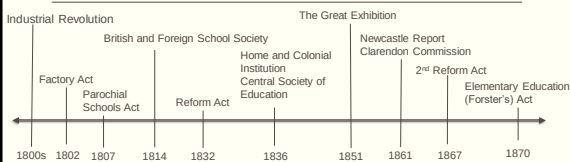


EDUCATION: PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE

Pre-1944 education in Britain

Timeline pre-1870 Education Act



1870 Elementary Education (Forster's Act)

- *"Upon the speedy pro- vision of elementary education depends our industrial prosperity. It is no use trying to give technical teaching to our artisans without elementary education; uneducated labourers-and many of our labourers are utterly uneducated-are, for the most part, unskilled labourers, and if we leave our workfolk any longer unskilled, notwithstanding their strong sinews and determined energy, they will be overmatched in the competition of the world"*
- First major measure which did anything for the exploited classes within society
- The need for a different type of labour force within the UK

Main provisions of the 1870 Act

- Worked to supplement the voluntary schools that already existed
- Elementary education for ages 5-13
- Creation of school boards to oversee the running of the schools and to establish provision where none existed. Powers and duties of school boards were also set out
- School boards were also empowered to support the education of the poor
- Provision of sufficient school places (not free however)
- It did not make education compulsory
- Regulations of conduct were set out for schools including right to withdraw from religious education
- Cowper-Temple clause forbade teaching of particular religious denominations within the schools

1880 - 1900

- 1880 Elementary Education Act (Mundella Act)
- 1891 Elementary Education Act
- 1899 Board of Education Act
- 1900 Elementary Education Act

1901 - 1909

- 1902 Education Act (Balfour Act)
- 1904 Regulations for Secondary Schools
- 1906 Education (provision of meals) Act
- 1906 Dyke Report
- 1907 Education Administrative Provisions Act
- 1908 Acland Report - School Attendance of Children Below the Age of Five
- 1909 Acland Report - Attendance, Compulsory or Otherwise, at Continuation Schools



1910 - 1920

- 1911 Acland Report - Examinations in Secondary Schools
- 1913 Acland Report - Practical Work in Secondary Schools
- 1914 Education (provision of meals) Act
- 1917 Lewis Report
- 1918 Education Act (Fisher)
- 1920 Young Report - Report of the Departmental Committee on Scholarships and Free Places



1921 - 1937

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| ▪ 1921 Education Act | ▪ 1928 Hadow Report |
| ▪ 1923 Hadow Report | ▪ 1928 The New Prospect in Education |
| ▪ 1923 Secondary Education for all became Labour Party policy | ▪ 1931 Hadow Report |
| ▪ 1924 Hadow Report | ▪ 1933 Hadow Report |
| ▪ 1926 Hadow Report | ▪ 1936 Education Act |
