

# EDUCATOR SECTOR NEWS – OCTOBER 2016

## TES

**SEND focus: What do we mean by 'School-readiness'?** – It's schools that need to prepare for children with SEND not the other way round. This article looks at The Equality Act (2010) and how schools require early years settings to make "reasonable adjustments" for pupils with SEND - <http://bit.ly/2emjKxE>

**How teachers can make a difference to children's mental health** – On World Mental Health Day, one psychologist explains why the evaluation of mental health in schools is critical – and how we can give teachers the tools to do it - <http://bit.ly/2d4Xqbu>

## DEPARTMENT FOR EDUCATION

**More young people in apprenticeships that ever before** - New figures show almost 3 million apprenticeships created since May 2010 as part of government's drive to create opportunities for all. - <http://bit.ly/2dDt7rm>

**Government plans to make the UK one of the most digitally-skilled nations** - Government has announced plans to make training in basic digital skills free for adults lacking relevant qualifications. - <http://bit.ly/2cVvcy5>

## SEC ED

**Lord Baker warns of EBacc's damaging 1904 curriculum** - The architect of the national curriculum says the current EBacc is 'regressive', 'severely limits learning', ignores the skills needed for today's workforce, and fails poorer students. Pete Henshaw reports on his proposed alternative. <http://bit.ly/2dlIfnt>

**Parental Engagement – helping out at home** - As teachers, you want parents to be supportive and to help with their children's education at home – but how can you best advise them so they can do this effectively? <http://bit.ly/2dUwmLN>

**Exam regulations update** - A new academic year normally brings with it updates to examination regulations. Expert Jugjit Chima looks at some of the changes for 2016/17 - <http://bit.ly/2e3107k>

**Student wellbeing: Emotion coaching in schools** - Emotion coaching is a concept that could help secondary schools to better support students' social, emotional and mental health. - <http://bit.ly/2d4ZekJ>

## SCHOOLS WEEK

**Green paper will help SEN pupils and four other we learned** - The government's new(ish) education team faced its first proper grilling in Parliament during the first education questions since Justine Greening's appointment - <http://bit.ly/2dGsOfm>

**Teachers workload won't reduce unless class sizes are increased** – Teachers will struggle to reduce their workload schools increase their class size. A report by the Education Policy Institute (EPI), published today, found it was "unlikely" teachers can cut down on workload unless classes are expanded so they have more time to prepare for fewer lessons. - <http://bit.ly/2dVFo8c>

**Four day week threat as budgets hit breaking point** - Heads of primary and secondary schools across West Sussex sent a letter to parents last week revealing funding cuts may result in a four-day week. <http://bit.ly/2enZUC7>