

Programa de Intercambio de Asistentes de Idioma

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Education in the UK by Helen Cassidy, English Language Assistant 2009

Primary age 4-11	Secondary age 11-16	Further age 16-18	Higher age 18+
	GCSEs	AS and A Levels	Degrees Undergraduate Bachelor's Postgraduate (Masters, PhD)
State schools	State/ Comprehensive school	Sixth form	University
"Prep" (preparatory) school	Grammar School (11+) City Academies	Modern apprenticeships	
	Private school Public school		

Key: **Qualifications**

Free education

Fee paying education

Recent educational developments and reforms

City academies: a controversial development in secondary education launched by Tony Blair's government in 2000. They are completely new independent secondary schools in deprived areas sponsored by private investors. They profit from good resources and the teachers are better paid but many people object to the idea of privatised education saying the investors could use the schools as a captive audience and manipulate the students through the curriculum.

A look at some of the schools: <http://www.guardian.co.uk/education/2008/sep/10/newschools.schools1>

The debate: <http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2005/sep/05/schools.newschools>

Academies today: <http://www.guardian.co.uk/education/2008/nov/27/academy-schools-effect>

University top-up fees of £1,200 before 2006 and at least £3,000 thereafter. Universities themselves support lifting the cap on tuition fees but students and labour back benchers oppose the plan, claiming it would put off children from poorer backgrounds applying to university.

On Wikipedia: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Top-up_fees

NUS website: <http://resource.nusonline.co.uk/media/resource/02.%20Top-up%20fees1.pdf>

Teach First and Teach Next campaigns. These are teacher recruitment drives to attract graduates to the profession where there is a shortage of science and maths teachers in particular.

<http://www.teachfirst.org.uk/>