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Angela Rayner MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Education, responding to the Sunday Times article suggesting that the Budget will contain new money for skills, said:

"Any new funding for vocational education is welcome but it is on this Chancellor's watch that colleges are facing closure due to soaring deficits.

"Much of the Chancellor's plans have already been announced elsewhere, and the T-Levels simply formalise the 15 technical education routes that already exist.

"The idea that this will reverse years of Tory neglect is laughable. It is very much the minimum needed to address the new skills challenges of Brexit."