

# Basic & Workplace Skills Bulletin

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## News

### 1 **Employer incentive fund cash boost for T-levels**

The Government has announced that employers will be able to claim a £1,000 cash boost for every T-Level student they host on a high-quality industry placement, as part of an incentive scheme.

### 3 **Surge of applicants from mature students sparks call for additional support**

Universities and colleges have a “golden opportunity” to help a new generation of adult learners upskill, as there had been strong increases in the number of mature applicants applying to study full-time, according to the Office for Students.

### 4 **Students struggle to access information on apprenticeships**

Research published by UCAS indicated that over half of students who wanted to apply to higher education in 2022 had been interested in apprenticeships, but they had found it difficult to access the relevant information they needed.

### 5 **Work starts on first new FE college in a generation**

Construction work to build the UK’s first purpose-built technical college for a generation has just been launched.

### **DWP and Google join forces**

The DWP has joined Google to provide 9,000 UK jobseekers with scholarships to gain a Google Career Certificate,

### 6 **HMRC on VAT treatment of public funds received by FE institutions**

HMRC has published a policy paper on VAT treatment of public funds received by FE institutions in light of the Upper Tier Tribunal decision.

## People

### 7 **HMCI reappointed**

Amanda Spielman has been reappointed as HMCI.

### **EFSA appoints new Director of FE**

Kirsty Evans has been appointed as substantive Director of the Further Education Directorate at the Education and Skills Funding Agency.

## Conference

### 8 **Skills Bill at the heart of reforms**

Gavin Williamson, told the think tank ResPublica how the Post-16 Education and Skills Bill would help to level up the country and build back better from the pandemic.

## Policy papers

### 9 **Policy papers published last week**

Policy papers from government and parliament.

## Consultations

### 10 **Consultations published last week**

There were no education or training consultations or consultation outcomes published last week.

## Delegated legislation

### 10 **Statutory instruments issued last week**

There was one relevant education statutory instrument issued last week.

## Parliament - Committees

### 11 **Prison education**

The Education Committee interviewed witnesses for its inquiry into prison education.

## Parliament - Debates

### 12 **None relevant last week**

## Parliament - Questions

### 12 **Answers to written questions**

Answers to written parliamentary questions.

## Publisher information

### 20 **Subscription rates**

Publisher, writers and subscription details.