

Editorial

- 4 **The Skills and Post-16 Education Bill**
The Skills and Post-16 Education Bill is published today and receives its First Reading in the House of Lords at the same time. It is an ambitious and welcome piece of legislation, but if it is to succeed it will need to meet a number of challenges including adequate funding for the FE sector.

News

- 1 **Debate over face coverings to continue**
- 6 **2022 non-exam assessment consultation**
- 7 **Legislation for skills and training**
- 8 **Week 19 school attendance figures**
- 9 **Report of the Chief Schools Adjudicator**
- Early language training for reception classes**
- 10 **Ofsted warn SEND children missing support**
- 12 **Reaction to major overhaul of university admissions**
- 13 **Launch of new employment and skills guide**
- Professional Qualification Bill**
- 14 **COVID-19 infographic for Scotland**
- 15 **Another trans row in Scottish university**

Conferences

- 16 **Call for freedom in test and trace “burden”**
At an NAHT conference there was a call to be released from the burden of running the test and trace system in schools.
- 17 **New OfS chairman sets out his priorities**
During his speech to university leaders, Lord Wharton, the new Chairman of the Office for Students (OfS), highlighted the importance of high-quality courses, and universities’ central role in levelling-up access to higher education for students from all backgrounds.

Research

- 18 **Ofsted research review on RE**
Ofsted has published the second in a series of reviews into different subjects across the curriculum. The latest review draws on Ofsted’s education inspection framework (EIF) and other religious education (RE) literature to identify what contributed to high-quality RE curriculum, assessment, pedagogy and systems in schools where RE was inspected.
- 19 **Education recovery and resistance**
Education Recovery and Resilience in England. Phase One Report, from EPI.
- 23 **Measuring disadvantage**
Measuring Disadvantage, by Professor John Jerrim of the UCL Social Research Institute, and published by the Sutton Trust.
- 25 **Variants of Concern latest**
SARS-CoV-2 Variants of Concern and Variants Under Investigation in England. Technical Briefing 11, published by Public Health England, is reviewed.
- 27 **COVID round-up**
A round-up of news on COVID-19.
- Opinion**
- 28 **Man and labour**
Professor Jan Willem de Graaf of Saxion University of Applied Sciences, Deventer, Netherlands, looks at the relationship between people and labour.
- International**
- 29 **Every girl goes to school**
The FCDO has published *Every Girl Goes to School, Stays Safe, and Learns: 5 years of global action 2021 to 2026*, while on the same day Boris Johnson and former Australian PM Julia Gillard, the chairman of the Global Partnership for Education teamed up electronically with Kenyan President Uhuru Kenyatta as part of the connecting classrooms programme.

Document reviews
30 **The impact of school exclusions on pupils**
Youth Voice on School Exclusions, from the Children's Society.

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

Consultations
34 **Consultations**
There was one new education consultation and three consultation outcomes published last week.

Delegated legislation
37 **Statutory instruments issued last week**
There were three new statutory instruments on education issued last week.

Parliament - Committees
39 **APPG on Political Literacy**
The new All Party Parliamentary Group on Political Literacy held its second meeting last week.

Select Committees meet
Meetings of select committees in the Commons and the Lords.

40 **Children in poverty**
The ADCS President was among those giving evidence to the Work and Pensions Select Committee and its inquiry into children in poverty.

Parliament - Debates
41 **Debate on the Queen's Speech - Commons**
The second and third days of debate in the House of Commons on the education content of the Queen's Speech.

45 **Debate on the Queen's Speech - Lords**
The single day of debate on the education content of the Queen's Speech in the House of Lords.

Parliament - Questions
47 **Answers to written questions**
There were no answers to education written questions in Parliament.

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