

Basic & Workplace Skills Bulletin

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News

- 1 **Legislation for skills and training**
The centrepiece of the Government's plans for education legislation is a Post-16 Education and Skills Bill.
- 3 **Employers support T-level CPD via online workshops**
Employers have joined the Education and Training Foundation's Industry Workshops to provide T-Level staff with the opportunity to hear the latest industry practice.
- 4 **Face coverings no longer required**
From today, face coverings will no longer be required for students in colleges.

UCU in prison education battle with Novus

The University and College Union (UCU) is involved in a protracted dispute with prison education provider Novus over inadequate COVID-safety measures with members at 49 prisons and young offenders institutions which has escalated to a 48-hour strike that started last Tuesday, 11 May 2021.

- 5 **ETF completes free EdTech training offer**
The Education and Training Foundation (ETF) has released a final set of bite-size training modules to develop the use of educational technology (EdTech) on the Enhance Digital Teaching Platform.

Mental health and wellbeing app for colleges

The College Mental Health Self-evaluation Tool, C-MET, is available free of charge to all colleges.

Policy papers

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

Consultations

- 7 **Consultations published last week**
One consultation outcome on education was published last week.
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Delegated legislation

- 9 **Statutory instruments issued last week**
There was one education statutory instrument issued last week that was relevant.

Parliament - Debates

- 10 **The Queen's Speech**
Her Majesty the Queen delivered the Queen's Speech outlining the Government's legislative programme for the year ahead, with the Post-16 Education and Skills Bill the main piece of education legislation.

Debate on The Queen's Speech - Commons

The debate in the House of Commons on those parts of the Queen's Speech dealing with education lasted three days.

- 14 **Debate on The Queen's Speech - Lords**
The debate in the House of Commons on those parts of the Queen's Speech dealing with education took place in a single day.

Parliament - Questions

- 15 **Answers to written questions**
As Parliament has just been prorogued and we are at the start of a new session, there were very few written answers published in *Hansard* last week and none of them were about education.

Publisher information

- 16 **Subscription rates**
Publisher, writers and subscription details.