

# Party pledges: Education



**Conservative:**  
Protect England's schools budget up to end of GCSEs in cash terms although funding will not keep pace with inflation

**Pre-school and post age 16 education not ring fenced**

**Convert up to 3,500 more schools judged by Ofsted to "require improvement" into academies**

**Opposed to giving votes to 16 or 17-year-olds for UK elections**



**Labour:**  
Increase overall education budget in England by at least rate of inflation

**Parents of primary school children guaranteed childcare from 8am to 6pm. Free childcare for three and four-year-olds increased from 15 to 25 hours a week**

**Compulsory sex and relationship education in all schools**

**Committed to giving votes to 16 and 17-year-olds in UK elections**



**SNP:** Free 30 hours of childcare a week for three and four-year-olds in Scotland. Lower voting age to 16 in all UK elections



**Plaid Cymru**

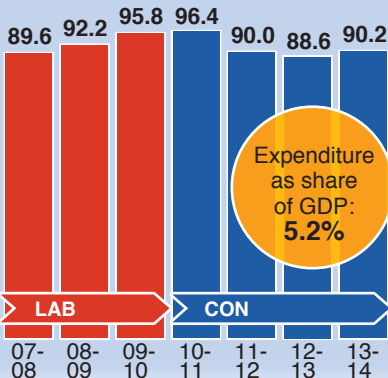
**Plaid Cymru:**  
Introduce compulsory foreign language GCSE in secondary schools. Scrap tuition fees when public finances allow



**Green Party**

**Greens:** End performance related pay for teachers. Scrap university tuition fees. Allow 16-year-olds to vote in UK elections

## Education spending (£ billion at 2014 prices)



**Liberal Democrats:**  
Protect education budget from cuts



**Compulsory sex education in all state schools**

**Lower UK voting age to 16**



**UKIP:** Scrap tuition fees for students from poorer backgrounds who take degree courses in the sciences, technology, maths or engineering

**More grammar schools**

**Scrap sex education for children aged under seven**

**School governing boards to be made up of at least 30% parents of children at the school**