

# SCHOOLS NorthEast Weekly News Round-up – 27 January 2010

## Regional news

### Darlington

- [School flies flag for technology](#) (Northern Echo)
- [Pupils go bananas to understand plight of poor](#) (Northern Echo)

### Durham

- [Government backs academy plans](#) (Northern Echo)
- [Government backing for controversial academies](#) (Journal)
- [Minister backing plans for academies](#) (Sunderland Echo)

### Gateshead

- [Pupils become environmental champions](#) (Evening Chronicle)

### Tyneside

- [Janitor stole school's cash for cannabis farm](#) (Evening Chronicle)
- [Pupils raise cash for Haiti fund](#) (Shields Gazette)
- [Pupils put soles into aid campaign](#) (Shields Gazette)
- [Caretaker spent school's cash on drug farm](#) (Shields Gazette)

### Northumberland

- [Ponteland High School delay bid for status](#) (Journal)
- [Minister says Alnwick's Duchess School must be rebuilt urgently](#) (Journal)
- [Alan Shearer presents new minibus to pupils](#) (Evening Chronicle)
- [New diplomas get an airing at open day](#) (Hexham Courant)
- [High school site selected for media centre](#) (Hexham Courant)
- [School chalks up traffic solution](#) (Morpeth Herald)

### Sunderland

- [Schools get sensory room so pupils and teachers can chill out](#) (Sunderland Echo)
- [Shotton Hall School is outstanding](#) (Sunderland Echo)
- [Male teacher denies using money to buy conman's affection](#) (Sunderland Echo)
- [Cleaton pupils dream up ideal play area](#) (Sunderland Echo)
- [School's delight at good report](#) (Sunderland Echo)

### Teesside

- ['No' to Preston Park school plans](#) (Evening Gazette)
- [Celebrity chef Paul Rankin brings Ready Steady Cook to Teesside school](#) (Evening Gazette)
- [Preston Park web campaign is gathering support](#) (Evening Gazette)
- [Work gets underway at new Middlesbrough school](#) (Evening Gazette)
- [Roman adventure for schoolchildren](#) (Northern Echo)
- [Public urged to have say on Stockton NHS academy plans](#) (Evening Gazette)

### Redcar and Cleveland

- [Youngsters to be shown the red card](#) (Northern Echo)

## Regionwide stories

- [Region's pupils are the worst for alcohol abuse](#) (Journal)

## National education news

26<sup>th</sup> January 2010

- [Facebook campaign against A-level exam paper](#) (BBC News)
- [Thousands of A-level students launch protest over 'unfair' exam](#) (Guardian)
- [Parents back threatened Sats boycott](#) (Guardian)
- [Thousands join Facebook protest over 'unfair' A-level Biology exam](#) (Daily Telegraph)
- [Board to 'take account' of Facebook exam protest](#) (Independent)
- [Drop in school pupil exclusions](#) (BBC News)

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- [Pupils 'should start secondary school in June'](#) (Daily Telegraph)
- [Survey raises concerns over quality of teaching](#) (BBC News)
- [A-level Facebook protest widens](#) (BBC News)
- [Swedish schools firm could expand into UK](#) (Daily Telegraph)
- [Exam board steps in over Facebook protest](#) (Independent)

28<sup>th</sup> January 2010

- [Poor white boys 'not catching up'](#) (BBC News)
- [Study shows 50% rise in likelihood of Britain's poorest teenagers going to university since mid-90s](#) (Guardian)
- [At five, a third of poor boys cannot write their names, report says](#) (Guardian)
- [Teaching about gay equality should be 'embedded' in schooling, says David Cameron](#) (Guardian)
- [Six-figure salaries fail to create more headteachers](#) (Guardian)
- [Girls beat the boys under 'nappy curriculum' early years results](#) (Times)
- [Women more likely to go to university](#) (Daily Telegraph)
- [Twin sisters refused education grant 'for being too bright'](#) (Daily Telegraph)
- [It is not elitist to nurture gifted pupils](#) (Daily Telegraph)
- [Parents 'frustrated' with their children](#) (Daily Telegraph)
- [Poor students closing gap](#) (Independent)
- [TV Dragon challenges teens to turn tenners into turnover](#) (Bdaily)

29<sup>th</sup> January 2010

- [Music 'can boost wider learning'](#) (BBC News)
- [Can Sweden teach our schools a lesson](#) (Independent)
- [Grade fears prompt A-level exam board checks be heads](#) (BBC News)
- [North London Hindu school will be 'the first of many'](#) (BBC News)
- [First Hindu state school eyes expansion](#) (Guardian)
- [New-style A-levels risk repeat of grading scandal](#) (TES)
- [Regulating home educators 'not a good use of money'](#) (TES)
- [Cameron's draft education speech is a bedtime story](#) (TES)
- ['Do I measure up?': how healthy eating lessons trigger disorders](#) (TES)
- [Primaries told to stop swatting up on science as sample tests are readied](#) (TES)
- [Support staff unions moot walkout over pay freeze](#) (TES)

- [Union's preferred Hobby doesn't include headship](#) (TES)
- [Heading for an exodus](#) (TES)
- [Forget the class warfare and the guilt](#) (TES)
- [Eton head dreams of a world without public schools](#) (TES)
- [Future Leaders potentials scared off](#) (TES)
- [Is circle a time-waster?](#) (TES)
- [Driving up standards out of class](#) (TES)
- [Shhh... class of curators unveil own secretive show](#) (TES)
- [Teachers snub the Fergie factor](#) (TES)
- [First state-funded Hindu secondary shows its hand](#) (TES)
- [Catholic Church shows faith in free schools](#) (TES)
- [GTC chief warns license to teach could be 'unduly burdensome'](#) (TES)
- [SEN support crackdown will deny schools right to appeal](#) (TES)
- [Sats boycott would leave governors 'frustrated'](#) (TES)
- ['Homo' jibe to SEN pupil earns reprimand but no ban](#) (TES)
- [Top DCSF adviser accuses schools of misusing SEN to boost rankings](#) (TES)
- [Ofsted: help TAs to raise standards](#) (TES)
- [Online abuse for exam](#) (TES)
- [Poor pupils go higher](#) (TES)
- [Early years curriculum failing poor white and Bangladeshi boys](#) (CYP Now)

30<sup>th</sup> January 2010

- [Top comprehensives are luring private pupils, Good School Guide says](#) (Times)
- [Charity plans to open first Hindu faith secondary school](#) (Times)
- [Primary schools should teach about Zoroastrianism and Jainism in RE](#) (Daily Telegraph)
- [Heads fear new A-level grading fiasco](#) (Daily Telegraph)
- [Prep schools struggle to fill classes](#) (Daily Telegraph)

31<sup>st</sup> January 2010

- [Designs on teaching](#) (Times)
- [Salaries of 'fat cat' principals on the rise](#) (Times)
- [Schools 'over-diagnosing' special needs to cheat league tables, says advisor](#) (Daily Telegraph)
- [Good Schools Guide recommends many state schools](#) (BBC News)

1<sup>st</sup> February 2010

- [Mothers with a mission to set up their own school in West Kirklees](#) (Times)
- [Dissatisfied parents and teachers push for free education outside state system](#) (Times)
- [First ever Montessori state school planned](#) (Independent)
- [Nick Clegg says Lib Dems would help poorest children](#) (BBC News)
- [Bright children 'being held back' at school](#) (Daily Telegraph)

2<sup>nd</sup> February 2010

- [Pupils turned off school find a new route to success](#) (Guardian)
- [Race equality programme is rolled out to schools across the country](#) (Guardian)
- [Labour neglecting poor pupils outside of London, say Lib Dems](#) (Guardian)