

# Welcome to Bath

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# Team Members

*TODAY:*

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# Today's Programme

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| <i>09.15 – 09.30</i> | <i>Bath and County Club, Queen's Parade, Bath.</i>   |
| <i>09.30 – 10.00</i> | <i>Welcome, introductions and expectations.</i>      |
| <i>10.00 – 10.30</i> | <i>Icebreaker.</i>                                   |
| <i>10.30 – 11.30</i> | <i>Introduction to the English Education System.</i> |
| <i>11.30 – 11.45</i> | <i>Coffee.</i>                                       |
| <i>11.45- 13.00</i>  | <i>Workshops in theme groups.</i>                    |
| <i>13.00 - 14.00</i> | <i>Lunch Break.</i>                                  |
| <i>14.00 - 15.15</i> | <i>Experiential Learning Activity.</i>               |
| <i>15.30 –16.00</i>  | <i>Cultural afternoon tea, Bath.</i>                 |

# Course Objectives.

- To update your language skills
- To learn about education in England
- To visit schools and observe classes
- To see how learning about Bath can be used in your classroom
- To promote linguistic and cultural understanding.
- To develop materials for use in your classroom

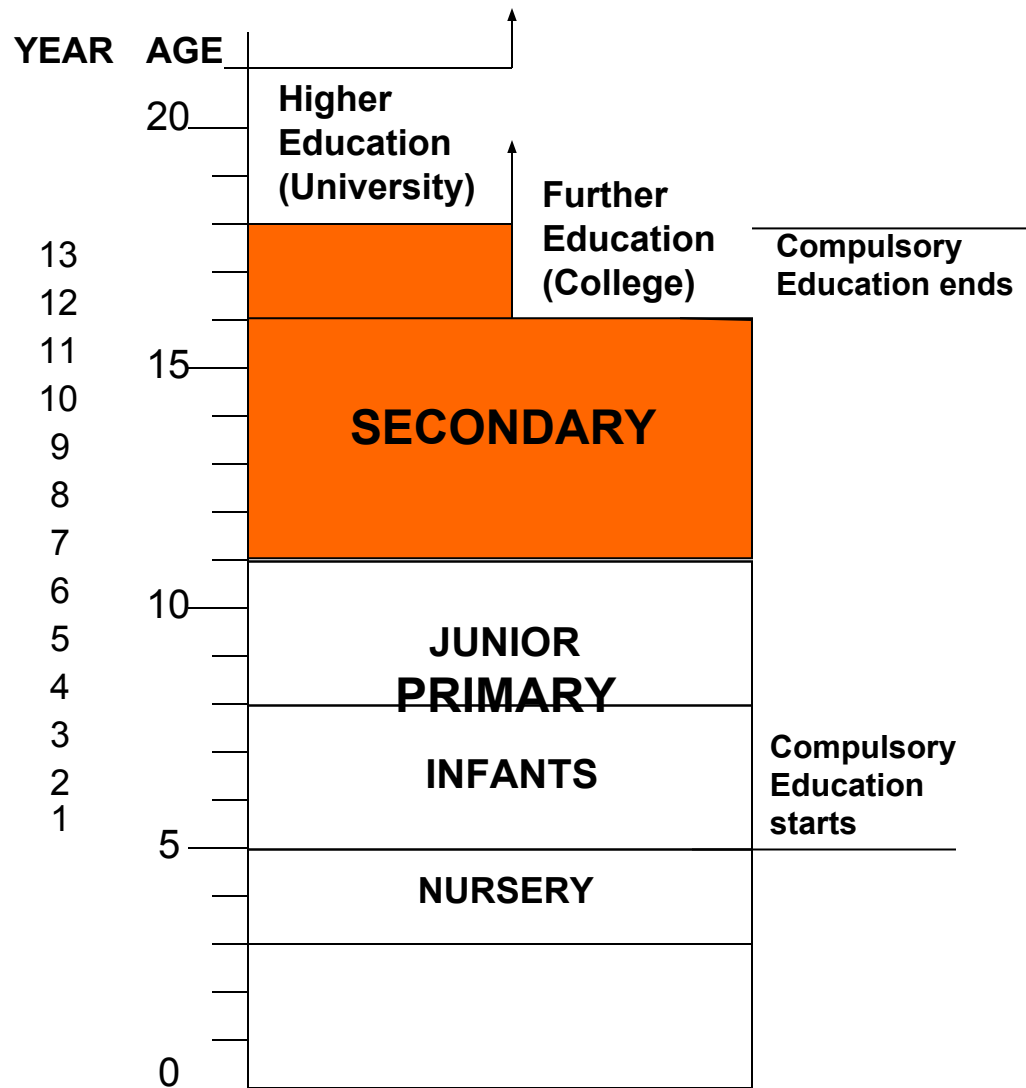
# Icebreaker

Getting to know you – Take your partners.

- ***Your task is to introduce your partner to the rest of the group. Find out several interesting facts about their job and life. Try to learn one or two sentences of their language.***
- Barbara and Hildegard; Raffaella and Miguel;
- Guilia and Edina; Veronica and Odilia;
- Roberta and Daria; Elzbieta and Jelena;
- Anna and Monika.

# The English Education System



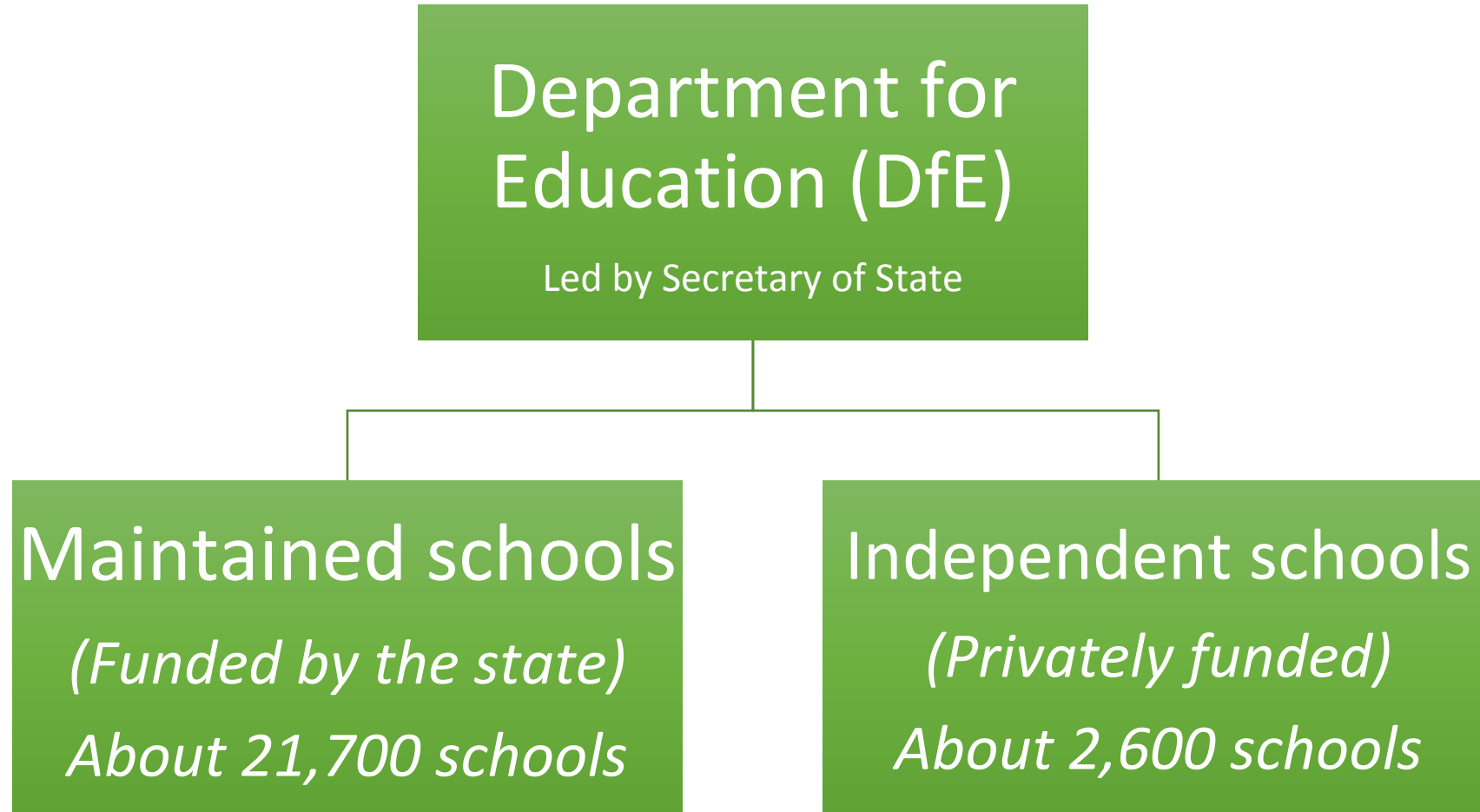




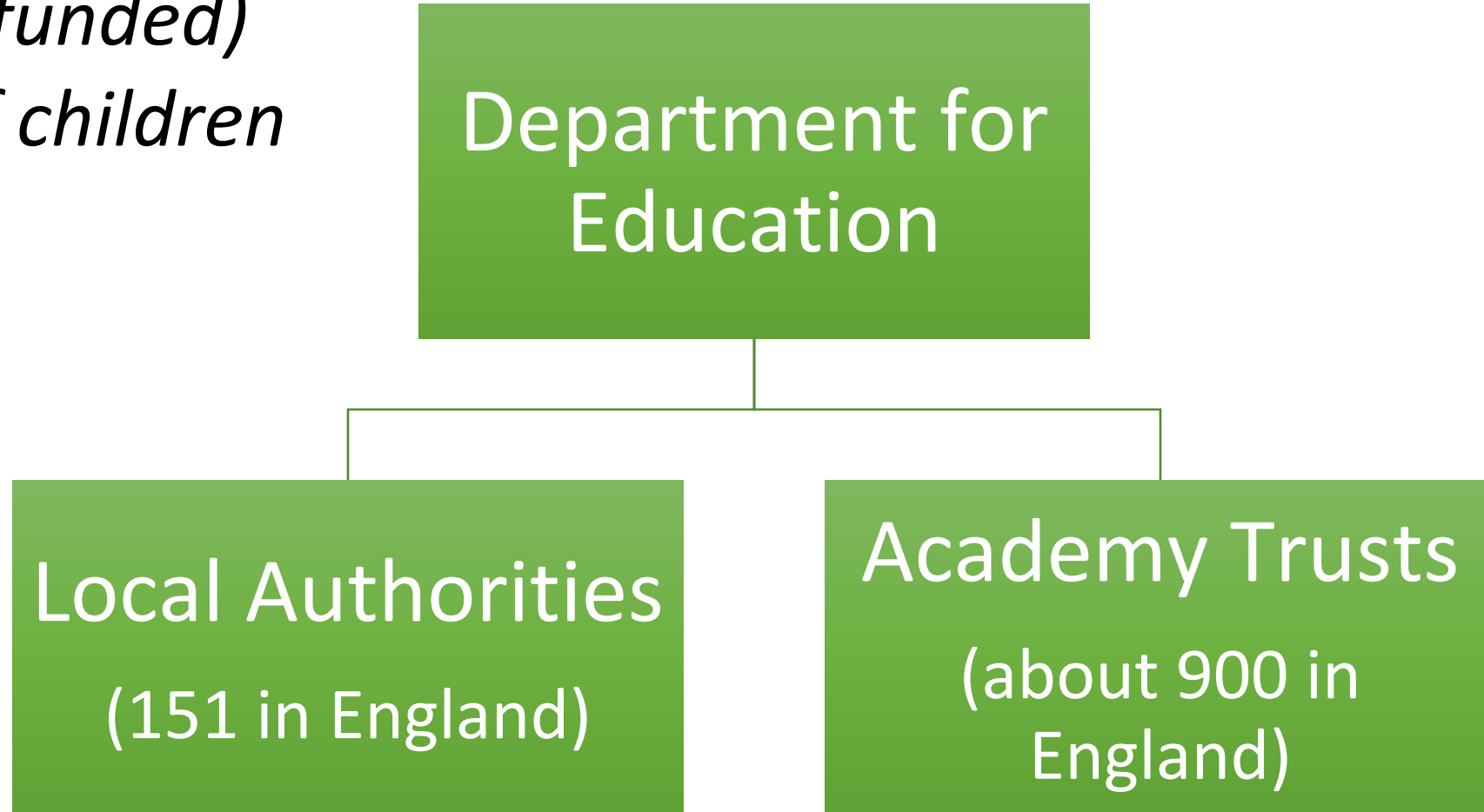
# Education in England: Key Characteristics

- Highly political
- Constant change in school systems and processes
- Significant private sector involvement
- Senior and head teachers well paid
- Huge workloads for teachers
- Constant pressure for schools to perform very well
- Wide variations in quality,
  - From the very best... To the not so good

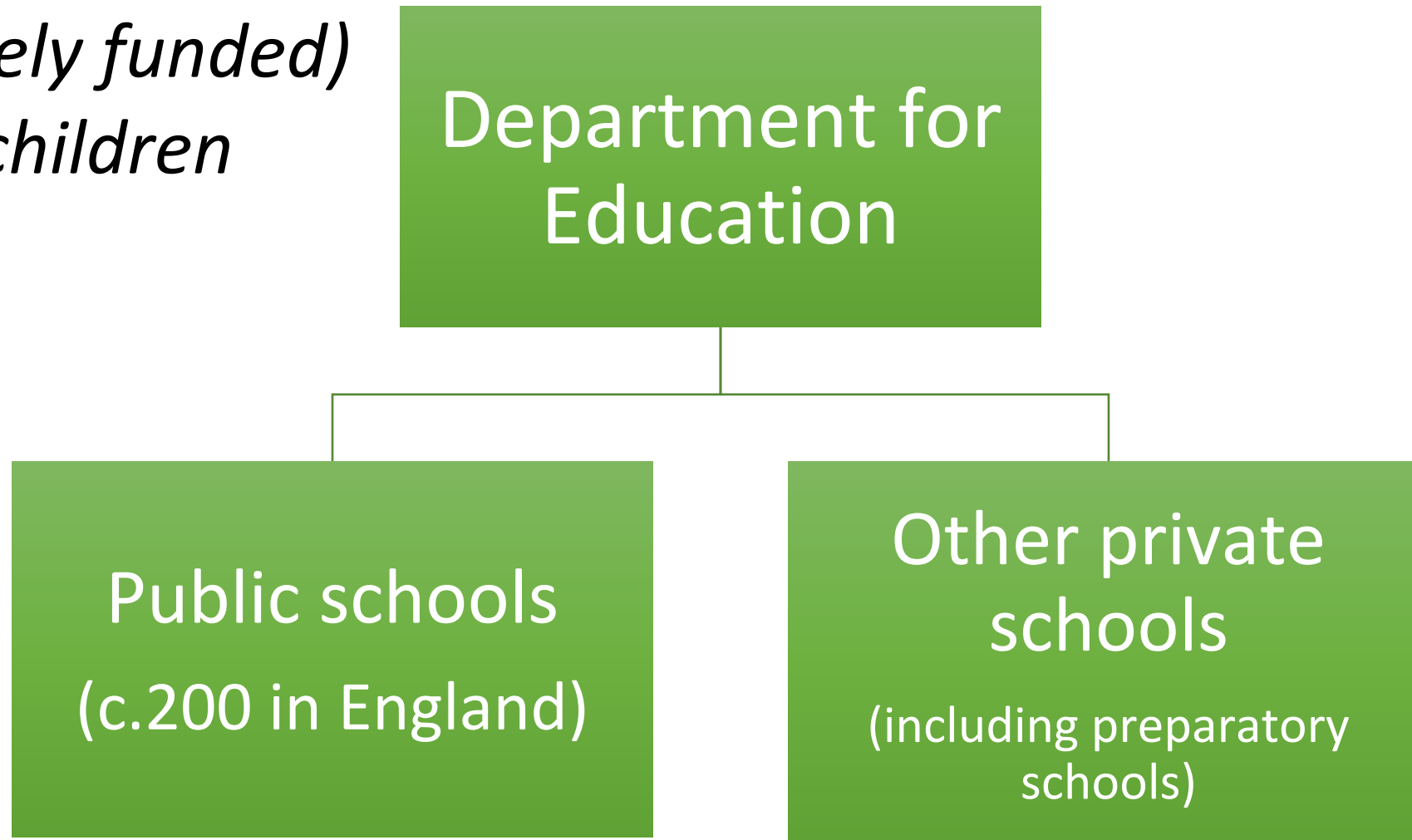
# England – the Structure of Education



*Maintained Schools*  
*(State funded)*  
*93% of children*



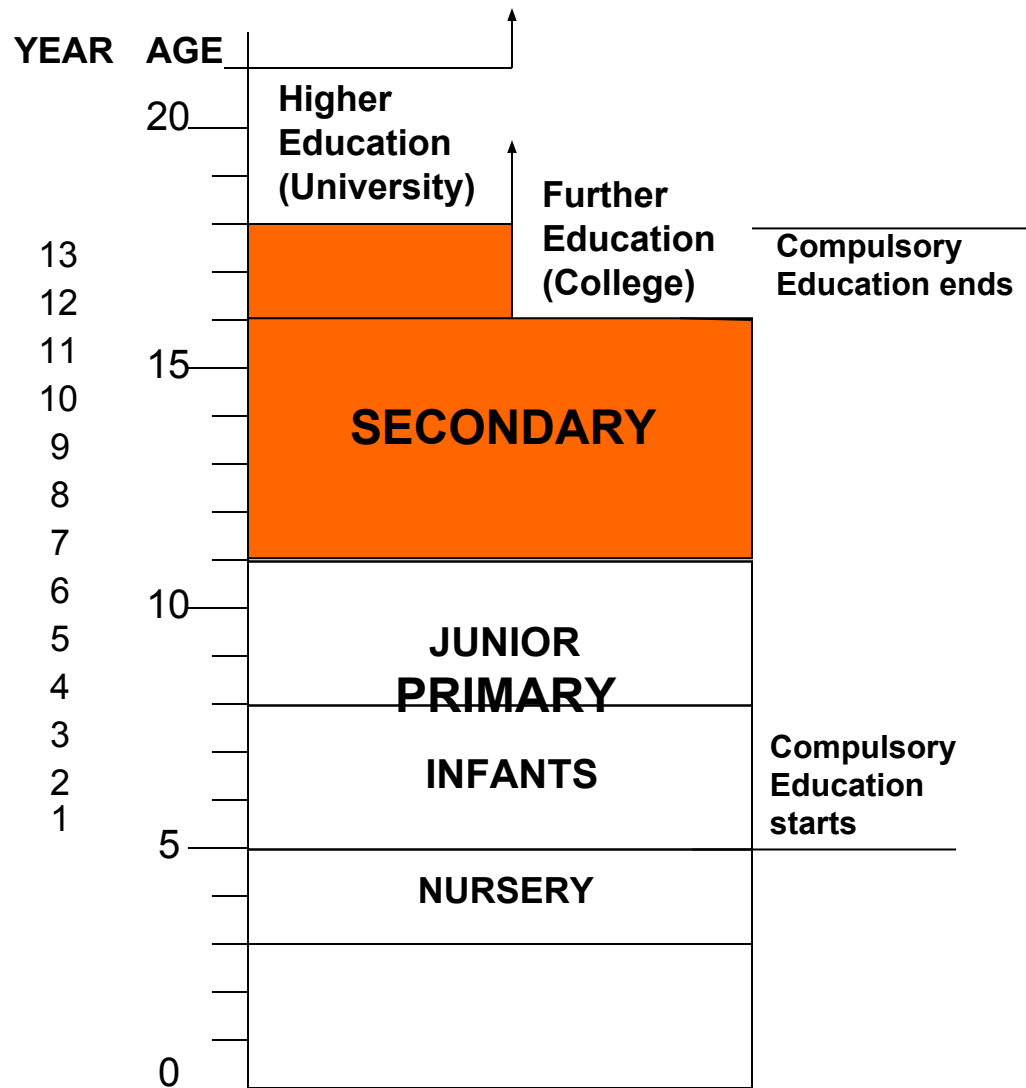
*Independent Schools  
(Privately funded)  
7% of children*

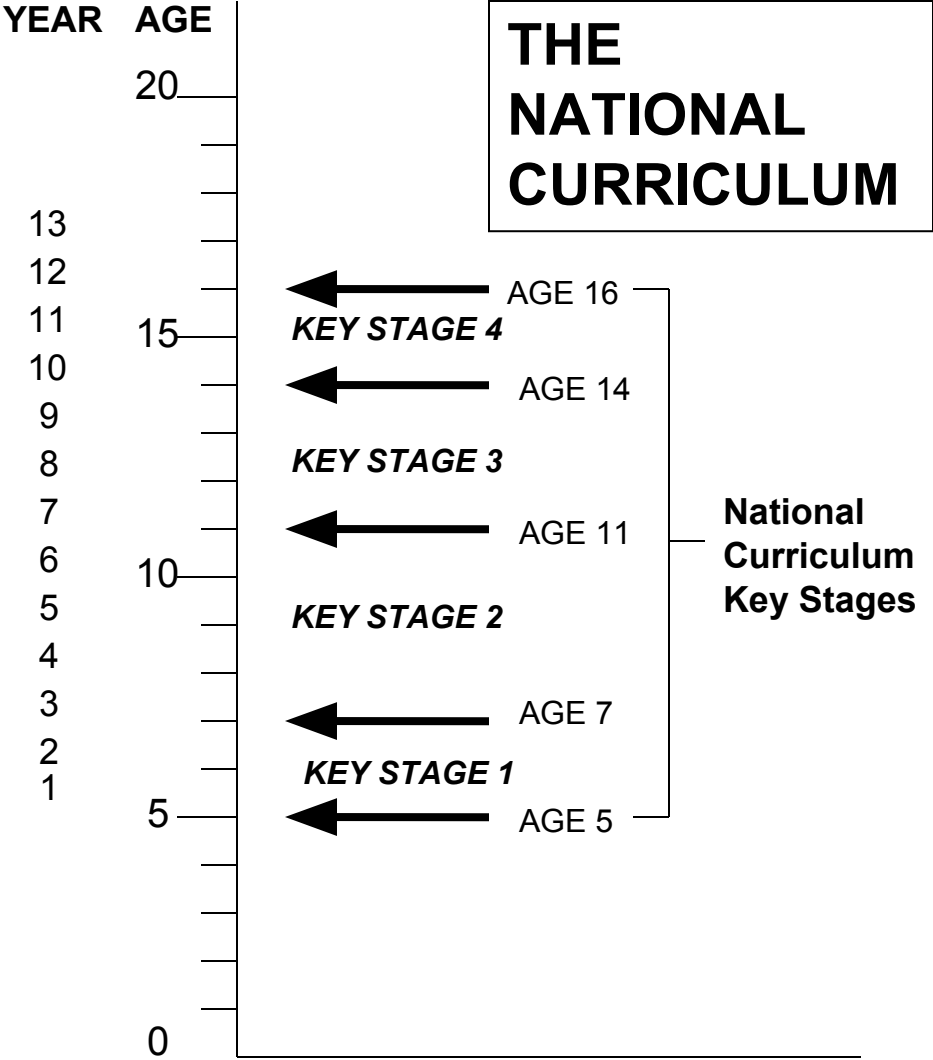


# The English Education System: Inside Schools

# School Management

- The School Governors
- The School Leadership Team
- The Hierarchy for Staff and their roles
- Cross curricular co-ordinators
- The Pastoral System







# The National Curriculum - 1

Core Subjects:

- English
- Mathematics
- Science

# The National Curriculum - 2

## Foundation Subjects:

- Art and Design
- Computing
- Design and Technology
- Language
- Geography
- History
- Music
- Physical Education
- Citizenship (KS3 only)

# Assessment

- **Formative assessments (on-going).**
- **Summative assessments:**
  - Internal school examinations;
  - Reports to parents;
  - End of Key Stage Teacher Assessments (KS1 and KS2);
  - Standard Attainment Tests (SATs) at the end of Key Stages 2 and 3.
- **GCSEs at the end of Key Stage 4.**
- **A Levels - Examinations (16+)**
- **Baccalaureate/Vocational Courses.**

# Public Accountability

- Documentation and School Self-Evaluation
- School Governors – A Critical Friend?
- Ofsted inspections
- Her Majesty's Inspectorate (HMIs)

# School Inspection – Ofsted

- The achievement of pupils at school
- The quality of teaching in the school
- The behaviour and safety of pupils at school
- The quality of leadership in, and management of, the school
- Spiritual, moral, social and cultural development in the school
- The extent to which the school meets SEN

# Ofsted – The Grades

- Outstanding
- Good
- Requires Improvement
- Requires Special Measures
- See [www.ofsted.gov.uk](http://www.ofsted.gov.uk)

# Independent Schools in the UK

- about 1,300 independent schools in the ISC educate over 80% of independent pupils
  - preparatory schools = *primary schools*
  - senior schools
  - day schools
  - boarding schools 465 – *compared to 38 state.*
  - co-educational schools
  - single-sex schools (150 female, 100 male)
  - some specialist schools

# Independent Schools in the UK

- the majority of independent schools are charitable trusts which
  - receive £100m (Euro 142m) tax relief
  - deliver £300m (Euro 425m) of fee assistance in public benefit
  - relieve the maintained sector of £2bn (Euro 2.8bn) of costs
- a minority of schools are proprietor-owned



# Independent Schools in the UK

- most pupils are fee-paying
- typical fees
  - prep: up to £10,000 (Euro 14,000) pa
  - senior day: over £10,000 (Euro 14,000) pa
  - senior boarding: £30,000 (Euro 43,000) pa
- total cost for boarding: typically in excess of £300,000 (Euro 425,000)

# Independent Schools in the UK

- around 620,000 children go to independent schools, less than 7% of UK pupils

Independent schools currently provide:

- 32% of all MPs
- half the present Cabinet
- of the 53 Prime Ministers to date
  - only eight have been educated at non-fee-paying schools (1964-97) *but*
    - Eton 19
    - Harrow 7
    - Westminster 6
- 75% of top judges and 89% of top barristers
- 42% of British Bafta winners and 67% of British Oscar winners
- 71% of top military personnel
- 61% of top doctors
  
- independent schools are concentrated in the south and south-east

# Preparation for your school visits

Etiquette and information about each school.

# Etiquette

- Punctuality is essential please. If there is an unexpected bus delay please contact Andrew.
- Smart casual clothing, no jeans please.
- All Bath schools are no smoking areas (within and around the schools).
- Please do not wander off alone, stay with your teachers at all times (pupil safeguarding rules) do not take photographs of pupils.
- During class observations, please be very discreet about writing notes or do this after the lesson.
- Remember that it is a privilege to visit schools and that teachers are very busy people, so select your times carefully when asking teachers professional questions.

# Fosse Way Special School

- Is a Special School for pupils of 3-19 ages with 198 pupils.
- It became an Academy in 2011 and The Partnership Trust in 2013.
- It is located in Westfield, Midsomer Norton.
- It has close links with Bath/Norton Radstock College, RUH School and Norton Hill School and is a Teaching School.
- Its catchment area is mainly from the Midsomer Norton/Radstock area and surrounding villages.
- OFSTED recently reported “An Outstanding School at the cutting edge of pioneering activities.”
- [www.fossewayschool.co.uk](http://www.fossewayschool.co.uk)

# Somervale School

- Somervale is a co-educational state secondary school for 11-18 year old students (491 student population.)
- It is located in Midsomer Norton which is 10 kms south of Bath.
- It is a member of the Midsomer Norton Schools Academy Partnership Trust.
- Its catchment is from Midsomer Norton, Radstock and the surrounding rural villages.
- It became a Specialist Arts College especially in Media, English and Music and sporting excellence.
- OFSTED rated Somervale as in “Good” School in December 2016.
- [www.somervaleschool.com](http://www.somervaleschool.com)

# Oldfield Park Junior School

- OPJS is a school located in Southern Bath for 7-11 pupils.
- It is a very long-established Junior School celebrating its 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary during this academic year, occupying listed buildings by English Heritage of Special Architectural and Historic Interest.
- The school is now part of The Palladian Academy Trust (since 2016) with other local Primary and Secondary Schools.
- Its learning embraces the “Growth Mindset” process in all activities.
- OFSTED reported the school as “Good” in 2012 and a new inspection is now due!
- The school achieved the Opal Platinum Award for Play recently and hosted 30 EU Teachers to demonstrate these activities.
- [www.oldfieldparkjuniorschool.com](http://www.oldfieldparkjuniorschool.com)

# Welton Primary School

- Welton P S is located in Midsomer Norton, 10 kms south of Bath.
- It opened in 1899 as a Primary School that is open from 8.55 – 15.15.
- It is part of the Midsomer Norton Schools' Partnership Academy Trust
- It has a flourishing breakfast club from 7.45 and an after school club.
- Its catchment is semi-rural and from Radstock, MSN and Welton.
- School awards include Healthy Schools Plus, Inclusion Quality and Eco
- Ofsted rated Welton P S as “Good” in 2015.
- [www.weltonprimaryschool.co.uk](http://www.weltonprimaryschool.co.uk)



# Bath Academy

- Is a long-established Language School mainly serving overseas' students of 12 years old – young adults.
- In addition to brush-up English Language classes, students are also taught many school subjects up to and including GCSEs and A Levels.
- It is located in Bath City Centre at Queen Square.
- It is an Independent Private School and subject to the usual Independent School Inspections and scrutiny by the Erasmus+ National Agency for the UK, The British Council.
- It is a very experienced provider of International Education.