

SCHOOLS NorthEast Weekly News Round-up – 10 March 2010

Regional news

Darlington

- [Magical experience as Gandalf visits school](#) (Northern Echo)
- [Pupils to address Darlington council's planning committee](#) (Northern Echo)

Durham

- [Tempers boil over as Consett Academy plan approved](#) (Journal)
- [Students help to recharge Earth's batteries](#) (Northern Echo)
- [Pupils' efforts praised](#) (Northern Echo)
- [Thieves take steel intended for school](#) (Northern Echo)
- [Easter opera school for kids](#) (Northern Echo)

Gateshead

- [£80m to help transform Gateshead schools](#) (Evening Chronicle)
- [Child crime critic Maggie Atkinson wins local support](#) (Journal)
- [Balls criticises children's commissioner on Bulger view](#) (BBC News)

Hartlepool

- [Students meet child care professionals](#) (Hartlepool Mail)
- [Show time for pupils](#) (Hartlepool Mail)
- [Pupils find out more about new diplomas](#) (Hartlepool Mail)
- [Date with royalty for High Tunstall students](#) (Hartlepool Mail)
- [Ceremony to mark excellent results](#) (Hartlepool Mail)
- [15p school meals price rise approved](#) (Hartlepool Mail)
- [MP joins schools choice row](#) (Hartlepool Mail)

Northumberland

- [Matthew scoops Lego prize](#) (Hexham Courant)
- [Maths challenge raises money for Mencap](#) (Hexham Courant)
- [Top marks for middle school](#) (Hexham Courant)
- [Host of activities teach pupils about Fairtrade](#) (Hexham Courant)
- [Pupils are in harmony](#) (Hexham Courant)
- [School leads the green way](#) (Hexham Courant)
- [Pupils design and fill charity money boxes](#) (Hexham Courant)
- [Students promote fair deal](#) (Hexham Courant)
- [Belsay pupils find their voice](#) (Morpeth Herald)
- [Pupils get food for thought](#) (Morpeth Herald)
- [School mourns loss of popular teacher](#) (Morpeth Herald)
- [Back to school for visiting shadow minister](#) (Berwick Advertiser)

Sunderland

- [Kind-hearted pupils bag a lot of stock for charity](#) (Sunderland Echo)
- [Event's stark lessons for pupils](#) (Sunderland Echo)
- [Business stars of the future use their loaf](#) (Sunderland Echo)

Teesside

- [Suzannah Clarke's singing praises of new schools scheme](#) (Evening Gazette)
- [Unity City Academy's high hopes of Schools Awards success](#) (Evening Gazette)
- [All Saints pupils spend day in news business](#) (Evening Gazette)

Tyneside

- [Pupils hold teddy bear World Cup for charity](#) (Evening Chronicle)
- [Shields school wins national award](#) (Shields Gazette)
- [Kids raise cash with mad hair day](#) (Shields Gazette)

Regionwide news

- [Lord Bates accuses Labour of failing poor children](#) (Journal)
- [Youngsters get ready for school 'Olympics'](#) (Sunderland Echo)
- [Slumdog reveals learning treasures](#) (Guardian)

National education news

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- [No problem pupils in my backyard](#) (Guardian)
- [Kunskapsskolan: A Swedish blueprint for our schools](#) (Daily Telegraph)
- [Bolnore School Group: A village's primary priority](#) (Daily Telegraph)
- [Free our schools](#) (Daily Telegraph)

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Ofsted figures

- [More schools are failing Ofsted checks](#) (BBC News)
- [New inspection regime finds one in seven secondaries 'inadequate'](#) (Guardian)
- [Number of failing schools leaps 150 per cent under new regime](#) (Times)
- [Ofsted: more schools failing inspections](#) (Daily Telegraph)
- [One in seven secondary schools branded inadequate](#) (Independent)

School 'lotteries'

- [School lotteries 'destabilising', says Ed Balls](#) (BBC News)
- [Lotteries can be destabilising, admits Ed Balls](#) (Guardian)

Other political news

- [Labour edges ahead on education, BBC poll suggests](#) (BBC Newsnight)
- [Ed Balls tells teachers: don't back test boycott](#) (Daily Telegraph)

General news

- [They can't read, can't write, keep time or be tidy: Tesco director's verdict on school leavers](#) (Guardian)
- [Frustrated pupils bored by their factory schools](#) (Independent)
- [BBC News School Report 2010 is bigger than ever](#) (BBC News)
- [All the classroom's a stage, as RSC helps bring Shakespeare to life](#) (Guardian)

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McDonald's work experience qualification

- [McDonald's offer work experience-based GCSE](#) (BBC News)
- [McDonald's hands out BTEC qualification in move criticised as 'absurd'](#) (Times)
- ['GCSEs' in work experience at McDonald's](#) (Daily Telegraph)
- [McGCSE awarded to students on work experience](#) (Guardian)
- [Who wants a GCSE with fries on the side?](#) (Daily Telegraph)

School admissions

- [Most pupils get first choice but picture varies](#) (BBC News)
- [Whistleblower call over school place fraud](#) (BBC News)
- [No school place for those who lie about address](#) (Guardian)
- [One in six parents do not get the school they want](#) (Times)
- [Ed Balls orders crackdown on school admissions fraud](#) (Daily Telegraph)
- [School admissions: one-in-20 forced into 'unwanted' schools](#) (Daily Telegraph)
- [One in six fail with first choice secondary school](#) (Independent)

Anti-gang guidelines

- [Anti-gang guidance from Government offered to schools](#) (BBC News)
- [Teachers warned over school gangs](#) (Daily Telegraph)

General news

- ['Our pupils arrive with all sorts of chaos in their lives'](#) (Times)
- [Smaller classes 'harder than we thought' says Russell](#) (Times)
- [Parties split on how to teach failing schools a hard lesson](#) (Times)
- [Thousands of pupils 'going backwards' in English and maths](#) (Daily Telegraph)

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BNP teaching ban

- [BNP members will not be banned from teaching](#) (BBC News)
- [Ministers rule out ban on BNP teachers](#) (Guardian)
- [BNP leader welcomes ruling on teachers](#) (Independent)

General news

- [Parents who lie on school applications will escape prosecution](#) (Times)
- [The school that turned to Montessori to beat gangs](#) (Independent)
- [Parents urged to act as whistleblowers to stop school places fraud](#) (Independent)
- [Tories pledge to increase number of faith schools](#) (Times)

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- [Teach First aims for the top of the class](#) (Guardian)
- [Career by numbers: Early years teacher](#) (Guardian)

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- [Teenage mothers 'forced out' of education – report](#) (BBC News)
- [Schools 'push teen mothers to be dropouts'](#) (Guardian)
- [Head Teacher speaks out to expose flawed school inspection](#) (Daily Telegraph)
- [Private schools attack Government interference](#) (Daily Telegraph)

15 March 2010

- [US-style summer camps for poorer children](#) (Independent)
- [Balls supports 'pupil premiums'](#) (BBC News)
- [Schools 'break law' to spy on pupils](#) (Guardian)
- [Deprived students to get more funds, Government says](#) (Guardian)
- [Schoolchildren 'routinely monitored' by CCTV](#) (Daily Telegraph)

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- [A snapshot of history](#) (Guardian)