

Editorial		Research	
4	The Queen's Speech and last week's local elections Last week's local elections were bad for Labour, but not as bad as some made out. Yet the party does face an existential threat with the real problem the party itself rather than the growing number of opponents wanting to take support from it.	16	Adolescents' technology engagement and mental health An Oxford University study examined data from over 430,000 adolescents in the UK and US to investigate how associations between adolescents' technology use and mental health had changed over the past 30 years.
News		17	Variants of Concern latest <i>SARS-CoV-2 Variants of Concern and Variants Under Investigation in England. Technical Briefing 10</i> , published by Public Health England, is reviewed.
1	Skills Bill promised in Queen's Speech	19	COVID round-up A round-up of news on COVID-19.
5	Ethical audit tool to support governors	Feature	
6	Masks still needed say teachers	21	Flexi-job apprenticeships Josh Hill of the Skills Network asks why flexi-job apprenticeships are lacking flexibility.
7	Ofqual confirms autumn assessments	Opinion	
8	Over a million children offered mental health support Kate Green still Shadow Education Secretary	22	Not on my watch Professor Jan Willem de Graaf of Saxion University of Applied Sciences, Deventer, Netherlands, wonders what would happen if we took away people's connection.
9	Executive leader CPD guidance for chairmen Nursery schools forced to make further cuts	Local elections supplement	
10	Disadvantaged pupils have fallen further behind in maths	23	Last Thursday's elections were complex Demitri Coryton reports on the various elections that took place last Thursday, with details of the results in the county council, unitary authority and metropolitan district councils, and analysis of those results.
12	Week 18 school attendance statistics Study shows drop in COVID school infections	Document reviews	
13	What is really going on with arts funding in higher education?	30	What business wants from adult skills <i>Report of the Workplace Training and Development Commission</i> , from the British Chambers of Commerce.
14	COVID-19 infographic for Scotland		
15	Comprehensive Future plan interactive map on selection		

Policy papers

- 32 Policy papers published last week**
Details of policy papers from government, parliament and think tanks.

Consultations

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

Delegated legislation

- 34 Statutory instruments issued last week**
There was one new statutory instrument on education issued last week.

Parliament - Debates

- 35 The Queen's Speech**
Her Majesty the Queen opened Parliament yesterday and delivered the Speech from the Throne.

- 35 Debate on the Queen's Speech**
Baroness Sherlock (Lab) asked the Government what it was doing to increase the number of jobs created by the Kickstart Scheme.

Parliament - Questions

- 37 Answers to written questions**
There were none, as Parliament was prorogued.

Publisher information

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