

Editorial

- 4 **The long road to recovery**
There is a temptation to think that we are almost at the end of the COVID pandemic. We aren't. It will be with us for years.

News

- 1 **NCSC issues Alert after more ransomware attacks on education**
- 5 **Children's Commissioner for England launches Beveridge Report for children**
- 6 **Geoff Barton to serve second term as ASCL General Secretary**
- 7 **Area SEND inspections to restart**
Millions of students back in class
- 8 **Schools' COVID recovery funding wiped out**
Another cyber attack on FE college
- 9 **Sector reaction to NFER Teacher labour market annual report**
- 10 **COVID-19 infographic for Scotland**
- 11 **Government urged to reconsider research cuts**

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Professor Jan Willam de Graaf of Saxion University of Applied Sciences, Deventer, Netherlands, observes that man has come out on top over the last 300,000 years of his existence despite a relatively small natural biotope.

Conference

- 14 **ASCL: Ofqual chairman**
In his capacity as interim chairman of Ofqual, Ian Bauckham CBE addressed ASCL's virtual annual conference on qualifications and assessment in 2021, particularly GCSEs and A-levels.
- 16 **ASCL: Ofsted Chief Inspector**
Speaking at ASCL's virtual annual conference about her inspection plans, Ofsted's Chief Inspector, Amanda Spielman said that during the current term.

Research

- 17 **Identifying pupils with SEND**
A study from the Education Policy Institute has highlighted significant inconsistencies in how children with special educational needs and disabilities in England are being identified and supported.
- 20 **Teachers cite school accountability as the main driver of stress**
The close monitoring of schools and student achievement data in the English education system is unlikely to be a one-way street to "school improvement" due to the stress it causes teachers, according to a study by UCL researchers.
- 22 **Separating primary school children in preparation for SATs could be damaging**
A fear of poor SATs results is driving headteachers to separate pupils by ability despite the impact on children's self-esteem and confidence, according to a study by UCL Institute of Education (IOE) researchers.
- 22 **"Recession-proof" feature of teaching had led to surge in number of people applying to enter the profession**
A report published by NFER showed that the first lockdown in March 2020 had led to a decrease in the well-being of teachers, a rise in distress, anxiety and lower levels of happiness and life satisfaction, compared to pre-pandemic levels.

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Moving from primary to secondary school is an important marker of progression in children's lives, with increased choices and opportunities.
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Voices from the Tightrope: The Role of Distress and the Modern Further Education Principal/Chief Executive, from FETL.
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Study Buddies? Competition and Collaboration Between Higher Education and Further Education, from the Social Market Foundation supported by FETL.
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- 56 Education (Guidance about Costs of School Uniforms) Bill**
Baroness Lister of Burtersett (Lab) moved the Second Reading of the Education (Guidance about Costs of School Uniforms) Bill.
- 58 The Education & Training (Welfare of Children) Bill**
Baroness Blower (Lab), formerly general secretary of the NUT, moved the Second Reading of the Education and Training (Welfare of Children) Bill.
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