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Timeline for free schools, university technical colleges and studio schools: useful

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Reception baseline assessment

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On 11 August 2016, the Secretary of State confirmed that the early years foundation stage profile will remain statutory for the 2016 to 2017 academic year. Schools may also use the 2016 to 2017 approved [baseline assessments](#) as part of their on-entry assessment of pupils. We will repay schools that choose to administer one of the approved baseline assessments in 2016 to 2017. We will not use this year's reception baseline assessment results in the accountability system

NEW

October 2016: 16 to 19 accountability - destination measures

In October 2016 we will publish destination measures data, including for the first time data from HM Revenue and Customs and DWP, showing the 2014 to 2015 destinations of students who were included in the 2013 to 2014 KS4 or KS5 performance tables. [Previous data is available.](#)

NEW

October 2016: 16 to 19 accountability - technical guidance on headline measures

We have [updated technical guidance](#) on 16 to 19 accountability headline performance measures

UPDATED

Autumn 2016: GCSE, AS and A level specifications

To help schools with their exam preparation, awarding organisations have begun to publish new draft specifications, starting in September 2017, for the third wave of reformed:

- [GCSEs](#)
- [AS and A levels](#)

The first examinations will be in summer 2019 (AS level in 2018). Schools offering these subjects must choose specifications, contact awarding organisations and plan for these new qualifications.

NEW

Coasting schools policy

The government intends to define 'coasting schools' for regulatory purposes in autumn 2016. We will identify coasting schools for the first time when we publish school results in December 2016 and January 2017. This will apply to mainstream local-authority-maintained schools, academies and free schools. More information on [intervening in failing, underperforming and coasting schools](#) is available.

UPDATED

Reformed GCSEs and A levels


Pupils sat the last exams in existing GCSEs graded A* to G in English and maths in summer 2016. There are opportunities for retakes in autumn 2016 and summer 2017. Schools should begin to prepare for the [third wave of reformed GCSEs and A levels](#) starting in September 2017. Specifications for all 2017 subjects will be available on awarding organisation websites and Ofqual maintains a [list of qualifications as they are accredited](#). Grading scores in the GCSEs will range from 9 to 1.

NEW

GCSE, AS and A level changes: resources

In mid-July, we and Ofqual circulated a [slide pack resource](#) that schools and colleges can use to communicate with students and parents about changes to:

- GCSEs, AS and A levels
- performance measures

You can find the resource via the [qualification resource timeline on TES online](#) , under the teachers' resources button for Autumn Term 2016.

NEW

Technical and applied qualifications

We will publish lists of technical and applied qualifications approved for teaching from September 2017 and reporting in the 2019 performance tables. We will publish them alongside lists of [technical and applied qualifications](#) approved for reporting in earlier years.

NEW

Post-16 skill plans

On 8 July 2016, we published the ['Post-16 skills plan'](#) and the [final report of Lord Sainsbury's independent panel](#), which set out plans for reforming the 16+ skills system. We want to work with the sector to develop the detailed plans for carrying out the reforms, which include the phased introduction of 15 new technical education routes from September 2019. We will publish further details during the autumn term to help schools and post-16 providers prepare for implementation.

NEW

Changes to DfE email addresses

We are [removing '.gsi' from our email addresses](#). From 1 October 2016 joe.bloggs@education.gsi.gov.uk will become

joe.bloggs@education.gov.uk. Update your DfE email contact details from 1 October. This change does not affect the security of the information you are sending to us.


UPDATED

September 2016: right to request before- and after-school and holiday childcare

[Guidance on wraparound and holiday childcare](#) is available to help local-authority-maintained schools and academies (including free schools) understand how to respond to requests from parents and childcare providers about wraparound and/or holiday childcare. The guidance on 'rights to request' comes into effect in September 2016.


NEW

Make your Mark youth vote open until 5 October

Young people will have the opportunity to vote on which topic should be the subject of the UK Youth Parliament's national campaign. This engagement can form part of schools' PSHE or citizenship curriculum. The ballot is open now and will run until 5 October. Schools can [register online to take part](#) .

UPDATED

Revised pupil premium reviews guide

In May 2016, the Teaching Schools Council and NCTL updated [guidance on arranging effective pupil premium reviews](#) .

UPDATED

Extremism and radicalisation website

The government has developed a [free e-learning tool for school](#)

[staff](#) to increase their awareness of radicalisation. The [Educate Against Hate website](#) provides advice and resources for parents, teachers and school leaders to help them protect young people from extremism and radicalisation.

UPDATED

Legal duties under the Data Protection Act: privacy notices

Schools and local authorities have a legal duty, under the [Data Protection Act](#), to inform parents, pupils and staff how they will use their personal data, for example, sharing their data with DfE through the school workforce and school censuses. To help you with this, we provide [model privacy notices](#). We suggest you make relevant privacy notices available to parents on your school website and to teaching staff in their induction packs and that you refer to them in communications with parents.

NEW

September 2016: 30 hours of free childcare toolkit

In September 2017, 3- and 4-year-olds of working parents will be entitled to 30 hours of free childcare a week. Schools may want to offer these funded hours, either directly or in partnership with others. In September 2016 we will publish a toolkit on the [Family and Childcare Trust website](#) to help those considering partnership working.

NEW

September 2016: developing your academy trust

In September 2016, we published a selection of resources to support academies who want to [expand their academy trusts](#). These provide services of support and guidance for new and existing multi-academy-trusts (MATs).

NEW

September 2016 – governance: recruitment

On 1 September, we launched [Inspiring Governance](#), which supports governing boards to help them recruit governors/trustees

NEW

Teacher workload reports

DfE and Ofsted have accepted all the recommendations made in 3 independent reports on teacher workload, relating to:

- [marking](#)
- [lesson planning](#)
- [data management](#)

Schools should also follow their recommendations to remove unnecessary workload in these areas. We invite schools to provide examples of how they are using the reports. Before 1 October 2016, please email: workload.solutions@education.gsi.gov.uk. After 1 October 2016, please email: workload.solutions@education.gov.uk.

UPDATED

Teachers' professional development

We published the [standard for teachers' professional development](#) on 12 July 2016. Written by independent experts, it aims to help schools improve the quality and availability of professional development.

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