

GBA News - 24th June 2021



Independent Review of Education - Survey

We recently issued a short survey to member schools regarding the upcoming [Independent Review of Education](#). Thank you for your responses so far. The survey closes on the **30th June 2021** and we are encouraging schools to contribute their views. Your responses are important and will help inform our contribution to the review. Please contact [Nuala O'Neill](#) for more information.



GBA Executive Committee - Call for Hosting

The GBA Executive Committee meet on a monthly basis (during term time). As restrictions ease, we are hoping to restart meetings across Northern Ireland so that we can improve our engagement with member schools. If your school would be interested in hosting a meeting of the GBA Executive in the next academic year please [contact us](#).



Consultation Updates - June 2021

Post-Results Service

The Council for the Curriculum, Examinations and Assessment (CCEA) recently shared the findings from its consultation on the Summer 2021 Post-Results Service. CCEA has since produced a [Student and Parent Guide](#) on its Post-Results Service for all CCEA qualifications, setting out how students can engage with this service.

Restraint and Seclusion in Educational Settings

The Northern Ireland Children and Young People's Commissioner (NICCY) is undertaking a rights-based review on the use of Restraint and Seclusion in Educational Settings. NICCY has asked the GBA to encourage our schools to respond to their survey on the matter. The NICCY survey can be accessed [here](#).



Northern Ireland Assembly Updates

Michelle McIlveen, MLA for Strangford, was appointed Minister for Education on 12th June. Having served in the Northern Ireland Assembly since 2007 she has held a number of posts including Junior Minister and Minister for Agriculture and Rural Development. Ms McIlveen was a teacher before entering politics and has previously served on the Education Committee. The GBA is scheduled to meet with the Minister in July.

The Education Committee of the Northern Ireland Assembly recently appointed two new members. Mrs Diane Dodds and Mr Harry Harvey replaced Mr William Humphrey and Mr Maurice Bradley on the 21st June. The Committee met yesterday and heard briefings from the Department of Education on various matters such as the Special Education Needs Framework and the Common Funding Formula. Committee meetings are available [here](#).

Area Planning

As you will be aware, the GBA represents voluntary grammar schools on the various Area Planning Groups. Discussions regarding the next Strategic Area Plan are underway. If you have any ideas for area solutions in your location please [contact us](#).

Information on current published Development Proposals is

available [here](#). This includes the formal proposal and associated Case for Change.

Teaching & Non-Teaching Vacancies

The GBA provides a free advertising service for our member schools. Job vacancies are posted on our website and Twitter page. There is also a link to our job listings on the Education Authority website in the job opportunities section.

As we are currently receiving a high volume of job requests, please use our [job template](#) and allow one working day for posts to be uploaded. This does not include bank holidays and weekends.

If you would like us to host a vacancy for your school, please [contact us](#).

Shared Education

Sharing through the curriculum and extra-curricular activity are some ways in which the vision of shared education can be achieved. The Department is also exploring ideas such as shared management of projects across schools from all sectors.

If you would like any views taken forward or have any comments, [please get in touch](#).

Newsletter Subscription

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GBA Office Closure Dates - July 2021

Please be aware that the GBA office will be closed for the **week commencing 12th July 2021 to facilitate staff holidays**. As staff will be taking annual leave there will be limited availability for the remainder of July and it may take longer to respond to requests than usual. Thank you for your understanding.

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