

Editorial

- 4 **There are calls for radical changes post pandemic, but do we have the stomach for the changes necessary to pay for it?**
Geoff Barton recalled the post war changes to education and called for a similar radical approach now post the COVID pandemic. Other services are also demanding more money for change. While many will agree on the need for change, will they also agree on the changes needed to fund this?

News

- 1 **700,000 children still out of school**
- 5 **Scotland to incorporate UNCRC into domestic law**
“Action Group” to boost mental health education
- 6 **Test & Trace failed to deliver central promise of averting another lockdown**
- 7 **More children returning to overcrowded classrooms as class sizes soar to over 31**
- 8 **Turing scheme to open up global study and work opportunities**
Universities flout government guidelines over return to in-person teaching
- 9 **Students need support to succeed in and beyond higher education**
- 10 **COVID-19 infographic for Scotland**

International

- 11 **French institution makes available 226 years worth of photos, drawings and other material on-line**
The École Polytechnique has made available on-line through Google Arts and Culture nearly two thousand pieces from its 226 year history.

Feature

- 12 **Better consent education needed**
Laura Coryton of Sex Ed Matters calls for better consent education in all our secondary schools, colleges and universities to stem the tide of harassment and worse that girls and young women face.

Conference

- 14 **ASCL: President’s speech**
Richard Sheriff, ASCL President, told the ASCL conference that the COVID pandemic had shone a spotlight on much that was wrong with the education system.
- 15 **ASCL: General Secretary calls for reform**
ASCL’s General Secretary, Geoff Barton, calls for a radical reform of education post COVID similar to that introduced after the Second World War.
- 17 **ASCL: Education Secretary thanks teachers**
Gavin Williamson addressed the virtual ASCL conference and thanked teachers and school leaders for their efforts during the COVID pandemic.

Research

- 18 **Council tax breaks £2,000 barrier according to CIPFA**
The council tax bill for an average household has broken through the £2,000 a year level for the first time, according to research by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA).
- 19 **CMA launch children’s social care provision study**
The Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) launched a study of children’s social care provision, where some private providers are making large profits while provision for young people is not always adequate.

- 20 Warning over effects of pandemic on young people’s mental health**
As school children in England returned to the classroom, research provided the first evidence of the significant negative impact of school closures last summer on children’s mental health.
- 21 Labour’s Bright Future Taskforce**
Labour has set up a task force to research children recover from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 22 COVID round-up**
A round-up of news on COVID-19.
- Opinion**
- 23 Democracy 2.0**
Professor Jan Willam de Graaf of Saxion University of Applied Sciences, Deventer, Netherlands, argues that our democracy is still organized according to an ancient model.
- Document reviews**
- 24 Adult skills and lifelong learning**
A Plan for an Adult Skills and Lifelong Learning Revolution: Government Response to the Committee’s Third Special Report of Session 2019–21, from the House of Commons Education Select Committee.
- COVID-19 announcements**
- 30 Government advice on COVID-19**
Details of all new documents on COVID-19 issued by governments across the UK.
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- 34 Policy papers published last week**
Details of policy papers from government, parliament and think tanks.
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- 36 Consultations**
There were three new education consultations published last week.
- 37 Consultation outcomes**
There was one consultation outcome published last week.
- Delegated legislation**
- 38 Statutory instruments issued last week**
There were three new statutory instruments on education issued last week.
- Parliament - Debates**
- 42 Education (Guidance about Costs of School Uniforms) Bill**
Mike Amesbury (Lab, Weaver Vale) proposed this Private Members’ Bill, which received its Third Reading in the Commons and First Reading in the Lords on the same day.
- 43 The Education & Training (Welfare of Children) Bill**
The Education & Training (Welfare of Children) Bill, sponsored by Mary Kelly Foy (Lab, City of Durham) is a Private Members’ Bill that received its Report Stage and Third Reading in the Commons and First Reading in the Lords on the same day.
- 45 Modern Foreign Languages teachers**
In an oral question debate in the House of Lords, Baroness Coussins (CB) asked the Government what assessment it had made of the supply chain of teachers of modern foreign languages.
- Parliament - Questions**
- 46 Answers to written questions**
Answers to written parliamentary questions from the Department for Education, the Ministry of Defence, the Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office, the Department of Health and Social Care, the Home Office, H M Treasury, the Department for Transport, the Department for Work and Pensions and the House of Lords.
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