

WEEKLY BULLETIN

10 March 2026

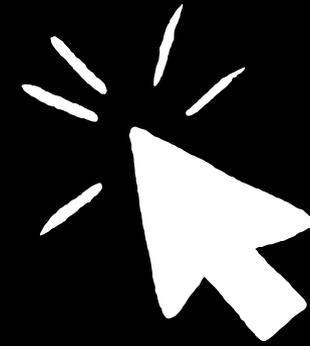


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TRUSTED PARTNER EVALUATION

We're committed to continuously improving the services we provide and your feedback plays a crucial role in helping us to do that.

Please take a few minutes to complete our Trusted Partner Evaluation, which helps us understand what's working well and where we can improve.

👉 Please click [here](#) to complete



BDSIP UPDATES

BDSIP SPOTLIGHT: 2026/27 SERVICE OFFER

SCHOOLS WHITE PAPER – AT A GLANCE

KS2 EXTERNAL MODERATION 2026

CPD

B&D RE AUTUMN TERM NEWSLETTER

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BDSIP SPOTLIGHT

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Our new Service Letter and
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Schools White Paper – At a Glance

The White Paper sets out three key shifts: broadening the curriculum, strengthening inclusion (particularly for SEND and disadvantaged pupils), and rebuilding attendance and engagement. It also outlines long-term national goals for attainment, literacy, behaviour, workforce and parental partnership.



👉 Click [here](#) to read the full White Paper Summary

KS2 External Moderation 2026: Head Teacher Briefing

CPD to Support KS2 Teacher
Assessment in 2026

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Training To Assess Writing in Year 6

Tuesday 3rd February 2026, 1pm-3pm, BDSIP Eastbrook School



<https://bdsip.co.uk/our-services/cpd/?cadpath=bdsip%2Ftraining-to-assess-writing-in-year-6>

This course will include guidance on assessment and moderation for Y6 teachers – please ensure you register at least one member of your Year 6 teaching team.

[Strengthening Understanding of 'Greater Depth' at the End of KS2](#)

Thursday 19th March 2026,
1.30pm-4pm, BDSIP Eastbrook
School

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<https://bdsip.co.uk/our-services/cpd/?cadpath=bdsip%2Fstrengthening-understanding-of-greater-depth-at-the-end-of-ks2>

If you want to develop knowledge and understanding of the greater depth standard and confidence in making accurate teacher assessment judgements at the end of KS2, this course is for you!

[Strengthening Understanding of 'Working Towards' at the End of KS2](#)

Thursday 16th April 2026,
1.30pm-4pm, BDSIP Eastbrook
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If you want to develop your knowledge and understanding of working towards the expected standard and how it differs from the pre-key stage standards, for greater confidence in making accurate teacher assessment judgements at the end of KS2, this course is for you!



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UPCOMING CPD

Click on the course titles to learn more and register

CPD

Mon

Tues

Weds

Thurs

Fri

w/c 9 March			Arbor Assessment - Analysis Tools	Governor Accredited Programme (GAP) Module 6: Preparing for Ofsted – ‘How to demonstrate impact of governance to inspectors’ ----- Arbor Assessment - Analysis Tools	
w/c 16 March	Secondary Economics Network	Nursery Meeting	Arbor Admin - Attendance Reports and Statistics	Strengthening Understanding of ‘Greater Depth’ at the End of KS2 ----- Primary Maths Professional Learning Network	
w/c 13 April			Arbor Assessment – Arbor Report Cards	Strengthening Understanding of ‘Working Towards’ at the End of KS2	
w/c 20 April				Mastering Physics Required Practicals: AQA Combined Science Paper 2 Made Simple	
w/c 27 April		Moderators Process Training KS2	Kami all-in-one platform - interactive, accessible learning experiences	Arbor Admin – Data Quality ----- Secondary Deputy Heads Network	Making effective use of your phonics scheme
w/c 4 May		SENCO Network	Arbor Assessment – Setting up DfE assessments ----- Breaking Barriers with Books: Using Book Creator for Inclusive Classrooms		
w/c 11 May		Summer Census Workshop	Arbor Admin – Summer Census Support Workshop		

This calendar shows the upcoming CPD for the term ahead, further dates can be found via [our website](#)

B&D RE Autumn Term Newsletter

 **B&D Dates for Your Diaries**

Junior RE Conference

A unique leadership and dialogue experience for Y4/5 pupils and teachers.

Dates: 20th Mar 2026 & 7th May 2026

Book: nnadeem@bdcs.org.uk

Please find in our BDSIP resources:

[Summary Advice for Schools on Ramadan 2025](#)

[A Briefing Paper on Ramadan by B&D SACRE for Schools 2025](#)

[RE Agreed Syllabus for Barking and Dagenham 2025](#)

[B&D SACRE \(Standing Advisory Council on religious Education\)](#)

Please click [here](#) for the January's Newsletter.

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All feedback and questions are welcome. If you have any queries about any aspects of this briefing or any wider issues, please use the contacts below:

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USEFUL RESOURCES

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH 2026

BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK 2026

BOOKTRUST READING TOOLKIT

INCLUSIVE FOOTBALL FOR MUSLIM GIRLS

KCSIE 2026 CONSULTATION

Women's History Month 2026

Women Shaping a Sustainable Future

📖 A free KS3 lesson exploring this year's theme "Leading the Change: Women Shaping a Sustainable Future."

👩 Students learn about climate change's impact on women and the activism of Wangari Maathai, Berta Cáceres and Greta Thunberg.

💬 Encourages discussion on environmental responsibility and activism.

🏢 Supports SMSC and British values and is part of the Life Lessons PSHE and RSHE curriculum.

⬇️ Fill in the form [here](#) to download the free lesson.



British Science Week 2026

Change and Adapt

Bring STEM to life with the British Science Week 2026 activity packs, now available to download.

🧠 Theme: 'Curiosity: what's your question?'

📖 Free packs for Early Years, Primary and Secondary (up to age 14)

🧪 Hands-on experiments and low-resource challenges

🤖 Includes activities exploring AI, teamwork and real-world STEM questions

🏆 Guidance on linking activities to CREST Awards

All activities are adaptable for different age groups.

👉 Click [here](#) to download the activity packs.



BookTrust Reading Toolkit

Free CPD for Primary Teaching Assistants

BookTrust has developed a **FREE** professional development toolkit to strengthen reading practice in primary schools.

 Designed for Early Years & KS1 teaching assistants (with relevance for KS2)

 Themed modules featuring video content, practical strategies and optional assignments

 Focus on reading pedagogy, early literacy development and fostering a love of reading

 Evidence-informed guidance to support consistent, high-quality classroom practice

A valuable resource to share with your English Lead and wider staff team.

 Click [here](#) to access the toolkit.



Inclusive Football for Muslim Girls

Free Training & Resources for Schools

⚽ Football can transform lives, but only 40% of Muslim girls feel comfortable taking part in physical activity.

🤝 To support greater inclusion, England Football and Nike have created a suite of free training and practical resources, including:

✓ Top Tips Guide for more inclusive PE

📖 Educational flipbook to support meaningful discussions

🎓 Inclusive training workshops for teachers and coaches

🌙 With Ramadan underway, it's a timely opportunity to consider how fasting and cultural practices can shape girls' experiences in sport.

📄 Explore and download the free resources [here](#) to support inclusive football in your school.



KCSIE 2026 Consultation

Consultation Now Open – Have Your Say

The draft version of Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE) 2026 has been released and is now open for consultation. The final version will be published in September 2026.

 Proposed changes are outlined in Annex

 The DfE is inviting feedback on the updates

 Consultation closes 22 April 2026

 View the [draft KCSIE 2026 here](#)

 Take part in the [consultation here](#)





NATIONAL GUIDANCE

GCSE EXAM SUPPORT MATERIALS

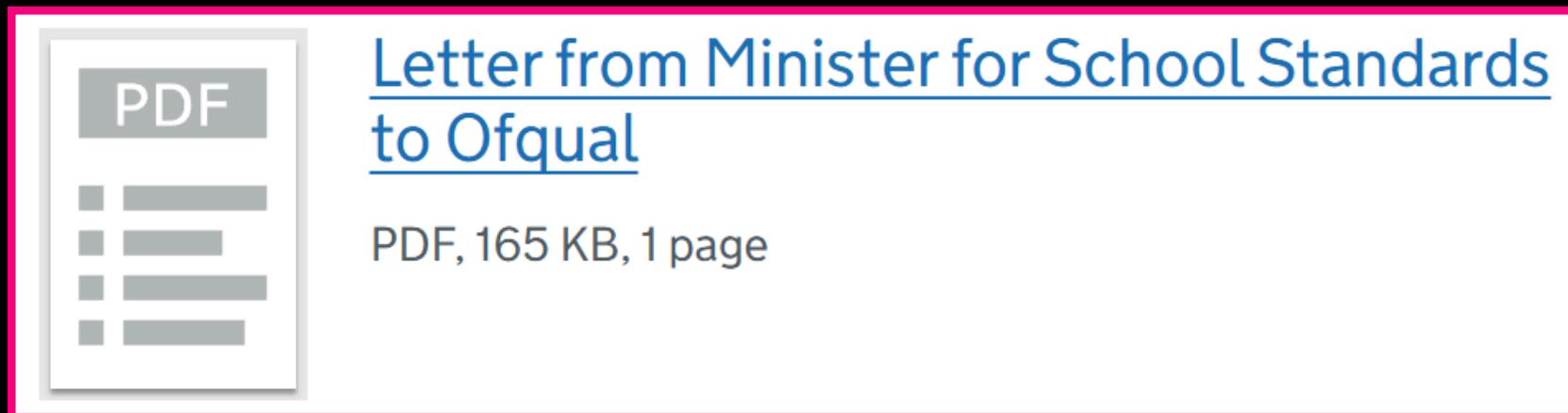
GOVERNMENT LAUNCH ANTISEMITISM REVIEW

DATA ON OFSTED INSPECTIONS AND VISITS

100 SCHOOLS CUTTING BILLS

DFE: GCSE Exam Support Materials: Minister for School Standards writes to Ofqual

Correspondence - 26 February 2026



Details

📖 Students taking GCSE maths, physics and combined science in 2025, 2026 and 2027 will continue to receive formulae and equation sheets in their exams, meaning they do not need to memorise them.

🏢 The Minister for School Standards, Georgia Gould, has asked Ofqual to consider maintaining this support for the duration of the current GCSE specifications.

📅 Ofqual is consulting on this proposal [here](#), with responses open until 23 March 2026 (11:45pm).

DFE: Government Launch Antisemitism review into Schools and Colleges

Guidance - 4 March 2026

🔍 The government has launched an independent review into antisemitism in schools and colleges in England, led by Sir David Bell.

💷 This sits alongside £7 million of investment to tackle antisemitism in education through training, resources and new initiatives.

📊 Data shows rising concern, with 204 school-related antisemitic incidents recorded in 2025, around double the levels seen before 2023.

🗣️ A call for evidence and engagement with schools, colleges and communities will launch in Spring 2026.

⬇️ Click [here](#) to read the full press release.



DFE: Data on Ofsted Inspections and Visits

Press Release - 5 March 2026

The government has published its schools white paper, Every Child Achieving and Thriving, setting out plans to halve the attainment gap between disadvantaged pupils and their peers and reform the SEND system.

Why it matters:

-  Only 44% of disadvantaged pupils achieve grade 4+ in English and maths GCSEs, compared to over 70% of others
-  Funding reforms will move beyond the binary free school meals measure, using household income to better target support

What's new:

-  Two area-based improvement programmes: Mission North East and Mission Coastal
-  Greater collaboration between schools, families and communities
-  Wider reforms to ensure inclusion and early support

The white paper aims to rebalance the system so background does not determine success.

👉 Click [here](#) to read the full press release.

DFE: 100 Schools Cutting Bills with Great British Energy Solar Panels

Press Release - 23 February 2026

🏫 100 schools and colleges have now installed solar panels funded by Great British Energy, with around 250 expected by summer.

📍 Installations are focused on areas of deprivation, particularly in the North East, West Midlands and North West, helping schools that need support most.

💰 The programme could save around £220 million over the lifetime of the panels, freeing up more funding for classrooms and pupils.

📈 The government is investing up to £255 million to install solar panels, batteries and related technology across schools, NHS and military sites.

📄 Click [here](#) to read the full press release.





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