

# Basic & Workplace Skills Bulletin

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## News

- 1 **NFER studies employment skills gaps**  
The National Foundation for Educational Research is leading a five-year research programme to project the demand and supply of essential employment skills up until the year 2035.

- 3 **AoC careers work**  
The Association of Colleges and the Careers and Enterprise Company are to collaborate to support colleges to offer careers advice, will offer guidance, resources, webinars and information for leaders, governors and careers guidance professionals in the FE sector.

## Feature

- 4 **Smashing stereotypes: romanticised young professional life isn't all it seems**  
Newcastle College takes a look at apprenticeships and on the job training.

## Policy papers

- 6 **Policy papers published last week**  
Policy papers from government and parliament.

## Consultations

- 7 **Consultations published last week**  
There was one education consultation outcome published last week.

## Delegated legislation

- 8 **Statutory instruments issued last week**  
There was one education statutory instrument issued last week.

## Parliament - Debates

- 9 **Education questions**  
The monthly session of oral questions to the Department for Education included one on apprentices, while topical questions included A-levels, Catholic sixth form colleges and the AoC claim that the Government was creating an "education versus work" divide by requiring universal credit claimants to prioritise looking for work over training.

## 10 Apprentices

Mark Eastwood (Con, Dewsbury), Chris Clarkson (Con, Heywood and Middleton), Lucy Allan (Con, Telford), Edward Timpson (Con, Eddisbury) and Laura Farris (Con, Newbury) asked the Chancellor, what steps his department was taking to encourage small and medium-sized businesses to take on more apprentices.

## Parliament - Questions

- 11 **Answers to written questions**  
Answers to written questions to the Department for Education, the Department for Transport, H M Treasury, the Department for Work and Pensions and the House of Lords.

## Publisher information

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