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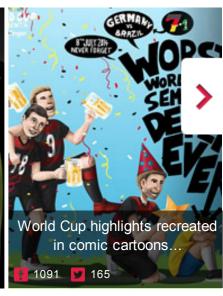
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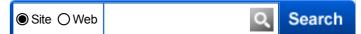




### Too much testing has hit school standards, warns primary inquiry

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Test scores have risen 'at the expense of balance'

Education standards in primary schools have slumped because of Government meddling and an obsession with testing, warn leading academics.

They add that New Labour's influence in the classroom has introduced a centralised "state theory of learning".

The largest inquiry of its kind into primary education found that today's children spend too much time preparing for "batteries of tests" in English and maths. This has come at the expense of a broader education in other subjects. While test scores have risen, educational standards "may actually have declined".

The findings, which form part of the Cambridge University-based Primary Review, are a huge blow to the Government after it invested billions in primary education.

A report by Dr Dominic Wyse, lecturer in primary and early years education at Cambridge University, says: "Government control of the curriculum and its assessment strongly increased during the period from 1988 to 2007, especially after 1997.

"The evidence on the impact of the various initiatives on standards of pupil attainment is at best equivocal and at worst negative.

"While test scores have risen since the mid-1990s, this has been achieved at the expense of children's entitlement to a broad and balanced curriculum and by the diversion of considerable teaching time to test preparation."

Drilling pupils to pass tests does not help their longer-term learning and is resulting in a narrower curriculum, poorer standards of teaching and lower quality of education.

The quality of interaction between teachers and pupils in the classroom has not improved and could have become worse as schools try to boost their test results.

The focus on national English, maths and science tests for seven- and 11-year-olds is "driving teaching in exactly the opposite direction to that which research indicates will improve learning".

Instead of using a variety of classroom methods, including teaching children in small groups, schools often do little more than hold whole-class lessons to prepare pupils





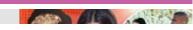








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for tests.

Dr Wyse says that National Curriculum test results "seem to bear out this analysis".

The proportion of children reaching the required standard in Key Stage Two English tests sat by 11-year-olds have risen from 58 per cent in 1996 to 80 per cent last year.

The figures in maths rose from 54 per cent to 77 per cent over the same period. However, results in both subjects have plateaued in recent years.

This is likely to be because teachers "learnt very quickly how to coach for the tests, hence results improved, but any benefit to be squeezed from the system by such coaching has long since been exhausted".

The report adds: "The various studies reviewed would indicate that coaching for the tests has restricted curriculum coverage and the quality of teaching and learning overall.

"As test scores have risen, educational standards may actually have declined."

A second Primary Review report by Maria Balarin and Hugh Lauder, from the University of Bath, reinforced the findings. It said: "Since the arrival of New Labour central control in key areas of educational action has been strengthened.

"The Government has strengthened its hand through what may be called the 'state theory of learning'."

This "state theory" is based on the idea that a combination of "the repeated high stakes testing of pupils", a national curriculum, and "mandated" teaching methods in English and maths will raise standards.

But evidence of this is questionable, the report says.

A spokesman for the Department for Children, Schools and Families accused the Primary Review of peddling "a collection of recycled, partial or out-of-date research".

"We are currently engaged in a review of the primary curriculum which will build on a decade of success in raising standards - success which has been validated on numerous occasions by independent experts," she said.

"The Government does not accept that our children are over-tested."

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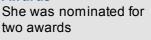
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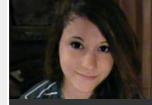








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Nilson, 26, on board boat in Ibiza

Display of affection





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Rodriguez shows off her impressive biceps as she heads into nail salon in Los Angeles



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Wilkinson is 'done with
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transsexual model
Blindsided by claims



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Ellie Goulding flashes her bare legs in ripped denim hot pants as she helps Union J's George Shelley celebrate his 21st birthday



▶ 'She didn't care who I was': Aretha Franklin speaks out after getting no R-E-S-P-E-C-T from server who 'screamed at' her for sitting down to eat a take-out burger



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The actress pulled off the goddess look



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motorbike to dinner... as Kendall plays it safe with another form of transport A pal riding shotgun



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'A boaters life for m,'



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▶ An Unexpected Journey! Hobbit director **Peter Jackson covers** up in Jester costume and goes completely unnoticed by die-hard fans at Comic Con



▶ Well, that was an expensive kiss: British model divorcing director who cheated with **Twilight star Kristen Stewart gets three** homes, \$35k a month



▶ Twice as nice! Emma Roberts steps out in a nautical-style striped top... before switching to glam cocktail attire on same night as she works Comic-Con



▶ Hat's friendship for you! Cara Delevingne wears new BFF Selena Gomez's eye-catching



fedora as she sightsees Spotted touching down in Los Angeles together



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Took a break from his voyage in France



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Rachel Zoe dons boho
strapless cream maxi
dress at QVC fundraiser
in The Hamptons
Offers her own collection
on the channel



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and says he wants to play Thor...as a woman!



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▶ Brenton Thwaites and Odeya Rush share more romantic kisses in music video featuring new scenes from The Giver



Theme song for movie

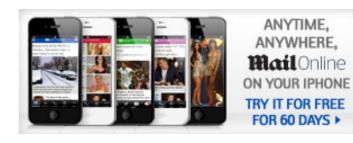
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Demure Lindsay Lohan
is pretty in peach dress
for Austrian festival
appearance after
enjoying Italian vacation
In Linz, Austria



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Manganiello In Miami, Florida



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▶ Howdy partner! Arnold Schwarzenegger sports a cowboy hat at Beverly Hills lunch during break from filming Terminator Brthday on Wednesday



▶ Shailene Woodley goes for an androgynous look in plaid trousers and white shirt as she hits **Comic-Con with hunky** co-star Theo James Making a statement



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Perry shows off her amazing body in plunging starburst bustier and sparkling trousers at Brooklyn concert



▶ Tori Spelling keeps a close watch while Dean McDermott plays with their youngsters during another family day at the beach

Trying to patch things



▶ Abs-olute seductress!
Jada Pinkett Smith
shows off toned tummy
in tiny crop top and sexy
cut-out skirt as she
promotes Gotham
Sculpted physique



▶ Elizabeth Olsen looks sophisticated and chic while Sophie Turner is bold in burgundy at Comic-Con party Sopped by the Micros oft VIP Lounge



▶ That's one way to watch over Gotham! Ben McKenzie takes the plunge and zip-lines at Comic-Con
Taking his promotional duties to new heights



▶ A fashionable affair! Lara Bingle and Sam Worthington prove they're perfectly matched as they colourcoordinate their outfits



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▶ Vacation's over! Selena Gomez goes for grunge look in holey jeans and tattered shirt after glamming it up on French birthday trip Returned from France



▶ Sookie would approve! **True Blood's Anna** Paquin struts her shapely legs in tiny denim shorts to promote **HBO** show at Comic-Con Short shorts



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**Brooklyn sport matching** fluorescent trainers as they leave spin class with David and Harper Spotted together



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▶ Mariah Carey and Nick Cannon sell their luxury **Bel Air mansion for** whopping \$10 million as they plan to ditch West **Coast for New York City** 



▶ Elle Fanning sports striking red dress as she happily greets fans and signs autographs at Comic-Con





▶ Taking his mind off things! Neymar's girlfriend Bruna Marquezine wows in crochet dress as they stroll along Spanish beach together



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dropping out due to 'medical reasons' Reunion tour



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'Courting car' of teenage Princess of Wales steals motor show
Dark red Mini Metro L



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Year-long fitness regime



▶ That's how to get a table! Brad and Angelina book beach cafe next to their film set... for three months

Bay at Mgarr ix-Xini, Gozo for three months



▶ Tim McGraw could be slapped with lawsuit as female fan 'he hit at concert for grabbing his leg' hires personal injury lawyer

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▶ Baby's night out! Hilaria Baldwin brings cute little Carmen to support dad Alec as he hosts Q & A at film screening In The Hamptons



Scarface actor Steven
Bauer, 57, 'is dating' 18year-old Lyda Loudon
He has two grown
children well into their
twenties and Melanie
Griffith is an ex-wife



▶ The look of love! Sofia Vergara is whimsical in white before a lunch date with new boyfriend Joe Manganiello in a sexy sheer skirt Not just a summer fling



▶ That's flower power!
Naomi Watts cuts a
hippy-ish figure in cut-off
shorts and sunflowers
as she shops in LA
Complete her chores at a
local Whole Foods



▶ Tori Spelling wears a plunging swimsuit as she and Dean McDermott continue to put on a united front at beach with their children Fun in the surf



▶ All things bright and beautiful! Gemma Arterton turns heads in figure-hugging orange dress and statement



earrings as she joins stars at the polo



▶ Look at those waves! **Action megastar Jason** Statham displays full head of hair as he dives for England at **Commonwealth Games** almost 25 YEARS ago

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girl happy and healthy!'
Vanessa Lachey covers
up her growing bump
before a pregnancy
workout
Expecting second child



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▶ Karrueche Tran puts her bikini body on display while soaking up the sun in Miami Beach without Chris Brown The 26-year-old appeared in great spirits



▶ 'There's no scandal I'm afraid': Chris Martin opens up about amicable split with Gwyneth Paltrow as he admits they still have 'a lot of love' for each other



▶ New mother Kendra Wilkinson parties away her troubles in Hollywood while struggling to deal with marriage heartbreak



Marriage on the rocks





▶ Kendall and Kylie Jenner get cosy sprawled out across a couch on either side of their 'fwiend' Lil Twist The sisters shared photos on Instagram



▶ Buckingham pool ace! Prince George is learning to swim thanks to weekly splash-abouts at the Palace

The pool is at the rear of Buckingham Palace



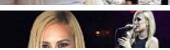
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▶ What a gal! New mom JWoww shoulders the burden of heavy props after family photo session with her baby girl Meilani Birth two weeks ago



▶ Rumer Willis bares her toned midriff in cropped



tank top and low-rise leather trousers as she performs at nightclub Becoming quite a regular on club circuit



▶ No beach needed! Irina Shayk finds a way to show off her enviable stomach without a bikini Without a drop of water in sight



▶'I cry myself to sleep every night': Kris Jenner breaks down in tears as she tells Kim of her concerns for depressed Rob In upcoming episode



▶ 'Older women still want sex... but men don't want to sleep with them': Actress Jacqueline Bisset, 69, talks about female desire



▶ Queen Letiza and King Felipe of Spain make royal pilgrimage to Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela to pay tribute to 79 victims of train derailment



▶ Peaches Geldof's **husband Thomas Cohen** 'hasn't been back to their house in 15 weeks because he is so traumatized by her death'



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officer' to discuss punishment for egging neighbor's home



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They were seen jetting out of Los Angeles



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**trailer is released**They had a hectic day



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Curvaceous physique





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