



Education Acronyms

Understanding Education – Briefings

Abbreviation	Full Form
ADD	Attention Deficit Disorder
ADHD	Attention Deficit and Hyperactivity Disorder
AfL	Assessment for Learning
AI	Assigned Inspector
AP	Alternative Provision
AQA	Assessment and Qualifications Alliance
ASCL	Association of School and College Leaders
ATL	Association of Teachers and Lecturers
AWPU	Age-Weighted Pupil Unit
BSA	Basic Skills Agency
BSP	Behaviour Support Plan
BTEC	Business and Technology Education Council
CAMHS	Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service
CiC	Children in Care
CQC	Care Quality Commission
CAT	Cognitive Ability Test
CAT	Curriculum Attainment Target
CME	Children Missing Education
CPD	Continuing Professional Development
DfE	Department for Education
DSG	Dedicated Schools Grant
DSL	Designated Safeguarding Lead
DHSC	Department of Health and Social Care
EAL	English as an Additional Language
EBD	Emotional and Behavioural Difficulties
EHCP	Education, Health and Care Plan
EHE	Elective Home Education
EIF	Education Inspection Framework

EIP	Education Improvement Partnerships
EP	Educational Psychologist
ESFA	Education and Skills Funding Agency
ESOL	English for Speakers of Other Languages
EYDP	Early Years Development Plan
EYFS	Early Years Foundation Stage
FAP	Fair Access Protocol
FEFC	Further Education Funding Council
FFT	Fischer Family Trust
FS	Foundation Stage
FSM	Free School Meals
GaT	Gifted and Talented
GLD	Good Level of Development
HEFC	Higher Education Funding Council
HMCI	Her Majesty's Chief Inspector
HMI	Her Majesty's Inspectorate
HSE	Health and Safety Executive
IAG	Individual Advice and Guidance
IB	International Baccalaureate
IEB	Interim Education Board
IEP	Individual Education Plan
INSET	In-Service Education and Training
ISB	Individual School Budget
ITT	Initial Teacher Training
JNC	Joint National Committee or Joint Negotiating Committee
KCSIE	Keeping Children Safe in Education
LAC	Looked After Children
LGB	Local Governing Board/Body
LPSH	Leadership Programme for Serving Heads

MA&T	More Able and Talented
MAT	Multi-Academy Trust
MFL	Modern Foreign Languages
MIS	Management Information System
MLD	Moderate Learning Difficulties
NAHT	National Association of Head Teachers
NASEN	National Association of Special Educational Needs
NASUWT	National Association of Schoolmasters Union of Women Teachers
NEET	Not in Education, Employment or Training
NEU	National Education Union
NFER	National Foundation for Educational Research
NFF	National Funding Formula
NGA	National Governance Association
NLE	National Leader in Education
NLG	National Leader in Governance
NPQH	National Professional Qualification for Headship
NPQSL	National Professional Qualification for Senior Leadership
NQT	Newly Qualified Teacher
NUT	National Union of Teachers
OCR	Oxford Cambridge and RSA Examinations
OFSTED	Office for Standards in Education
PAN	Published Admission Number
PEP	Personal Education Plan
PLASC	Pupil Level Annual School Census
PMLD	Profound and Multiple Learning Difficulties
PPA	Planning, Preparation and Assessment
PP	Pupil Premium
PRP	Performance Related Pay
PRU	Pupil Referral Unit
PSHE	Personal, Social and Health Education
PTA	Parent-Teacher Association

PTR	Pupil Teacher Ratio
PVI	Private, Voluntary and Independent (nurseries/childcare providers)
QCA	Qualifications and Curriculum Authority
QTS	Qualified Teacher Status
RI	Requires Improvement
Rgl	Registered Inspector
RSCs	Regional School Commissioners
RSE	Relationship and Sex Education
SACRE	Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education
SAT	Single Academy Trust
SATs	Standard Assessment Tests
SDP	School Development Plan
SEAL	Social and Emotional Aspects to Learning
SEMH	Social Emotional Mental Health
SEND	Special Educational Needs and Disabilities
SENCO	Special Educational Needs Coordinator
SIMS	Schools Information System
SIP	School Improvement Partner
SLD	Severe Learning Difficulties
SpLD	Specific Learning Difficulty
SSEF	School Self Evaluation Framework
STA	Standards and Testing Agency
STPCD	School Teachers' Pay and Conditions Document
STRB	School Teachers Review Body
TP	Teachers' Pensions
TTA	Teacher Training Agency
UIFSM	Universal Infant Free School Meals
ULN	Unique Learner Number
UPN	Unique Pupil Number
UPR	Upper Pay Range
URN	Unique Reference Number (for a school)
VA	Voluntary Aided
VC	Voluntary Controlled