

SCHOOLS NorthEast Weekly News Round-up – 24 February 2010

Regional news

Darlington

- [School volleyball team reaches national quarter finals](#) (Northern Echo)
- [Anger over venue for Darlington teacher training](#) (Northern Echo)

Durham

- [Singer to play school gig in memory of his mother](#) (Northern Echo)
- [No reason given after school governor removed from group](#) (Northern Echo)

Gateshead

- [Pupils can count on new numeracy aid](#) (Journal)

Northumberland

- [Schools raise funds for victims](#) (Hexham Courant)
- [Pupils make a splash learning about salmon](#) (Hexham Courant)
- [Middle school goes green with gusto](#) (Hexham Courant)
- [Students take part in Big Brother style event](#) (News Post Leader)
- [KEVI is gunning for capital date](#) (Morpeth Herald)
- [School fundraising in style](#) (Morpeth Herald)

Redcar and Cleveland

- [School closure row gets heated](#) (Northern Echo)
- [Strength of feeling is clear as scores turn out to fight planned school closure](#) (Northern Echo)

Sunderland

- [Schools ban Bomb Bags after tot is injured](#) (Sunderland Echo)
- [Pupils rescued after minibus skid](#) (Sunderland Echo)
- [School turned into cinema](#) (Sunderland Echo)
- [Houghton pupils switch on school's first wind turbine](#) (Sunderland Echo)
- [BNP teacher faces misconduct charge](#) (Shields Gazette)
- [Learning lessons on eco power](#) (Shields Gazette)

Teesside

- [The big Teesside school debate hots up](#) (Evening Chronicle)
- [All Saints pupils need £20k to save Africa trip](#) (Evening Gazette)
- [New principal sets about finding name for merged Acklam school](#) (Evening Gazette)
- [Meeting held on controversial school plans](#) (Evening Gazette)
- [Damning Ofsted report slams centre for excluded pupils](#) (Evening Gazette)
- [Standing together to fight for St Peter's school](#) (Evening Gazette)
- [Overfields school caretaker set for Lionsraw African soccer adventure](#) (Evening Gazette)
- [Ofsted inspectors praise progress at Stokesley School](#) (Evening Gazette)
- [£160k could be spent to survey Stockton school sites](#) (Evening Gazette)

Tyneside

- [Tyneside school set for anti-bullying award](#) (Evening Chronicle)
- [Sporting pupils are on the ball](#) (Shields Gazette)
- [Teachers could boycott Sats tests](#) (Shields Gazette)
- [School's pledge to tackle truancy](#) (Shields Gazette)
- [School swap scheme is class act!](#) (Shields Gazette)
- [Teachers' fears over asbestos](#) (Shields Gazette)

Regionwide news

- [North East teachers boycott threat over Sats](#) (Journal)
- [Entry is open for this year's school awards](#) (Journal)

National education news

23rd February 2010

- [Commons backs sex education move](#) (BBC News)
- [Parents to choose leaders of failing schools](#) (Guardian)
- [Parents given power to sack Head Teachers](#) (Daily Telegraph)

24th February 2010

- [Teaching profession 'under-rated'](#) (BBC News)
- [Labour's teaching strategies were a burden, say inspectors](#) (Guardian)
- [Faith schools opt-out gets approval](#) (Guardian)
- [One in four young people in some areas have no qualifications](#) (Times)
- [HMI chief to reassess school inspections](#) (Times)
- [Half of primary pupils leave with poor literacy skills](#) (Times)
- [Boarding schools: Board at your leisure](#) (Daily Telegraph)
- [Ofsted: labour school reforms 'not working'](#) (Daily Telegraph)
- ['Children will suffer if school building plan is cut', says CAGE](#) (Independent)
- [Labour plan to give power over schools to parents](#) (Independent)
- [Ofsted criticises Three Rs 'initiative overload'](#) (BBC News)
- [Plan to put tobacco in curriculum](#) (BBC News)
- [Balls promises special need support](#) (Guardian)

25th February 2010

- [One in 10 five-year-olds are 'nursery Neets'](#) (BBC News)
- [Science and maths exams 'need shake-up'](#) (BBC News)
- [Underclass of pre-school children emerging, says report](#) (Guardian)
- [Science lessons need more explosions and pyrotechnics, report says](#) (Times)
- [Tories would scrap new duty for parents that educate at home](#) (Times)
- [Education: why are we bottom of the class](#) (Daily Telegraph)
- [Private schoolgirls targeted by teenage gang members](#) (Daily Telegraph)
- [Warning over rise of 'nursery NEETs'](#) (Daily Telegraph)
- [School science undermined by 'easy' exams](#) (Daily Telegraph)
- [Make maths and science exams tougher, says report](#) (Independent)
- [Record numbers not in education, work or training](#) (Guardian)
- [Heads reluctant to report weak teachers](#) (Guardian)

26th February 2010

- [Private schools condemn 'social engineering'](#) (Daily Telegraph)
- [Primary schoolteacher sacked after Sats scandal](#) (Daily Telegraph)
- [Teachers to face ballot of Sats scandal](#) (Daily Telegraph)
- [Poor teachers 'may be slipping through the net', says General Teaching Council Report](#) (Daily Telegraph)
- [School canteens 'should be turned into restaurants'](#) (Daily Telegraph)
- [Half of councils fail to report bad teachers](#) (Independent)
- [Government 'to miss Neet target'](#) (BBC News)
- [More than 100,000 children to miss out on first-choice secondary school](#) (Guardian)
- [Home-schooled children 'at doubled risk of abuse'](#) (Times)

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27th February 2010

- [Schools careers advice 'patchy and inconsistent'](#) (BBC News)
- [Sats boycott vote date announced by headteachers](#) (BBC News)
- ['I would be prepared to appeal if we don't get into first-choice school'](#) (Times)
- [One in six parents will be denied their secondary school choice](#) (Times)
- [Parents who cheat on school places will escape court](#) (Daily Telegraph)
- [1,000 pupils a day commit physical and verbal assaults](#) (Daily Telegraph)
- [100,000 'will miss out on first-choice school'](#) (Independent)

28th February 2010

- [School exclusions 'punish vulnerable children'](#) (BBC News)
- [Leading comprehensives 'block out poorer pupils'](#) (Guardian)
- [Ofqual ordered boards to downgrade GCSE results](#) (Guardian)
- [Cambridge applicant told he must get 3 A*s](#) (Times)
- [Vulnerable children 'condemned to fail by school exclusions'](#) (Independent)
- [BBC writes off £150m loss at online GCSE revision service](#) (Independent)
- [Lawyers report 500 per cent rise in school admission appeals](#) (Independent)

1st March 2010

- [Conservatives to announce academy expansion plans](#) (BBC News)
- [Pupils in England told their secondary school places](#) (BBC News)
- [Bonuses for teacher colleges that send top graduates to tough schools](#) (Guardian)
- [Simon Darby, BNP leader, interviewed by pupils in their classroom](#) (Times)
- [Exams regulator ordered secret downgrading of GCSE results](#) (Times)
- [Twins Paula and Peter Imafidon, 9, prepare for secondary school](#) (Times)
- [Fifth of pupils need help of private maths tutor](#) (Daily Telegraph)
- [Boys read as much as girls, but prefer the simpler books](#) (Independent)
- [Tories vow to overhaul schools watchdog](#) (Independent)
- [Talented twins win secondary school places aged 9](#) (Independent)
- [Lib Dems link school cash to poor](#) (BBC News)
- [Qualifications 'to be scrapped'](#) (BBC News)
- [Gove promises best schools and Ofsted-free future](#) (Guardian)
- [School admissions: half lose out in some areas](#) (Daily Telegraph)
- [Michael Gove: top schools to be spared Ofsted inspections](#) (Daily Telegraph)

2nd March 2010

- [Third of city pupils miss place](#) (BBC News)
- [Secondaries should 'take over' primaries, say Tories](#) (Times)
- [New curriculum 'should not come as a surprise to teachers'](#) (Times)
- [Schools struggle to place pupils who used to go private](#) (Times)