

# Scottish schools can be the best in the world

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We think Scottish schools can be the best in the world. Here's our plan to do it.

- Use the powers of the Scottish Parliament to stop the cuts and invest in education
- An independent review of teachers' pay, conditions and career structure to re-establish the profession as world leading, and attract new teachers to it.
- A commitment to urgently commission the design of a systematic focused literacy and numeracy programme as recommended by the government's international advisers.
- Halt the centralisation of schools through regional directors and maintain local budgeting.
- Re-establish an independent inspectorate and immediately task the Chief Inspector with producing an improvement plan for curriculum for excellence, from primary one to sixth year of high school.
- An expert group to plan reform of the senior phase of school, increasing vocational strands for example through skills academies and Further Education partnerships.
- Introduce a Scottish Graduation Certificate for all at 18, reflecting achievement in exam, vocational, work experience and voluntary learning.
- Bursaries for teacher training in shortage subjects, beginning with Mathematics and Physics.
- Establish a Breakfast club in every school.
- Establish a Homelink worker and mental health counsellor in every secondary school cluster.

- End charging for exam appeals.

**This week, our summer campaign 'For The Many' has been focused on education as the schools go back. Find out more about the campaign by clicking the image below:**

