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News

1 **New inquiry into prison education**
The House of Commons Select Committee on Education held its first evidence session for its new inquiry into prison education.

1 **Changes to Functional Skills**
Ofqual has updated its requirements and guidance for English and mathematics Functional Skills qualifications documents.

3 **IFS says adult education White Paper a missed opportunity**
The IFS has criticised the Government's adult education White Paper as not reformist enough.

4 **Consultation on flexible apprenticeships**
The Government has launched a consultation to seek views on how flexi-job apprenticeship schemes could be run.

Updating welder apprenticeships
The Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education and the Welding Institute are looking for employers to help shape future training.

5 **More people want their kids to learn a trade than go to university**
Talking more about HE than vocational routes is out of step with the public according to an opinion poll.

6 **Futureproofing the post-pandemic work force**
The British Chambers of Commerce and Barclays LifeSkills have released a report, *The Next Normal: Futureproofing the Workforce for a Post-Pandemic World*,

7 **International**
Germany needs better low-skill training
Germany should pay more attention to the needs of the low-skilled in continuing education and training says the OECD.

Document review

8 **A missed opportunity**
Big Changes Ahead for Adult Education Funding? Definitely Maybe, from the IFS.

Policy papers

9 **Policy papers published last week**
Policy papers on distance learning and youth unemployment.

Consultations

10 **The GQAA Framework and flexi-jobs**
Last week's consultations were on guidance in relation to appeals under the GQAA Framework and reshaping the role of apprenticeship training agencies.

Delegated legislation

11 **Statutory instruments issued last week**
There were none that were relevant.

Parliament - Committees

12 **Prison education**
The Education Select Committee held an evidence session for its inquiry into prison education.

Parliament - Debates

14 **The English language college sector**
Conor Burns (Con, Bournemouth West) introduced a debate on the future of the English language sector.

Adult skills and lifelong learning

15 **Adult skills and lifelong learning**
Robert Halfon (Con, Harlow), chairman of the Select Committee on Education, introduced a debate on the Third Report of the Education Committee, *A Plan for an Adult Skills and Lifelong Learning Revolution*.

Parliament - Questions

18 **Answers to written questions**
Answers from the last two weeks, since Parliament returned from its Easter recess.

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