

SCHOOL

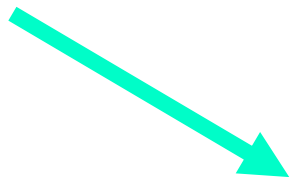
The education system

SCHOOLS - IN ENGLAND & WALES

Primary school

aged 4-11

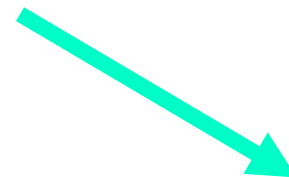
'Reception' +
Years 1-6



Secondary school

aged 11-16

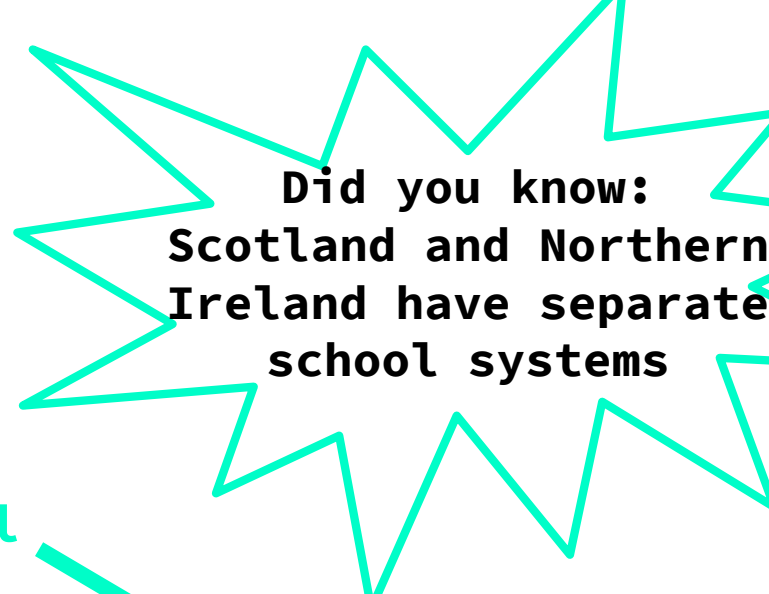
Years 7-11



Sixth form

aged 16-18

'Lower sixth' +
'upper sixth'



**Did you know:
Scotland and Northern
Ireland have separate
school systems**

TYPES OF SCHOOLS

‘**State**’ – free, funded by the government, open to all

‘**Private**’ – quite expensive, sometimes
‘selective’ (entrance exams)

‘**Public**’ – **NOT AT ALL PUBLIC!!** very expensive,
very selective

*(Prince William, Prince Harry, Eddie Redmayne,
Tom Hiddlestone, David Cameron, Boris Johnson)*

UNIFORMS



skirts, dresses, trousers, polo
tops, shirts, jumpers, cardigans,
ties, blazers, black shoes

EXAMS

Secondary school:

GCSEs

Normally 10-14 subjects

English Language, Maths, Science = compulsory

English language, English literature, Maths, Biology, Physics, Chemistry, Religious Education, French, History, Drama, Textiles

Grades A*-E (New GCSEs: 1-9)



MORE EXAMS!

Sixth Form:

AS Levels + A2 Levels = A Levels

Lower sixth - AS Levels (usually 1)

Upper sixth - A2 Levels (usually 3)

Grades A*-E

Greater levels of specialisation:

humanities, languages, sciences

History, French, Latin, Drama <https://youtu.be/9LhLjpsstPY>



HOLIDAYS

Start: 1st September

3 terms

2 weeks holiday at Christmas, 2 weeks holiday at
Easter

6 weeks summer holiday

1 week half term -

October

February

May/June



AN AVERAGE SCHOOL DAY



8.45am: registration

9am: lesson 1

10am: lesson 2

11am: break

11.15am: lesson 3

12.15pm: lunch

1.15pm: registration

1.30pm: lesson 4

2.30pm: lesson 5

3.30pm: home time!

RULES AND DISCIPLINE

chewing gum	‘gum duty’
talking in the classroom	sent out
using your phone	confiscation
being disruptive	detention
repeatedly being disruptive	phonecall to your parents
not doing your homework	detention



YOUR TURN!

- **Write a story** about your first day at school
- Design a uniform and **explain why** you chose each part
- **Argue for and against** wearing a uniform in school
- **Write a letter** to your principal about why it's unfair that you were given a detention