

List of Education Acronyms

A-level	Advanced level	CPD	Continuing professional development
A2	The second part of an A-level qualification	CTF	Common transfer file
Academy	Publicly funded self-governing school that provides free education to pupils of all abilities (can be primary, secondary or special)	D&T	Design and technology
Access courses	Courses designed to prepare those without A-levels for the challenges of higher education	DBS	Disclosure and Barring Service (formerly the Criminal Records Bureau)
ADD	Attention deficit disorder	DDA	Disability Discrimination Act (has been replaced by the Equality Act 2010)
ADHD	Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder	DED	Disability equality duty
AfL	Assessment for Learning	DES	Disability equality scheme
APS	Average point score	DFC	Devolved formula capital
AQA	Assessment and Qualifications Alliance	DfE	Department for Education
APP	Assessing pupil progress	DH	Deputy Head
AS-level	Advanced subsidiary level; the first part of an A-level	DPA	Data Protection Act 1988
ASCL	Association of School and College Leaders	DSBM	Diploma of School Business Management
ASD	Autistic spectrum disorder	DSG	Dedicated Schools Grant
ASL	Additional and specialist learning	EAL	English as an additional language
AST	Advanced skills teacher	EBacc	English baccalaureate
ATL	Association of Teachers and Lecturers	EBD	Emotional and behavioural difficulties
BESD	Behaviour, emotional and social difficulties	EBITT	Employment-based initial teacher training provider (formerly DRB)
BME	Black and minority ethnic	EFA	Education Funding Agency
BSL	British sign language	EHRC	Equality and Human Rights Commission
CAMHS	Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services	ELCI	Employers' liability (compulsory) insurance
CAT	Cognitive ability test	EMAS	Ethnic minority achievement service
CFR	Consistent financial reporting	EPS	Education psychology service
Cluster	Group of schools that come together for a particular purpose	Extended school	A school that provides a range of services and activities often beyond the school day to help meet the needs of its pupils, their families and the wider community
Community schools	State schools in England & Wales that are wholly owned and maintained by the local authority. The LA has main responsibility for deciding arrangements for admitting pupils	EWO	Education welfare officer
Community special schools	The special school equivalent of community schools which cater wholly or mainly for children with statutory statements of special educational needs	EWS	Education welfare status
COSHH	Control of substances hazardous to health	EYFS	Early Years Foundation Stage
		EYP	Early years professional
		EYPS	Early years professional status

FE	Further education	KS1/2/3/4/5	Key Stages 1/2/3/4/5
Federation	A formal agreement by which up to 5 schools share a single governing body	LA	Local authority
FEI	Further education institution	LACSEG	Local authority central spend equivalent grant
FFT	Fischer Family Trust	Leadership group	Headteachers, deputy heads, assistant heads, bursars and others as decided by the headteachers and/or the governors
FGB	Full governing body	LGA	Local government association
FOIA	Federation of Information Act	LM	Learning mentor
Foundation school	A school that has more freedom than a community school, e.g. to manage its own admissions	LSA	Learning support assistant
Foundation special school	A foundation school that caters wholly or mainly for children with statutory statements of special educational needs	LSCB	Local safeguarding children board
Free school	All-ability, state-funded school set up following local demand	LSU	Learning support unit
FSM	Free school meals	MFL	Modern foreign languages
GCSE	General Certificate of Secondary Education	Middle school	A school with KS2 and KS3 pupils. Depending on the age balance of those pupils, the school can be deemed primary or secondary
GLH	Guided learning tours	MIS	Management information system
GRT	Gypsy Roma Traveller pupils	MLE	Managed learning environment
G&T	Gifted & talented	MLD	Moderate learning difficulties
GTP	Graduate teacher programme	MPS	Main pay scale
HLTA	High level teaching assistant	NAHT	National Association of Head Teachers
HMCI	Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Schools	NAPTA	The National Association of Professional Teaching Assistants
HMI	Her Majesty's Inspectorate	NASBM	The National Association of School Business Management
HND	Higher national diploma	NASUWT	Teachers' union
HoD	Head of department	NCTL	National College for Teaching and Leadership (also known as National College)
HoY	Head of year	NC	National Curriculum
HSE	Health and Safety Executive	NFER	National Foundation for Educational Research National Governors' Association
ICT	Information and communication technology	NGA	National Governors; Association
IEB	Interim executive board	NHSP	National Healthy Schools Programme
IEP	Individual education plan	NHSS	National Healthy Schools status
IiP	Investors in People	NLE	National Leaders of Education
INSET	In-service education and training	NLG	National Leaders of Governance
ISR	Individual salary range	NOR	Number on roll
ITE	Initial teacher education		
ITT	Initial teacher training		

NPQH	National Professional Qualification for Headship	RBA	Raising boys' achievement
NQF	National Qualifications Framework	SACRE	Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education
NQT	Newly qualified teacher	SCITT	School-centred initial teacher training
NSS	National support school	SDP	School development plan
NUT	National Union of Teachers	SEAL	Social and emotional aspects of learning
NVQ	National Vocational Qualification	SEF	Self-evaluation framework/form
OCR	Ofsted childcare register	SEN	Special educational needs
OCR	Oxford Cambridge and RSA Examinations	SENCO	Special educational needs co-ordinator
OEAP	Outdoor education advisers' panel	SEND	Special educational needs and disability
Ofsted	Office for Standards in Education	SES	Socio-economic status
OSC	Office of the Schools Commissioner	SGOSS	School Governors' One Stop Shop
OTT	Overseas trained teacher	SIP	School improvement plan
OTTP	Overseas trained teacher programme	SIP	School improvement partner
PAN	Published admission number	SLCN	Speech, language and communication needs
PE	Physical education	SLD	Severe learning difficulties
PGCE	Postgraduate Certificate in Education	SLT	Senior leadership team
PM	Performance management	SMSC	Spiritual, moral, social and cultural
PMLD	Profound and multiple learning disabilities	SMT	Senior management team
PPA	Preparation, planning and assessment (time)	STPCD	School Teacher's Pay and Conditions Document
PPP	Public private partnership	STRB	School teachers' review body
PPS	Parent partnership service	TA	Teaching assistant
PRP	Performance-related pay	TDA	Training and Development Agency for Schools (decommissioned)
PRU	Pupil referral unit	Teaching Agency	Agency responsible for initial teacher training
PSED	Public sector equality duty	Teaching school	School offering school-centred initial teacher training
PSHE	Personal, social and health education	TES	Traveller education service
PSHEE	Personal, social, health and economic education	TLR	Teaching and learning responsibility
PSVE	Personal, social and vocational education	TNA	Training needs analysis
PSP	Pastoral support programme	TOIL	Time off in lieu
PTA	Parent-teacher association	VA	Value added
QTS	Qualified teacher status	VA school	Voluntary aided school maintained by the LA
RAISEonline	Reporting and Analysing for Improvement through School Self Evaluation. Providers interactive analysis of school and pupil performance data	VC school	Voluntary controlled school, maintained by the LA
RAP	Raising attainment programme	VfM	Value for money
		VLE	Virtual learning environment
		WRL	Work-related learning

