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1.

Information: phase 2 of raising the participation age now commenced

Phase 1 of Raising the Participation Age (RPA) came into effect in June 2013, requiring young people to continue to participate in education and training for a further year after the end of compulsory schooling.

Phase 2 commenced on 26 June 2015 and requires young people to continue to participate until at least their eighteenth birthday. However, we expect most young people will choose to continue with their chosen activity until the end of the academic year in which they turn 18.

The first cohort affected by phase 2 are those who left year 11 in summer 2014.

Young people can choose to participate through full-time education, a job or volunteering combined with part-time study, or by undertaking an apprenticeship or traineeship.

Please see [statutory guidance](#) for further information.

2.

Information: schools funding arrangements for 2016 to 2017

The Department for Education has [announced](#) that the £390 million of additional schools funding allocated in 2015 to 2016 is confirmed for the 2016 to 2017 budget and beyond.

We have published local authority per-pupil funding rates for each local

authority's school budget 2016 to 2017, which meets the commitment to protect the national schools budget and baselines the £390m in extra funding.

Local authorities are now able to consult through their schools forums on how funding should be distributed in their area.

Details are published at [schools funding arrangements for 2016 to 2017](#).

3.

Information: chairs of governors' leadership development programme

The National College for Teaching and Leadership (NCTL) is currently offering scholarships for the [Chairs of Governors' Leadership Development Programme](#).

Existing, new or aspiring chairs of governors who would like to develop their skills further by taking the programme are eligible for scholarships of £320 for small providers with fewer than 100 pupils, and £200 for other providers.

4.

Information: schools copyright licences

The Department for Education purchases the 10 [copyright licences for schools](#) needed for their day-to-day operations. All schools are encouraged to make full use of their licences.

The [Mechanical-Copyright Protection Society \(MCPS\) Limited Manufacture licence](#), for instance, allows schools to raise funds by recording student performances for sale to students, family and friends.

Further information can be found at [The Copyright Hub](#) and [Copyright and Schools](#) websites.

5.

Information: maths hubs selection process

The Department for Education has launched a [process](#) to select new lead schools/academies/colleges for 2 [maths hubs](#) in England: one in London and one in the north west.

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