

SCHOOLS NorthEast Weekly News Round-up – Weeks 37 & 38

Regional news

Durham

- [Tributes paid to fatal car crash teacher Anthony McElrue](#) (Journal)
- [Durham to get £2m skills academy](#) (Sunderland Echo)
- [Children could lose free meals in spending cuts](#) (Sunderland Echo)

Hartlepool

- [School pals rock judges](#) (Hartlepool Mail)
- [Attendance in schools on the up](#) (Hartlepool Mail)
- [Successful 'old girls' inspire pupils](#) (Hartlepool Mail)
- [Fundraisers are a glass act](#) (Hartlepool Mail)

Newcastle

- [Eco-awareness a focus for Westfield School for Girls](#) (Journal)
- [Green light for new Dame Allan's junior school](#) (Journal)

Northumberland

- [Two men charged as break-in leaves village school damaged](#) (Journal)
- [Police axe plans for school playground](#) (Journal)
- [Arrests after school break-in](#) (Hexham Courant)
- [Residents' anger at school traffic chaos](#) (Hexham Courant)
- [Young people receive step up](#) (Hexham Courant)
- [Prudhoe student wins annual marketing prize](#) (Hexham Courant)
- [Children board train back to Roman Britain](#) (Hexham Courant)
- [Inspectors and parents praise new Academy](#) (News Post Leader)
- [Ponteland student goes the extra mile](#) (Morpeth Herald)
- [Berwick High School sixth formers are welding wonders](#) (Berwick Advertiser)
- [School to shut](#) (Northumberland Gazette)

Sunderland

- [Kids make their presence felt](#) (Sunderland Echo)
- [Pupils help tackle racism through football](#) (Sunderland Echo)
- [Bit of extra school work for pupils](#) (Sunderland Echo)

Teesside

- [Council defends Eston Park school proposal](#) (Evening Gazette)
- [Archibald Primary kids launch school crossing](#) (Evening Gazette)
- [Teesside schools given chance to become Academies](#) (Evening Gazette)

North Tyneside

- [Paul Kelley: Give kids the space to learn](#) (Guardian)

South Tyneside

- [World Cup fever hits school early](#) (Shields Gazette)

- [School asked to share its expertise](#) (Sunderland Echo)
- [Creepy crawlies invade school](#) (Shields Gazette)

Regionwide News

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National education news

27 May 2010

- [QCDA exam quango to be scrapped](#) (BBC News)
- [Mansfield dumbbell attack teacher sacked from job](#) (BBC News)
- [Game on, as parents beat ban on 'competitive' school sports](#) (Times)
- [Head Teachers lukewarm after schools are invited to become Academies](#) (Times)
- [Education quango scrapped in Whitehall cull](#) (Telegraph)
- [Gove invites every state school to bid for Academy status](#) (Independent)

28 May 2010

- [Thanet schools angry over 'dumped' foster children](#) (BBC News)
- [Is Mumzilla competing at the school gates?](#) (BBC News)
- [Stowe school porter accused of poisoning soup](#) (BBC News)
- [7% of A-levels could be given new top A* grade](#) (BBC News)
- [Top schools will no longer face Ofsted inspections](#) (BBC News)
- [School that became Academy loses its 'outstanding' status](#) (Guardian)
- [NSPCC ad aims to ease exam stress](#) (Guardian)
- [Blow to Government as Academy is 'failed'](#) (Telegraph)
- [Beware to school-gate mothers](#) (Telegraph)

29 May 2010

- [What does Academy freedom mean?](#) (BBC News)
- [Free schools policy 'may hit building work](#) (BBC News)

30 May 2010

- [Parents turn to counselling over exam tensions](#) (Observer)
- [Are the school reforms really going to improve education?](#) (Observer)
- [Rightwing historian Niall Ferguson given school curriculum role](#) (Observer)
- [Academies will give children more equality](#) (Observer)
- [Universities reject A-level grades obtained in resits](#) (Sunday Times)
- [Exam regulator to 'fix' A-level results](#) (Sunday Telegraph)

31 May 2010

- [Government does not object to business involvement in Academies, Michael Gove says](#) (Guardian)
- [A-level student asked for exam to be rescheduled because of World Cup clash](#) (Telegraph)

1 June 2010

- [Will school Head Teachers accept the offer to become Academies?](#) (Guardian)
- [New film by young carers hopes to educate teachers](#) (Guardian)

- [Michael Gove: Firms free to make profits from Academies](#) (Telegraph)
- [Michael Gove does not mind Academies making profits – but the courts might](#) (Guardian)

2 June 2010

- [Teachers' disciplinary body axed](#) (BBC News)
- [Schools policy 'more to do with media than evidence'](#) (BBC News)
- ['More than 1,000 new Academies'](#) (BBC News)
- [Gove to abolish General Teaching Council for England](#) (Guardian)
- [General Teaching Council to be scrapped](#) (Telegraph)
- [Michael Gove: 'overwhelming' response to Academy plan](#) (Telegraph)

3 June 2010

- ['Deeply sceptical' Michael Gove calls time on teaching watchdog](#) (Guardian)
- [Gove scraps watchdog that was meant to discipline teachers](#) (Independent)
- [Failing schools 'given a year to improve'](#) (Telegraph)

4 June 2010

- [Obama and Izzard feature in new GCSE English exam](#) (BBC News)
- [Teacher who sellotaped pupil's mouth shut escapes suspension](#) (Telegraph)
- [The Apprentice and Dragon's Den covered in GCSE English](#) (Telegraph)

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5 June 2010

- [RE inadequate in one in five schools, Ofsted says](#) (BBC News)
- [Former BECTA workers invited to join LinkedIn group](#) (Guardian)
- [Cameron and Gove 'failing to back Head Teachers over poor staff'](#) (Times)
- [A* grade will increase number of private school students at university](#) (Independent)

6 June 2010

- [Academies Bill is anti-democratic, lawyers warn](#) (Observer)
- [Schools asked to ditch logos from PE kits](#) (Observer)
- [Michael Gove throws private schools charity lifeline](#) (Sunday Times)
- [Private schools to dominate elite A-level grade'](#) (Sunday Telegraph)
- [Schools failing to teach children the core beliefs of Christianity, says Ofsted](#) (Sunday Telegraph)
- [School RE classes are failing to teach children about Christianity](#) (Independent)

7 June 2010

- [Hay fever 'affects exam results'](#) (BBC News)
- [State schools to offer international GCSE exam](#) (BBC News)
- [Spending cuts threaten plans to build new schools](#) (BBC News)
- [Primary curriculum and academic diplomas to be axed](#) (Guardian)
- [The pupil premium is costly; abolishing selection is free](#) (Guardian)
- [Coalition axes Labour's 'academic' diplomas](#) (Telegraph)

8 June 2010

- [Teaching for toddlers shows no improvement over informal learning by age 5](#) (Times)
- [IGCSE examinations will be offered to state school pupils, says Government](#) (Times)
- [Government drops diploma plans – but opts for IGCSEs](#) (Independent)