

RSB Policy Briefing

General Election 2017 Education and Science Policies

The education priorities and science priorities identified in the 2017 general election manifestos. As education is a devolved issue, there is additional information specific to Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

UK Independence Party

Science

- UKIP will repeal the 2008 Climate Change Act and support a diverse energy market based on coal, nuclear, shale gas, conventional gas, oil, solar and hydro, as well as other renewables when they can be delivered at competitive prices.
- Withdraw from the Paris climate agreement and the EU Emissions Trading Scheme, to enhance our industrial competitiveness.
- Will set up a new Environmental Protection Act
- UKIP will review all EU environment legislation.
- We will review all current EU environmental rules, keeping those which have enhanced our environment, such as improving the cleanliness of our seas and beaches, and amend or repeal legislation which can be shown to have had a detrimental effect

Education

Schools

- Reintroduce grammar schools
- Abolish key stage 1 SATs
- Require every primary school to nominate a science leader
- End sex education in primary schools
- Range of different schools at secondary including technical, vocational, selective grammars and specialist schools
- Open a grammar school in every town
- Effective career development – higher profile in the national curriculum
- Introduce practical employability lessons into the careers syllabus
- Schools and colleges should establish links with local businesses
- Reverse the policy of closing special schools

Technical and Vocational Education

- Invest in vocational education and technical training
- Students can attend classes at a vocational school and receive on the job training at a company

Higher Education / Universities

- UKIP will stop paying tuition fees for courses which do not lead at least two thirds of students into a graduate level job, or a job corresponding to their degree, within five years after graduation.
- Cease to offer EU nationals student loans when we leave the EU.

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- Long term goal to abolish tuition fees
- Will restore maintenance grants
- Abolish tuition fees for STEM subjects – provided they go on to work in STEM for at least 5 years after they have completed their degree
- Cover tuition fee costs for medical students – if commit to work in the NHS for 10 out of 15 years after they qualify