CULTURAL LEARNING ALLIANCE

Timeline for Implementation: Accountability | Inspection | Enrichment | Pupil Engagement | SEND | National Centre for Arts Education

Updated November 2026

Education Reform

EDUCATION REFORM	2026 New Prime Minister	2027	2028	2029 General election tbc	2030
Performance measures	Consultation closed May. Awaiting revised model for Progress 8 and Attainment 8	Introduced for first teaching (Sept)		New measures reflected in official school performance tables and published data for the cohort completing KS4 in the 2028/29 academic year	
Inspection	Ofsted new revised inspection framework implemented (Jan); Inspection of Enrichment Benchmarks commences (Sept)	Changes to Ofsted to ensure consideration of school context (TBC)			
Enrichment	Enrichment Framework published (June) Schools to self-assess against Enrichment Benchmarks from Sept	Enrichment Expansion Programme: mobilisation of all 400 schools (Jan)	Enrichment Expansion Programme interim evaluation report (autumn)	Enrichment Expansion Programme final report (spring)	
Pupil engagement	Pupil Engagement Framework due (publication date TBC)				
SEND	SEND White Paper (March); SEND proposals and consultation closed May 2026			Reformed SEND system to come into effect (Sept)	Changes to education support for SEND through ECHPs (after Sept)
National Centre for Arts Education	TBC	Launch: expected January 2027			

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Timeline for Implementation for Changes to Curriculum & Assessment

**First teach dates to be confirmed in DfE Implementation Plan expected summer 2026. Page 1 of 2.*

Updated September 2026

Education Reform

CURRICULUM & ASSESSMENT REFORM	2026	2027	2028	2029 general election tbc	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034
National Curriculum (5-19)	Awaiting draft curriculum for Phase 1 subjects, including Art & Design but not performing Arts subjects	Revised National Curriculum published (spring)	First teaching (Sept)						
GCSEs	Consultation begins including on new vocational qualifications			Phase 1[1] first teaching (Sept)	Phase 2[2] first teaching (Sept)	Phase 1 first exams	Phase 2 first exams		
A Levels	Consultation TBC					Phase 1[3] first teaching (Sept)	Phase 2[4] first teaching (Sept)	Phase 1 first exams	Phase 2 first exams
V Levels	Consultation begins	Tranche 1 first teaching (Sept)[5]	Tranche 2 first teaching* (Sept)[6]	Tranche 3 first teaching* (Sept)[7]	Tranche 4 first teaching* Arts subjects (Sept)[8]				

[1] Phase 1 GCSEs not yet confirmed – we assume core subjects will land in this phase
[2] Phase 2 GCSEs not yet confirmed
[3] Phase 1 A Levels not yet confirmed – we assume core subjects will land in this phase
[4] Phase 2 A Levels not yet confirmed
[5] Tranche 1 V Level subjects: Digital Systems and Data; Education and Early Years**;** Accounting and Finance (part of the Legal, Finance, and Accounting route)
[6] Tranche 2 V Level subjects: including Business, Engineering, Health & Science, Construction, and Legal services
[7] Tranche 3 V Level subjects: specialised areas such as Agriculture, Hospitality, and Hair & Beauty
[8] Tranche 4 V Level subjects: remaining sectors, including **Creative Arts, Design**, and Travel

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Post-16 Foundation and Occupational Level 2 certificates	Consultation begins	Tranche 1 first teaching* (Sept)	Tranche 2 first teaching* (Sept)	Tranche 3 first teaching* (Sept)	Tranche 4 first teaching* (Sept)				
Post-16 Level 1 English and Maths	Consultation published (qualification implementation dates TBC)								
Technical Awards		Review of KS4 Technical Awards (at the earliest)							