

SCHOOLS NorthEast Weekly News Round-up – 24 March 2010

Regional news

Darlington

- [League asks for children to design new logo](#) (Northern Echo)
- ['Barbaric council's school places policy is all wrong' - councillor](#) (Northern Echo)
- [School science projects celebrate achievements](#) (Northern Echo)

Durham

- [Tidy Ted helps tackle litter](#) (Durham County Council)

Gateshead

- [Rebuild for Heworth Grange Comprehensive School](#) (Evening Chronicle)

Hartlepool

- [Top marks for primary school](#) (Hartlepool Borough Council)

Newcastle

- [Newcastle teenagers complete Coast to Coast challenge](#) (Evening Chronicle)

Northumberland

- [School tuning up for ceilidh](#) (Morpeth Herald)
- [School workshop is write-on](#) (Morpeth Herald)
- [Ponteland school is top of the class](#) (Morpeth Herald)
- [Teachers swap notes with African friends](#) (Morpeth Herald)
- [Readers bring books to life](#) (Morpeth Herald)
- [Talented pupils dish up a feast](#) (Hexham Courant)
- [Opposition grows to media centre](#) (Hexham Courant)
- [Berwick schools support Sport Relief](#) (Berwick Advertiser)
- [Youths cause disorder at school's building site](#) (News Post Leader)
- [Sweet sound of success for Saints](#) (Morpeth Herald)
- [Children get in their stride](#) (Morpeth Herald)

Sunderland

- [Temp staff cost schools £2.7m](#) (Sunderland Echo)
- [Badge design packs a punch](#) (Sunderland Echo)
- [Academy 360 'model' school for learning](#) (Sunderland Echo)
- [Electoral college – sixth-formers see candidates' debate](#) (Sunderland Echo)
- [Learning the drill](#) (Sunderland Echo)
- [Pupils go back to the blitz](#) (Sunderland Echo)
- [Doctor Who in Sunderland](#) (Sunderland Echo)

Teesside

- [Spotlight on Teesside schools](#) (Evening Gazette)
- [Ofsted report slams 'failing' Thornaby secondary school](#) (Evening Gazette)
- [Conyers School pupils pull in the cash for Sport Relief](#) (Evening Gazette)

- [Yarm School celebrate A* results](#) (Evening Gazette)
- [Pupils in protest over Stockton school merger plan](#) (Evening Gazette)
- [All our own work](#) (Evening Gazette)
- [New identity for Norton Academy](#) (Evening Gazette)
- [Beverley School Head Teacher up for award](#) (Evening Gazette)

North Tyneside

- [Crooner Jason Isaacs visits his old school](#) (Evening Chronicle)
- [Whitley Bay High School rated one of the best by inspectors](#) (Evening Chronicle)
- [Swinging into action](#) (North Tyneside Council)
- [Leading the way in Diploma delivery](#) (North Tyneside Council)
- [Whitley Bay High is 'outstanding' across the board](#) (North Tyneside Council)
- [Royal visit for Beacon Hill Special School](#) (North Tyneside Council)

South Tyneside

- [Pupils have the write stuff](#) (Shields Gazette)
- [Pupils on route to good health](#) (Shields Gazette)
- [Two becomes one as schools team up as the first South Tyneside trust school](#) (Shields Gazette)
- [School goes medieval for the day](#) (Shields Gazette)
- [Pupils' park visit is trip back in time](#) (Shields Gazette)
- [700 kids regularly play truant from South Tyneside schools](#) (Shields Gazette)
- [School team gets a £400 kit boost](#) (Shields Gazette)

National education news

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Tory A-level reforms

- [Tories call for A-level reforms to 'restore confidence'](#) (BBC News)
- [A-levels face radical shake-up under Tory Government](#) (Guardian)
- [Tories signal return of traditional A-levels](#) (Daily Telegraph)

Sats boycott

- [Teachers plan to boycott school tests](#) (Guardian)
- [Government faces Sats battle with teachers](#) (Independent)

Other news

- [Rise in parents rejecting local schools](#) (Times)
- [Teachers attack Tory 'free school' plans](#) (Daily Telegraph)

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Tory A-level reforms

- [Conservatives want to return to traditional A-level](#) (Guardian)
- [Conservatives plan 50s-style overhaul of A-level exams](#) (Independent)
- [Tories want traditional A-level to 'restore confidence'](#) (BBC News)

Asthma death suspensions

- [School staff suspended over pupil's asthma death](#) (Independent)
- [Five school staff suspended over Stockport asthma death](#) (BBC News)
- [Teachers suspended after pupil Sam Linton dies from asthma attack](#) (Times)
- [School suspends five over asthma death of boy](#) (Guardian)

Exam result appeals

- [Increase in appeals against GCSE and A-level marks](#) (Guardian)
- [Increase in appeals against A-level results](#) (Daily Telegraph)

Other news

- [Teachers threaten to unleash wave of strikes days after the General Election](#) (Daily Mail)
- [Teachers will refuse to hand out Sats papers](#) (Independent)
- [Teachers leave boy, 5, stranded in tree because of health and safety \(then report passer by who helped him down to police\)](#) (Daily Mail)

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Exam result appeals

- [160,000 GCSE and A-level papers re-marked as grades queried](#) (Times)

Truancy levels

- [Truancy in England reaches record high](#) (BBC News)
- [Truancy rate at record high](#) (Guardian)
- [Truancy hits record high under Labour](#) (Daily Telegraph)
- [Truancy hits record levels](#) (Independent)

Mock shooting stunt

- [Evesham school head sorry for playground 'murder' stunt](#) (BBC News)
- [School condemned after pupils left in tears by mock shooting](#) (Daily Telegraph)

Other news

- [Balls must cut £1.1bn but protect pledges](#) (Independent)
- [Islamic school 'favours Sunnis'](#) (BBC News)
- [Boys falling behind girls at the age of five](#) (Daily Telegraph)

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Practical science lessons

- ['Too few' practical experiments in science lessons](#) (BBC News)
- [Teachers timed out on science experiments](#) (Guardian)
- [Traditional science experiments 'disappearing' from schools](#) (Daily Telegraph)
- [Do try this at home? Science experiments as homework](#) (Independent)

Teacher gifts

- [Booze, bags, bangles... Teachers report rise in gifted students](#) (Guardian)
- [Present-giving to teachers 'getting out of hand', union survey finds](#) (Times)
- [Presents for teachers 'becoming too commercial'](#) (Daily Telegraph)

- [How an apple for teacher became Test tickets](#) (Independent)

Truancy levels

- [Family holidays push school truancy to record level](#) (Times)
- [Truancy on rise as school cracks down](#) (Independent)

Other news

- [Pupils 'left traumatised' by fake school shooting](#) (Times)
- [Schoolchildren 'failing to read books'](#) (Daily Telegraph)
- [GCSE and A-level results being 'inflated'](#) (Daily Telegraph)

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- [Top public schools 'fail' new inspections](#) (Daily Telegraph)

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- [Teachers warn of attacks by parents on networking sites](#) (Guardian)
- ['Political pressure leading to exam grade inflation'](#) (Sunday Times)
- [Please Sir, forget the apple, have a villa](#) (Sunday Times)
- [Hundreds of heads and church leaders oppose sex lessons for seven-year-olds](#) (Daily Telegraph)

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Violence in schools

- [Teachers reveal toll of violence against them in schools](#) (Guardian)
- [Primary pupils more likely to be aggressive, teachers report](#) (Times)
- [Teachers need more protection from violent pupils](#) (Daily Telegraph)
- [Quarter of teachers 'facing violence at school'](#) (Daily Telegraph)
- [Violence 'is getting worse' in primary schools](#) (BBC News)
- [Primary teachers 'most at risk of assault'](#) (Independent)

Jamie Oliver's school dinners

- [Jamie Oliver's school dinners shown to have improved academic results](#) (Guardian)
- [Jamie Oliver's school dinners 'are more effective than literacy hour'](#) (Times)
- [Jamie Oliver's better dinners improve pupils' results](#) (Independent)
- [Oliver campaign 'raised results'](#) (BBC News)

Other news

- [Quality of school books hit by changes](#) (Independent)
- [Balls rejects parent school plan](#) (BBC News)
- [Warning over pupil fingerprinting](#) (BBC News)
- [Minister's go-ahead for curriculum angers teachers](#) (Times)

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Pupil fingerprinting

- [Pupils are fingerprinted without parental consent, ATL conference hears](#) (Times)
- [Fingerprint system 'stigmatises pupils'](#) (Independent)

Other news

- [A Head for heights](#) (Guardian)
- [School pupils 'being used as political footballs', says ATL](#) (Daily Telegraph)
- [Jamie Oliver's healthy school meals 'improve results among middle-class pupils](#) (Daily Telegraph)
- [More than 150 pupils 'hurt in school attacks every week'](#) (Daily Telegraph)
- [Balls rejects parents' plan to set up school](#) (Independent)