

# SCHOOLS NorthEast Weekly News Round-up – Week 42

## North East education news

### Darlington

- [Fundraising is the height of fashion](#) (Northern Echo)
- [Independent school to close after 65 years](#) (Northern Echo)

### Durham

- [Durham Johnston School officially opened](#) (Journal)
- [Musical summer school](#) (Northern Echo)
- [Charity runners remember teacher](#) (Northern Echo)

### Hartlepool

- [£104m school revamp in doubt](#) (Hartlepool Mail)
- [Astronaut lands at school](#) (Hartlepool Mail)
- [Fleet of mini tall ships set for summer sail](#) (TES)

### Middlesbrough

- [LLR charity gains supporters at primary school](#) (Evening Gazette)
- [Paralympic star's sporting lesson for kids](#) (Evening Gazette)
- [Middlesbrough primary schools step out for charity](#) (Evening Gazette)
- [Staff and students recall memories of Ormesby School](#) (Evening Gazette)

### Newcastle

- [Royal Grammar School head issues warning over reforms](#) (Journal)
- [School teacher swims into the record books](#) (Evening Chronicle)
- [Hollywood director Mike Figgis visits Kenton School](#) (Evening Chronicle)
- [Pupils back World Cup 2018 bid with mini World Cup](#) (Evening Chronicle)

### North Tyneside

- [Sculpture hopes to inspire sporting pupils](#) (Evening Chronicle)
- [A 'likely' story](#) (Letter in this week's TES from a correspondent in North Shields)

### Northumberland

- [Neighbours row over Lindisfarne Middle School fence plans](#) (Journal)
- [Northumberland schoolchildren take stockbroker challenge](#) (Journal)
- [Alan helps pupils scale new heights](#) (Hexham Courant)
- [Writers prove to be a class act at school](#) (Hexham Courant)
- [School poets published](#) (Hexham Courant)
- [How about films for us ask pupils](#) (Hexham Courant)
- [Youngsters get chance to become BBC reporters](#) (Hexham Courant)
- [Prior Park First School celebrates 40<sup>th</sup> birthday in style](#) (Berwick Advertiser)
- [Berwick High School seeks further details on Academy status](#) (Berwick Advertiser)
- [Berwick High School pupils well prepared should disaster strike](#) (Berwick Advertiser)
- [Paint for prize-winners](#) (Northumberland Gazette)

## Stockton

- [Stockton caretaker still working hard at 80](#) (Evening Gazette)
- [Pupils to say goodbye to Blakeston School](#) (Evening Gazette)
- [Teenager pulled out of Conyers School after attack](#) (Evening Gazette)
- [Thornaby pupils share ideas for new housing](#) (Evening Gazette)

## Sunderland

- [Children get lessons in lifesaving](#) (Sunderland Echo)
- [Pupils have all the fun of the fair at Stadium of Light](#) (Journal)
- [Sporty kids go for gold in Olympics-themed challenge](#) (Sunderland Echo)

## South Tyneside

- [Pupils dig deep for garden party](#) (Shields Gazette)

## Regionwide News

- [Schools express interest in Academy status](#) (Evening Gazette)
- [Teachers angered over Academy 'bids' row](#) (Evening Chronicle)
- [Hopes shattered as school projects cancelled](#) (Journal)

## National education news

29 June 2010

- [Survey shows parents buy alcohol for their teenagers](#) (BBC News)
- [Ed Balls fights on free school meals](#) (BBC News)
- [Young students flock to the OU](#) (Guardian)
- [Richard Dawkins's backward logic over atheist schooling](#) (Guardian)

30 June 2010

- [Prep school calls for grant plan](#) (BBC News)
- [Jamie Oliver hits back at Health Secretary over school meals 'insult'](#) (Guardian)
- ['I don't think I should have done IGCSEs'](#) (Guardian Mortarboard Blog)
- [Parents 'should get grants for private schools'](#) (Telegraph)
- [Is it time for Hitler and Henry to make way for Cromwell?](#) (Independent)
- [Lord Mayor of Leicester apologises for trouser drop](#) (BBC News)
- [On your marks, it's School Report Sports Day](#) (BBC News)

1 July 2010

### UCAS points

- [UCAS to review university admission points system](#) (Guardian)
- [University entrance system to be reviewed, says UCAS](#) (Telegraph)

### Other news

- [Pupils must learn about Miss Havisham, says Minister](#) (Guardian)
- [Parents haven't time to run Free Schools](#) (Guardian)
- [The school dinner wars](#) (Guardian)
- [Muslim pupils 'withdrawn from music lessons'](#) (Telegraph)

- [Children's grasp of history 'depressing', says Minister](#) (Telegraph)
- [When failure is not an option](#) (Telegraph)

2 July 2010

Academies qualifications

- [Academies' success questioned over vocational subjects](#) (BBC News)
- [Academies 'avoiding tough qualifications'](#) (Telegraph)
- [Doubt cast on Academy schools' GCSE results claim](#) (BBC News)

Other news

- [Abolishing the watchdog for teachers could put children at risk](#) (Guardian)
- [Don't burn Jamie Oliver school dinners](#) (Guardian)
- [Schools Minister: children are deprived of knowledge](#) (Independent)
- [Head of exams watchdog Ofqual resigns](#) (BBC News)

3 July 2010

- [Schools 'break law' on teaching assistants, NUT claims](#) (BBC News)
- [Technology in schools: Is the clock being turned back?](#) (BBC News)
- [Building Schools for the Future plans to be scrapped](#) (Telegraph)
- [Aggressive teachers 'harm pupils' education'](#) (Telegraph)
- [England's exams chief resigns over Gove's plans](#) (Independent)

4 July 2010

BSF announcement

- [Michael Gove freezes rebuilding of schools in £3.5bn savings](#) (Guardian)

A-level reform

- [Education Secretary Michael Gove plans A-level reform](#) (BBC News)
- [AS-levels to be scrapped as part of Government's 'deep thought' revival](#) (Guardian)

Other news

- [Incompetent teachers 'being recycled' by Head Teachers](#) (BBC News)
- [Unions dismiss new claims about struggling teachers](#) (Guardian)
- [Head Teachers warn of exam result problems](#) (Telegraph)
- [Poor state schools should stop hiding behind excuses, says private school Headmaster](#) (Telegraph)
- [Incompetent teachers avoid sack](#) (Telegraph)

5 July 2010

BSF announcement

- [School building plan facing cuts](#) (BBC News)
- [School buildings projects scrapped to save £5bn](#) (Telegraph)
- [Gove drops £5bn axe on plans to rebuild 700 schools](#) (Daily Mail)
- [School buildings scheme scrapped](#) (BBC News)
- [Follow the money on school building projects](#) (BBC News)

- [School building programme scrapped in latest round of cuts](#) (Guardian)

'Incompetent' teachers

- [Schools must 'gird loins' to get rid of bad teachers](#) (Independent)
- [Pass the rotten parcel](#) (Independent)
- [Mick Brookes: Incompetent staff work the system. Sacking them is hard](#) (Independent)

Other news

- [Gove kills off the AS-level exam](#) (Independent)
- [Too young to cycle to school?](#) (Guardian)

6 July 2010

- [Where is your Head Teacher today?](#) (Guardian)
- [New Schools Network lacks transparency](#) (Guardian)
- ['Star' teachers often shine without dazzling the judges](#) (Guardian)
- [Gove cuts to end training for teaching assistants](#) (Independent)