

### Editorial

- 4 Building back better**  
Now is the time to start planning to build back better, and there are plenty of plans available to help to do that. What is needed is money, and lots of it.

### News

- 1 Festival of the arts in schools and colleges**

**OECD and EI launch recovery report**

- 5 Survey on range of exam alternatives**

- 6 More parents want their kids to learn a trade than go to university**

- 7 Guidance for governors on PSHE**

**IFS say adult skills White Paper was a missed opportunity**

- 8 COVID-19 infographic for Scotland**

- 9 Reading Greek tragedy on-line**

- 10 EPI report on teacher training**

### People

- 12 New ADCS officers**

The new president of ADCS is Charlotte Ramsden OBE, Strategic Director for People, Salford City Council. The new Vice President of ADCS is Steve Crocker OBE, Director of Children's Services for Hampshire County Council and Isle of Wight Council.

### Conferences

- 13 ADES President on the future**

The new ADCS president, Charlotte Ramsden, delivers her inaugural address.

### Features

- 15 I have a dream**

Professor Jan Willem de Graaf of Saxion University of Applied Sciences, Deventer, Netherlands, is influenced by the racial conflict in America.

- 16 Embracing blended learning**

Dr Paul Armstrong of the Manchester Institute for Education, University of Manchester, writes about the importance of embracing blended learning post pandemic.

### International

- 17 OECD leads the way on COVID recovery**

The OECD launched its latest report on COVID recovery in education, *The State of School Education: One year into the COVID pandemic*, with a seminar.

- 18 OECD and EI**

The OECD and EI today launch their report, *Effective and Equitable Educational Recovery: 10 Principles*.

### Research

- 20 Education recovery**

The EPI has published a report giving preliminary findings on the scope and funding implications of education recovery.

- 22 Government education statistics flawed**

A study from the UCL Social Research Institute finds "serious flaws" in the way educational performance is measured.

- 23 Tracking the pandemic's effect on year 11**

A new study to follow the educational outcomes, career and wellbeing of 12,000 year 11 students will be the largest study of its kind to find out how the pandemic had affected them.

- 24 Ventilation**

Public Health England has published further guidance giving the latest research information on ventilation.

## 25 **Key international COVID-19 science issues**

The Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office has published *Key International COVID-19 Science Issues*.

## 29 **COVID round-up**

A round-up of news on COVID-19.

## 30 **SARS-CoV-2 Variants of Concern**

PHE has just published *SARS-CoV-2 Variants of Concern and Variants Under Investigation in England, Technical Briefing 9*.

## **Document reviews**

### 32 **Adult education**

*Big Changes Ahead for Adult Education Funding? Definitely Maybe*, from IFS.

## **COVID communications**

### 33 **Government communications on COVID**

With the decline in the number of new communications to some half a dozen a week, this section is now discontinued.

## **Policy papers**

### 34 **Policy papers published last week**

Details of policy papers from government, parliament and think tanks.

## **Consultations**

### 36 **Consultations**

There were two new education consultations published last week.

### 37 **Consultation outcomes**

There was one new consultation outcome published last week.

## **Delegated legislation**

### 38 **Statutory instruments issued last week**

There were two relevant new statutory instruments on education issued last week.

## **Parliament - Committees**

### 39 **Select committees**

A round-up of activity in select committees.

### 40 **Prison education**

The Education Committee took evidence on prison education from Dame Sally Coates.

## **Parliament - Debates**

### 42 **The Turing scheme**

Tonia Antoniazzi (Lab, Gower) introduced a debate on the scope of the proposed Turing scheme.

### 43 **Pupil Referral Units**

Baroness Lawrence of Clarendon (Lab) asked the Government what support it had given to students in PRUs during COVID-19.

## **Parliament - Questions**

### 44 **Answers to written questions**

Answers to written parliamentary questions from the Commons and the Lords.

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