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'Failing' education reforms force urgent review of academies

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Ministers have ordered an urgent review of academy schools amid questions over whether the flagship policy is delivering improved education for the most disadvantaged pupils.

The Department for Children, Schools and Families last night confirmed that Children's Secretary Ed Balls had asked for a review of academies by Gordon Brown's Delivery Unit, due to report within a few months.

The Department insisted that the academy programme will not be scrapped, but some education experts are already fearing for the future of the flagship Blairite policy.

The Number 10 unit will question academy headteachers and business sponsors, following a workshop at Downing Street earlier this month.

An invitation to participate, seen by The Guardian, described the study as an "intensive piece of work to help DCSF gather lessons learned so far in addressing disadvantage... (and) the culture of under-attainment in the most challenging communities".

The DCSF spokesman said last night the commissioning of the review was not an indication that the Government was preparing to scrap the programme.

The Government has committed to increasing the number of academies from the current 83 to 200 by 2010, with the target of eventually reaching 400 schools - one in nine of all secondaries in England - said the spokesman.

"This review is designed to check that the programme is on course and delivering what it is supposed to deliver," he said.

The news came as soaring GCSE results owe more to dumbing down than £3billion spent on flagship Government schools policies, according to a damning report.

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A study claims the impact of key initiatives such as giving comprehensives specialist subjects has been "meagre".

Lancaster University academics who produced the research accuse ministers of a "substantial misallocation of public funds" after finding the specialist schools scheme had "very little impact" on results.

Other policies such as mentoring schemes for inner-city pupils also failed to produce the benefits trumpeted by ministers.

The report is the latest to claim massive Government spending on education has had a limited impact.

It comes two weeks after a study warned that investment in primary education had failed to make a substantial impression on children's reading skills, which were unchanged since the 1950s.

The latest study says GCSE results appear to have improved sharply between 1992 and 2006, with the proportion of teenagers scoring at least five C grades rising from 35 per cent to 58 per cent.

But economists at Lancaster University Management School said key policies had been only partially responsible.

Ministers spent £3 billion on two initiatives - the "excellence in cities" scheme to improve results in urban areas and the policy to make all secondary schools "specialists" in particular subjects, such as technology or arts.

A third key policy was to increase competition between schools and give parents more choice.

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But the researchers said much of the 23 point rise in GCSE results may have been caused by "grade inflation", better teaching or pupils working harder.

"The impact of the education reforms taken as a whole has been relatively small, with only about one-third of the total improvement in exam performance being directly attributable to these three education reforms," the report said.

"This seems to be a rather meagre return on a substantial investment in education resources.

"One possible explanation for the gap between the impact of the policies and the overall change in exam results is simply that the GCSE exams have become easier or that assessment methods have become less stringent.

"In other words there may have been grade inflation."

However, the research cautioned that there was no "convincing evidence" that such grade inflation was responsible for the improvement in results.

The findings were based on an analysis of results from all state secondary schools in England between 1992 and 2006.

The researchers were particularly critical of the specialist schools policy, driven forward under Tony Blair in an attempt to end the era of the so-called "bog standard" comprehensive.

Report author Professor Jim Taylor said: "The specialist schools programme has had very little impact on overall exam results.

"Schools with a large percentage of pupils from poor families appear to have gained most from the programme.

"Unfortunately, the programme has been directed mainly at schools with a high percentage of pupils from better-off families.

"There is no evidence that exam results in these schools have improved as a result."

The report added: "This suggests a substantial misallocation of public funds."

Earlier this month, the Cambridge-based Primary Review warned ministers spent half a billion pounds on raising standards of English in primary schools with "almost no impact" on children's reading skills.

A spokeswoman for the Department for Children, Schools and Families said: "This report cherry-picks policies selectively rather than looking at the whole picture.

"Today's pupils achieve better results because of higher investment, more good schools, more and better-trained teachers and support staff, smaller classes, more support for families, and national strategies to boost attainment based on evidence of what works "

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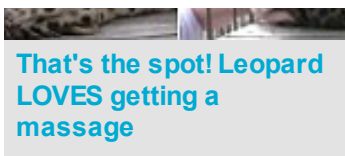


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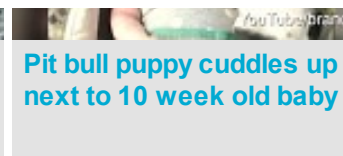




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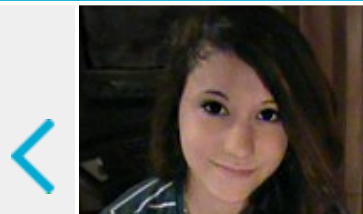
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At a farmers market in Studio City, California



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Persuaded to show off



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Marrying Chris French



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door for her during lunch date



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Big shoes to fill



► Nikki Reed shows off her sculpted physique in a midriff-baring blouse and Daisy Dukes at Comic-Con
Newly divorced, but not getting down



► Sweet as! Cate



Blanchett is pretty in pink wearing candy and cream-coloured dress as she steps out at Comic Con in San Diego
Sweet and simple



► Got milk? Gwen Stefani cradles baby Apollo as they visit a cow pasture during family holiday in Europe
She captioned it: 'Swiss Cow!'



► Sarah Paulson is prim and proper in vintage ensemble but adds a touch of daring with cropped blouse as she leads American Horror Story cast at Comic-Con



► Kaley Cuoco shows off her legs in ruffled dress as she poses in Wild West photo shoot with husband Ryan Sweeting on her film set in New Mexico



► A wheel good time! Naomi Watts and Liev Schreiber ride bikes and scooters with their sons for family trip to the farmers market
In great cheer



► Three Royal cheers! Sophie, Countess of Wessex, is joined by Prince Edward and Lady Louise to celebrate England's score during



Commonwealth Games



► **Party dream team!**
Charlie Sheen and porn star fiancée Scottine pose with Paris Hilton at her bash in Malibu
She looked slightly in awe



► **Reese Witherspoon is summer chic in gingham blouse and red sandals as she takes growing son Tennessee for day out**
Preppy yet stylish



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Said that men were 'worse than women'



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► **Actress Natasha Henstridge shows off**



curvier figure in bikini on break from filming Hawaii Five-0
Enjoying single life after split from British singer



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► **Best strip ever! One Direction star Liam Payne sends fans into a frenzy as he shares naked selfie online**
Don't worry he pixelated his nether regions



► **'Absolutely smoking!': British Olympian Rebecca Adlington's fiancé posts picture of the shrinking swimmer who 'has lost at least two stone'**



► **Not an inch to pinch! Naomi Campbell shows off incredibly toned figure in floral bikini as she joins old flame Puff Daddy on yacht in Ibiza**
Briefly dated in 2002



► **Best unsupported actress! Minnie Driver goes braless as she wears colourful summer dress to party in Los Angeles**
Daring fashion choice



► **Make-up free Nicole Richie puts on a leggy display in tiny denim shorts for casual look**

Completed her ensemble with baggy grey tank top



► **Jessica Simpson coos over a friend's baby as baby son Ace enjoys play date with pal in new Instagram shots**

Posted snaps with her son and a friend's baby



► **What's cooking? Gordon Ramsay shows off his slim new frame as he goes topless on the beach in Malibu... and flashes his Dolce & Gabbana underwear**



► **Harper Beckham giggles with delight as big brother Brooklyn cradles her following his spin class with parents Victoria and David**

Style runs in the family



► **'It's quite shocking if 7pm rolls around and I haven't got any plans': Move over Cara, Poppy is the Delevingne we're all obsessed with now**

Self-confessed party girl



► **She's got designs on him: Shirtless Roberto Cavalli, 73, gets a tender kiss from girlfriend Lina**



Nilson, 26, on board boat in Ibiza

Display of affection



► **How cheeky! Alessandra Ambrosio bares pert derriere as she sunbathes topless with friends**

Knows how to achieve the perfect tan



► **Hats off to her! Joan Collins shows off her trim figure in floral print swimsuit as she enjoys lavish St Tropez break with husband Percy Gibson**



► **Just good friends? Nina Dobrev and Ben McKenzie share lingering embrace at Comic Con bash - before leaving in a cab together**
He's single, she's single



► **All aboard the party boat! Leonardo DiCaprio and model girlfriend Toni Garrn strip down to their swimsuits as they set sail for Ibiza**

After his charity gala



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Fraudster tweeted more than 100 times a day



► **Battle of the black dresses! Elizabeth Olsen sports clinging leather while Cobie Smulders dresses to frill at Comic Con**

Star-studded event



► **Strong armed and dangerous! Michelle Rodriguez shows off her impressive biceps as she heads into nail salon in Los Angeles**

Ms Muscular Arms



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Close friends worried about the singer



► **Well, it is Comic-Con! Maisie Williams wears fashion forward comic strip print dress as she leads Game Of Thrones ladies at party**

Plays Arya Stark



► **Holidaying on the sly: Sylvester Stallone keeps his cool as he parties on a yacht with family in South of France**



He is known for being an action hero to millions



► **Vanessa Lachey cuts a stylish figure as she hides her growing baby bump behind a cart full of groceries**

Shopping for her growing family



► **A little overdressed for a daytime stroll? Lady Gaga cuts a striking figure in hot pink evening gown as she takes dog for a walk**

All covered up



► **New mother Kendra Wilkinson is 'done with marriage' to Hank Baskett amid claims he cheated on her with a transsexual model**

Blindsided by claims



► **All white on the night! Lindsay Lohan undergoes a quick costume change - from one white dress to another - at the Weisses Festival in Linz, Austria**



► **Low-key couple: Susan Sarandon and toyboy lover Jonathan Bricklin enjoy a relaxed day of shopping in New York**

Enjoying a spot of shopping in Soho



► **Goodness gracious:**



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



► Back together then Pammie? Bikini-clad Anderson passionately kisses husband Rick Salomon on romantic getaway just weeks after filing for divorce



► Miley ink! Cyrus and assistant Cheyne Thomas tattoo each other... but singer only manages a rather simplistic smiley face
Don't give up the day job



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Married her longtime love on Saturday



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gun attack



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Rita Ora reveals her chest in plunging leather catsuit as she parties in Las Vegas

Hosted a party at legendary venue Tao



► **Lindsay Lohan taps into her inner goddess in a Grecian-inspired gown at The White Party in Linz, Austria**

The actress pulled off the goddess look



► **'I'm a hopeless romantic': Australian TV presenter Jamie Durie candidly reflects on his three failed engagements**

Married to his career



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Lily Allen wears headache-inducing outfit as she performs in Byron Bay

Loves making a scene



► **Police launch investigation after Lily Allen tweets prank picture of herself in handcuffs minutes after she stepped off a plane**

Investigation launched



► **Wild child! Kylie Jenner rides three-wheel**



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



► 'You're blushing': Dame Helen Mirren asks 60 Minutes host if he really pulled a muscle in his left buttock running as he retorts: 'Yes, you cheeky devil'



► Hilary Duff shows off her toned tummy in a bikini as her son Luca dances to her new single Chasing The Sun
Mother of one



► A wizard disguise! Daniel Radcliffe wears Spider-Man suit in order to go unnoticed and mingle with fans at Comic-Con
Forgot invisibility cloak?



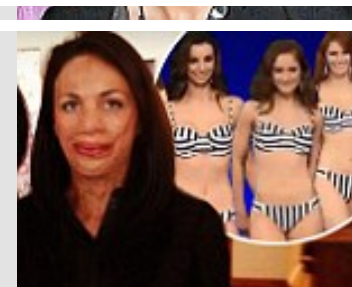
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'A boaters life for m,'



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Her hair had a moment in the spotlight



► **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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Unwanted extras



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Took a break from his voyage in France



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► **'You are my idol!' Kim leads the way as Kardashian sisters wish their grandmother a happy 80th birthday with flashback photos**
Throwback portrait



► **Pooped! Jessica Alba collapses fully-dressed on her bed in starfish position after promoting new Sin City at Comic-Con**
A Dame To Kill For



► **A shopaholic's dream! Rachel Zoe dons boho strapless cream maxi dress at QVC fundraiser in The Hamptons**
Offers her own collection on the channel



► **No problems here! Beyonce shares romantic sunset snaps of herself relaxing in break from Jay Z tour, amid reports of marriage breakdown**



► **Like mother, like son! Fergie and her baby son Axl wear matching bandanas as singer shows off her slender legs in LA**
Coordinated pair



► **'I don't want to jinx it but I think it could be my Oscar': Chris Hemsworth shows off his biceps at Comic Con**



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



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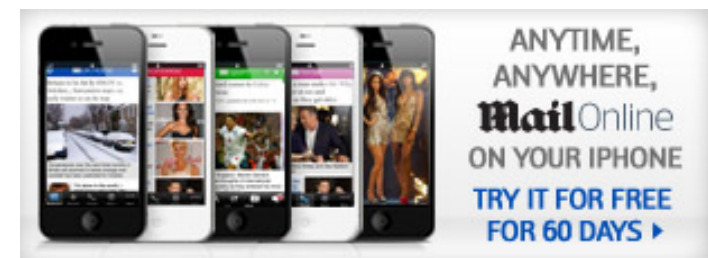
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In Linz, Austria



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Rehearsing hard





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Sofia Vergara snacks on
healthy crisps while
taking in view from hotel
balcony on trip with Joe



Manganiello
In Miami, Florida



► **Stark contrast! On-screen sisters Maisie Williams and Sophie Turner display their different styles at Game Of Thrones Comic-Con panel**



► **Howdy partner! Arnold Schwarzenegger sports a cowboy hat at Beverly Hills lunch during break from filming Terminator 5**

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



► **First glimpse of Georgina Haig as Frozen's Elsa in new promo for season four of Once Upon A Time**

Fans got a sneak peek



► **How does she breathe in that? Kim Kardashian steps out in a VERY clingy white dress following Mexican getaway**

Still dressing for the sun



► **Like a Firework! Katy**



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 Microsoft 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 colour-coordinate their outfits



for a Sunday stroll



► **FIRST LOOK:** Gal Gadot as the leather-clad, sexed up new Wonder Woman in Batman Vs Superman... and it's a far cry from the days of Lynda Carter



► Just for the the frill of it! Kelly Ripa wears flirty blue sundress to QVC Super Saturday event in the Hamptons

With the Ovarian Cancer Research Fund.



► 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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Showcased yet another style on Friday



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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

She plays a princess in Disney film Maleficent



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



► **Those summer whites!**
Cameron Diaz dazzles in matching ensemble as she and beau Benji Madden disembark from French Riviera ship
In Beaulieu-sur-Mer



► **The high life!** Roberto Cavalli, 73, sports denim hotpants as he takes his pooches for a stroll with girlfriend Lina Nilson, 26, in Ibiza
Made most of the sun



► **Bracing herself!**
Jordana Brewster steps out in west Hollywood wearing stylish dungarees with cross-over braces
'Less is more' maxim



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Sir Ian McKellen sports a top hat and waistcoat as he sips a hot drink on London set of Mr. Holmes



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Bobby Brown decides to rejoin New Edition reunion tour after



dropping out due to
'medical reasons'

Reunion tour



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Alexander McQueen...
designer who dressed
(and dissed!) the A-list:
What couture's bad boy
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► Diana's Mini Metro
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full of coconut water)
made me shed two
stone, says Gordon
Ramsay

Year-long fitness regime



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book beach cafe next to
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months

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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

Faces being sued



► **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' 18-year-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



► Royal match: French prince marries German aristocrat in a traditional summer wedding

Prince Francois d'Orleans married Theresa von Einsiedel



► Monkey business! Fun-loving Gwen Stefani apes around with her sons at children's playground in London
Getting playful with her kids



► 'I dated Bowie and I still take drugs at 67': Susan Sarandon claims to have had passionate affair with rock star as she reveals she prefers mushrooms to acid



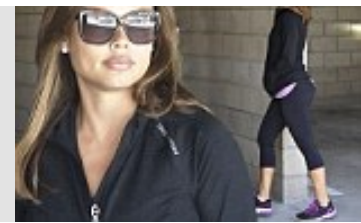
► That's how to make an entrance! Emmy Rossum arrives at restaurant in red Jaguar convertible sporting stunning blue and white floral maxi dress



► 'Keeping me and baby



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



► **California dreaming! A tanned Lea Michele and new boyfriend Matthew Paetz jet back to LA after romantic getaway**
After a brief visit to the Big Apple



► **Liberty Ross awarded millions in divorce settlement while her cheating ex Rupert Sanders gets 1970 VW van... and the Malibu beach house**



► **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



► **Shapeshifter! Audrina Patridge transforms into X-Men's mystique with blue body paint and a red wig at Comic-Con**
Got into the spirit with a well-executed disguise



► **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



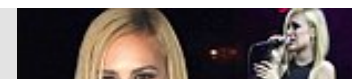
► **Mommy's little angel: Denise Richards gets a huge hug from daughter Lola as she drops her off at summer beach camp in Malibu**
A doting mother



► **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



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Enjoys flaunting it.



► 'The ugliest period in human history': Actor Richard Roxburgh condemns ancestors as he discovers his family 'owned' 109 slaves



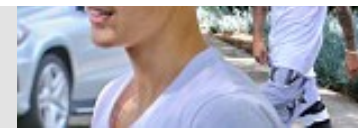
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Known for lifting weights



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officer' to discuss punishment for egging neighbor's home



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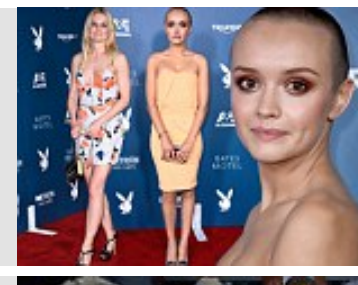
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In the Nineties, Jennifer Morrison's outfit would have been a hot look



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They were seen jetting out of Los Angeles



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Got a little taste of her Disney roots



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The singer fed her 100 guests with a huge cake



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Famous for her figure



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trailer is released
They had a hectic day



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Egged a neighbour



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Doesn't need a fake tan



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Spotted together



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Curvaceous physique



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Malia, 16, also joined in



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Singer is not afraid to breastfeed in public



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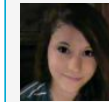
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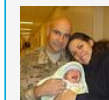
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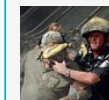
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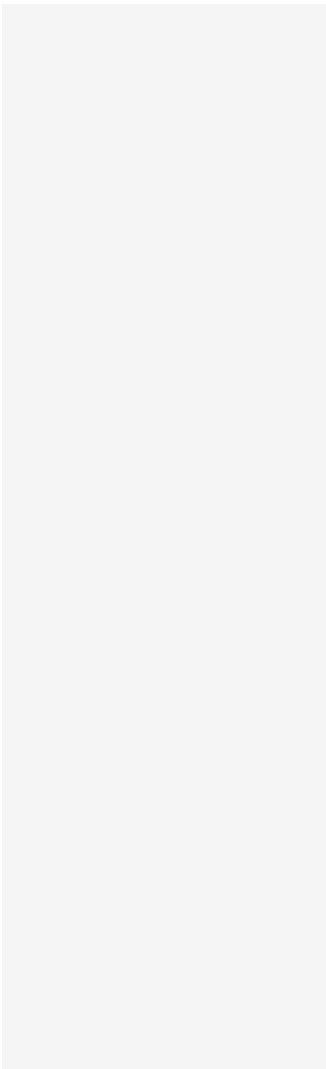



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