

# SCHOOLS NorthEast Weekly News Round-up – 17 March 2010

## Regional news

### Darlington

- [Green fair at Darlington school](#) (Northern Echo)
- [‘Schools could lose £57m investment’ – Darlington councillors](#) (Northern Echo)
- [Views proposed on school speed restriction zone](#) (Northern Echo)
- [Darlington primary school applications up 15 per cent](#) (Northern Echo)

### Durham

- [Gifted youngsters try winter sports](#) (Northern Echo)
- [Young athletes under starters orders](#) (Durham County Council)
- [School consultation event](#) (Durham County Council)
- [Spennymoor 100 Days of Learning](#) (Durham County Council)
- [County Durham pupils to benefit from cycle safety grant](#) (Durham County Council)

### Gateshead

- [Pupils get to dance at The Sage Gateshead](#) (Evening Chronicle)
- [‘Relay’ great start to games](#) (Shields Gazette)
- [Maggie Atkinson apologises over James Bulger comments](#) (Journal)
- [Greenside Primary School rated outstanding](#) (Evening Chronicle)
- [From special measures to outstanding in three years](#) (Gateshead Council)

### Hartlepool

- [St Hild’s wartime project](#) (Hartlepool Mail)
- [Pupils perform traditional play](#) (Hartlepool Mail)
- [Early success in GCSE exams](#) (Hartlepool Mail)
- [MP helps pupils debate right to play](#) (Hartlepool Mail)
- [Pupils stride out for Sport Relief](#) (Hartlepool Mail)

### Newcastle

- [Youngsters get to sing at mass choral event](#) (Evening Chronicle)
- [Young people to spend the day as Prime Minister of Jamaica](#) (Newcastle City Council)
- [Children learn about physics with jelly babies](#) (Evening Chronicle)

### Northumberland

- [Green school holding training events to encourage others](#) (Journal)
- [Wark pupils dig in](#) (Hexham Courant)
- [Pupils enjoy Chinese cookery master class](#) (Hexham Courant)
- [Allendale pupils go to the polls](#) (Hexham Courant)
- [History comes to life at school](#) (Hexham Courant)
- [School builds on its skills](#) (Hexham Courant)
- [Academy pupils’ donations helping school in Africa](#) (News Post Leader)
- [Snakes alive! Students swap reading for reptiles](#) (Morpeth Herald)
- [Concerns over parking at planned Scremerston school development](#) (Berwick Advertiser)
- [Youngsters take part in magical event at Keilder](#) (Journal)

- [Duchess High School pupils travel to China](#) (Journal)
- [Don't put a phone mast so close to our school](#) (Journal)
- [Signs look good for pupils' helping hands](#) (Morpeth Herald)
- [Berwick High School pupils switched on to IT success](#) (Berwick Advertiser)
- [Author's visit turns spotlight on global warming](#) (Berwick Advertiser)

#### Sunderland

- [Pupils bewitched by horror story re-enactment](#) (Sunderland Echo)
- [Chemistry pupils compete to solve food poisoning mystery](#) (Sunderland Echo)
- [Glass vision helps pupils](#) (Sunderland Echo)
- [Owner's plea to demolish school](#) (Sunderland Echo)
- [John F Kennedy School pupils get fruity on a big scale](#) (Sunderland Echo)
- [Have your say over Easington Colliery revamp](#) (Sunderland Echo)
- [Officer flies in for former school celebrations](#) (Evening Chronicle)

#### Teesside

- [Teesside's shocking childhood obesity figures](#) (Evening Gazette)
- [Standards fall short but schools' chiefs happy with progress](#) (Evening Gazette)
- [Teesside pupils not meeting standards, report finds](#) (Evening Gazette)
- [Adjudicator rules three Greater Eston schools should close](#) (Evening Gazette)
- [David Bellamy helps ideas take root for kids](#) (Evening Gazette)
- [Stockton teacher was a heroin addict](#) (Evening Gazette)
- [Guisborough pupils take on marathon challenge](#) (Evening Gazette)
- [Youngsters help to save the elm](#) (Northern Echo)
- [Pupils make their mark on new building](#) (Evening Gazette)

#### North Tyneside

- [North Tyneside 'Learning Trust' plans unveiled](#) (Journal)
- [Sleep your way to exam success](#) (Sunday Times)

#### South Tyneside

- [Westoe school transformed by painter Jacky Payton](#) (Journal)
- [Ex-miner paints Westoe school corridor in memorial of pit](#) (Evening Chronicle)
- [Pupils create pit mural tribute](#) (Shields Gazette)
- [Youngsters good sports for charity](#) (Shields Gazette)

#### Regionwide

- [Becta reveals homework confuses parents](#) (Journal)

#### National education news

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##### Independent school parents

- ['Stop parents' guilt' over private school](#) (BBC News)
- [Don't feel guilty if you pay school fees, says head](#) (Guardian)
- [Independent schools attack 'elitist, posh' tag](#) (Times)
- [Private school parents 'made to feel guilty'](#) (Daily Telegraph)

- [Parents 'should not feel guilt over private education'](#) (Independent)

#### Other news

- [Junior Detective Course: The classroom detective](#) (Daily Telegraph)

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#### Mephedrone in schools

- [Schools urge action on legal drug mephedrone](#) (BBC News)
- [Schools call for ban on mephedrone after friends die within hours of taking legal drug](#) (Daily Mail)

#### A-level analyses

- [More than half of A-level exams sat at private schools are graded A](#) (Times)
- [Straight As at A-level 'doubled'](#) (BBC News)

#### Boris Johnson Latin plea

- [Boris Johnson lobbies Tories to add Latin to state school curriculum](#) (Guardian)
- [More state schools 'should teach Latin'](#) (Daily Telegraph)

#### Poisoned soup in independent school

- ['Poison soup plot' at private school](#) (Guardian)
- [Man arrested after soup at Stowe School is 'poisoned'](#) (Guardian)

#### Other news

- [Report praises role of campus cops](#) (Times)
- [Loxford pupils to work 'virtually' over Easter when school relocates](#) (Times)
- [£6m for after-school Olympic sport clubs](#) (Independent)
- [Private school parents 'made to feel guilty by liberal hypocrites'](#) (Daily Mail)
- [Asthma death pupil 'neglected' by Stockport school](#) (BBC News)
- [Qualifications quango loses its head](#) (Guardian)

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- [Pupils scoring three As at A-level double under labour](#) (Daily Telegraph)
- [Boy left dying in school corridor by teacher](#) (Daily Telegraph)
- [Man held on suspicion of poisoning soup at public school](#) (Independent)
- [Heads should be able to fire BNP teachers, says David Cameron](#) (Guardian)
- [Asthma death pupil neglected by his school, inquest finds](#) (Guardian)
- [Primary schools admissions 'crisis' as birth rates soar](#) (Daily Telegraph)

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#### Exam result concerns

- ['More teachers' concerned by quality of A-level marking](#) (BBC News)
- [State schools accused of turning pupils into 'well-drilled automatons'](#) (Guardian)
- [Schools 'being turned into exam factories'](#) (Daily Telegraph)

#### Other news

- [Court backs £400,000 payout for Head Teacher who was forced to quit](#) (Times)
- [Imperial War Museum chief warns: 'tide of children with worksheets spoiling visits'](#) (Daily Telegraph)
- [Rural schools 'struggling to find Head Teachers'](#) (Daily Telegraph)
- [Teachers 'allowed to seize mephedrone'](#) (BBC News)
- [Village primary schools may close in spending cuts, expert warns](#) (Guardian)
- [Head Teachers 'earning more than £150,000'](#) (Daily Telegraph)

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- [Pupils to be sent to China on work placements](#) (Independent)

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- [Niall Ferguson: 'Rid our schools of junk history'](#) (Guardian)
- [Glut of A\\* supergrades for pupils at private schools](#) (Sunday Times)
- [Sleep your way to exam success](#) (Sunday Times)

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- [Oxford state pupils approach highest levels since 1980s](#) (BBC News)
- [Fewer state school pupils went to Oxford in 2009](#) (Guardian)
- [Middle-class parents 'failing to impose good behaviour'](#) (Daily Telegraph)
- [Fewer state school students at Oxford](#) (Daily Telegraph)

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#### **Pupil careers advice**

- [Pupils given poor careers advice](#) (Guardian)
- [Children 'misled' by poor careers advice](#) (Daily Telegraph)

#### **Parent problems**

- [Bad behaviour in the classroom is being fuelled by parents, says union leader](#) (Guardian)
- [Parents struggle to help with homework](#) (Guardian)
- [Parents buying off children with gadgets causes bad behaviour, says teachers' leader](#) (Times)

#### **Other news**

- [Foetal alcohol syndrome has been ignored for too long](#) (Guardian)
- [Spare us the Carol Vorderman maths curriculum, says Estelle Morris](#) (Guardian)
- [Which party will put education first?](#) (Guardian)
- [Fewer state school pupils gain Oxford places, even though more apply](#) (Times)
- [Head Teachers head to South Africa for junket](#) (Daily Telegraph)