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- 4 **The Education Recovery Plan**
Funding for the Education Recovery Plan fell from £15bn to £1.4bn in a few hours. How did we come to this? It's not the end of the story yet.

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- 5 **The Collins Plan - £15bn over three years**
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- 8 **How did we go from a Government programme of £15bn to one of £1.4bn in a few hours yesterday?**
- 9 **Week 21 school attendance statistics**
- Free online deaf awareness courses**
- 10 **School leaders warn that education recovery cannot happen on the cheap**
- 11 **Guides to boost governing boards' arts and cultural education influence**
- Over half a million children reliant on free school meals**
- 12 **Students struggle to access information on apprenticeships**
- Cash boost for T-levels**
- 13 **University partnerships aim to help UK build back better faster**
- 14 **COVID-19 infographic for Scotland**
- 15 **Support for vulnerable children questioned**

Conferences

- 16 **Skills Bill will help build back better**
The Education Secretary told the think tank ResPublica how the Post-16 Education and Skills Bill would help universities but that they would have to adapt to benefit from it.

Legal

- 17 **HMRC on VAT for FE**
HMRC has published a policy paper on VAT treatment of public funds received by further education institutions.

People

- 18 **HMCI reappointed**
Amanda Spielman has been reappointed HM Chief Inspector for another two years.

ESFA

Kirsty Evans has been appointed Director of Further Education at the ESFA.

Sir Kevan offers his resignation

Sir Kevan Collins has written to the Prime Minister offering his resignation over the lack of money for his education recovery plan.

Research

- 20 **Ofsted publishes research review on maths**
Ofsted has published a review of maths education and draws on Ofsted's education inspection framework (EIF) and other literature to identify factors that can contribute to improving maths.

21 **The positive impact of Cadet Forces**

A four year study into UK Cadet Forces has highlighted the positive impacts on young peoples' development, adult volunteers and wider society.

22 **COVID-19 surveillance studies**

COVID-19 Surveillance and Immunity Studies, a paper from the Department of Health and Social Care, outlines the surveillance and immunity studies that the Government undertakes. We look in particular at those relevant to education.

Opinion

24 The bridge - Part 1

Professor Jan Willem de Graaf of Saxion University of Applied Sciences, Deventer, Netherlands, in the first of a four-part series, examines the relationship between behaviour and psychological characteristics

25 Celebrating Scottish History in Schools

Leith Academy, Edinburgh, history teacher Gesanna Gooch writes about how the Curriculum for Excellence (CfE) provides an opportunity to review the teaching of history at all levels from primary through to upper secondary, with a further driver of change being an increased emphasis on Scottish history.

Policy papers

26 Policy papers published last week

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

Consultations

28 Consultations

There was one new education consultation published last week.

29 Consultation outcomes

There was one new education consultation outcome published last week.

Delegated legislation

30 Statutory instruments issued last week

There were four new statutory instruments on education issued last week.

Parliament - Committees

33 Prison education

The Education Select Committee took evidence on prison education.

Parliament - Debates

34 Children on free school meals

Catherine West (Lab, Hornsey and Wood Green) introduced a debate on support for children who were entitled to free school meals.

35 Legislation in the Lords

Three education Private Members' Bills received their First Reading in the House of Lords last week, and the Professional Qualifications Bill had its Second Reading debate.

Parliament - Questions

36 Answers to written questions

Answers to written questions to the Department for Education, the Ministry of Defence, the Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office, the Department of Health and Social Care, the Department for Transport, the Department for Work and Pensions and the House of Lords.

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