a world-class teaching profession.

[18 March 2015 Prime Minister announces landmark wave of free schools](#)

Latest wave of free school approvals announced.

### FROM THE DEPARTMENT FOR EDUCATION AND SKILLS (WALES)

No news.

### OFSTED

[19 March 2015 Future of education inspection: regional launch events](#)

Learn more about the changes to the way Ofsted inspects schools, further education and skills and early years provision from September at regional events.

### ESTYN

No news.

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