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Academy chains could establish grammar schools for disadvantaged students, proposals suggest



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“Academy chains are considering opening new grammar schools for disadvantaged children in a bid to improve social mobility, it can be revealed.

The Inspiration Trust, an influential multi-academy chain, has confirmed it has held talks with the Department for Education about opening a selective school for disadvantaged students in the future.

The selective school, which would be targeted at disadvantaged pupils who receive additional funding, including those on free school meals, would be established in Norwich, an area listed as part of the Government’s multi-pronged ‘opportunity’ strategy.

The 12 areas in England earmarked for education reform will receive a share of a £72m social mobility fund, which the Government hopes will remove the current barriers preventing disadvantaged children from accessing higher education and skilled employment.

Today

- Telegraph: 'Dawn of the grammar schools revolution'
- £500 million in the budget
- 110 new free schools
- Additional 70 000 selective places

BBC news 7 March 2017 report of today's newspaper headlines

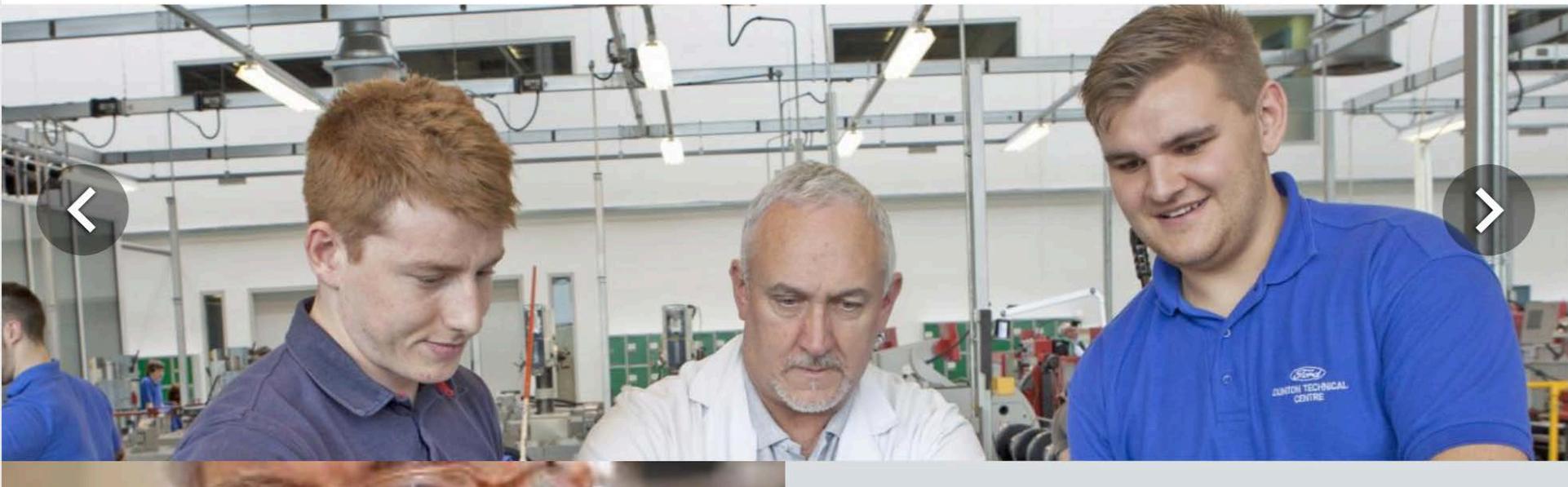
EPI report Sep 2016

- Unlikely to improve overall attainment
- Individual pupils (inc FSM) achieve higher grades
- In highly selective areas other pupils disadvantaged
- FSM pupils stand to lose most

Challenges

- Lack of a tutor-proof test
- FSM inaccurate and ignores low income families
- Should 11+ be compulsory?
- Will there be quotas for FSM?
- Twice as many teachers with physics degree in grammars

 **Kenneth Baker: 'Open your eyes, Gove - this is what pupils should learn'**



The Independent 23 Jan 2013

Kenneth Baker's solution?

- Rethink 14-19 education
- Graduation certificate at 18 (not 16)
- 4 school types (by guided choice at 14):
 - Liberal arts college
 - UTC (60% core: 40% practical)
 - Career college (vocational)
 - Sports, creative & performing arts college

Daventry UTC announces it is to close next year - FE Week

feweek.co.uk/2016/12/07/daventry-utc-announces-it-is-to-close-next-year/ ▼

7 Dec 2016 - Low student numbers will lead to closure at yet another **University Technical College**. The trustees of UTC for New Technologies at Daventry ...

Royal Greenwich UTC becomes fifth UTC to close - FE Week

feweek.co.uk/.../fresh-concerns-over-failing-utc-model-as-a-fifth-closes-in-london/ ▼

7 Oct 2016 - Royal Greenwich UTC will become Greenwich Trust School from next ... Its closure makes it the fifth UTC out of 48 to shut up shop since they ...

Numbers falling, closing down – University technology College ...

feweek.co.uk/.../numbers-falling-closing-down-university-technology-college-revolut... ▼

8 Feb 2016 - Forty per cent of University Technical Colleges (UTCs) opened between 2010 and 2013 saw student numbers fall for this academic year, FE Week can exclusively reveal. ... Bristol Technology and Engineering Academy, Buckinghamshire UTC, UTC Plymouth, Daventry UTC and UTC Lancashire also ...

Greater Manchester UTC is the latest university technical college to ...

<https://www.tes.com/.../greater-manchester-utc-latest-university-technical-college-clos...> ▼

7 Feb 2017 - The Greater Manchester UTC has become the latest **university technical college** to announce its closure. The UTC – based in Oldham – said it ...

Lancashire is fourth undersubscribed UTC to close | Schools Week

schoolsweek.co.uk/lancashire-becomes-fourth-undersubscribed-utc-to-close/ ▼

4 May 2016 - According to the Burnley Express, UTC Lancashire in Burnley will close in ... UTC in London and Black Country UTC in Walsall both closed last ...

Travel costs to send students from closing UTC to ... - Schools Week

schoolsweek.co.uk/travel-costs-to-send-students-from-closing-utc-to-silverstone-hit-1... ▼

7 Jan 2017 - The government is to stump up thousands of pounds in travel costs to send children from a closing **university technical college** to another 20 ...

New 'state-of-the-art' £9m school to be shut down after NONE of its ...

www.mirror.co.uk > News > UK News > Education

8 Feb 2017 - The UTC's trustees have confirmed a closure date of August 31. Year 11 and 13 students will be allowed to complete their courses this summer, ...

'UTC closing'

How do we respond?