

Basic & Workplace Skills Bulletin

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News

- 1 **PHE launches Psychological First Aid training**
People who care for or work with young adults and young people aged up to 25 who have been affected by COVID-19 (or other emergencies or individual crises) will be able to access a new online Psychological First Aid (PFA) training course.

- 3 **#Literacy Works week**
Unionlearn has announced the fifth Literacy Works Week, that will take place from 8th to 12 March to celebrate reading, writing and language.

2021 Books Unlocked reading list

The prison reading programme, Books Unlocked, has announced its first book list for 2021. Books Unlocked provides free copies of Booker Prize shortlisted and longlisted titles for participants in UK prisons and Young Offender Institutions to read, discuss and keep.

- 4 **Boost demand for higher technical education to address “missing middle” in skills system**
Boosting demand for higher technical education after the pandemic will be vital to driving productivity and supporting social mobility, according to a report published by the Learning and Work Institute.

- 5 **Expansion of prison kitchen training scheme**
The Clink Kitchens prison training programme will be expanded to up to 70 prisons in an attempt to diverted offenders away from crime.

- 6 **Full set of CPD courses to support staff delivering apprenticeships**
Eight Apprenticeship Workforce Development Continuous Professional Development courses, fully-funded by the Department for Education, are available to support staff who deliver apprenticeships.

COVID-19 announcements

- 7 **Government advice on COVID-19**
Details of all new documents on COVID-19 issued by governments across the UK.

Consultations

- 8 **Consultations**
There were no relevant new education consultations published last week.

Policy papers

- 9 **Policy papers published last week**
Details of policy papers from government, parliament and think tanks.

Delegated legislation

- 10 **Statutory instruments issued last week**
There was one new statutory instrument on education issued last week.

Parliament - Committee

- 11 **Left behind White working class children**
The Education Select Committee takes more evidence on left-behind white working-class boys and girls from disadvantaged backgrounds. Ministers Nick Gibb and Vicky Ford give evidence.

Parliament - Debates

- 12 **Debates in Commons and Lords**
With Parliament in recess last week, there were no debates in either the Commons or the Lords.

Parliament - Questions

- 12 **Answers to written questions**
With Parliament in recess, there were only a few written questions answered in the Commons and n one from the Lords.

Publisher information

- 14 **Subscription rates**
Writers and subscription details.