



## Peterborough Association/Division.

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### ACADEMIES: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

The issues of local accountability and democracy, the break-up of the local family of schools and the potential break in continuous service for staff are just the headlines on a serious and massive attempt by the new government to continue with the disintegration of LA community schools and encouraging the private sector to make inroads into state education and to ultimately make profits for their shareholders.

#### Other things to note about the New Academies:

There could be a direct threat in the future to teacher's national pay and conditions.

Given that the evidence on Academies raising standards is poor to say the least, despite the Government's claims, the Government appears to have found a quick and easy way of raising standards in Academies by simply encouraging hundreds of 'outstanding' schools to become Academies.

If you work in a school that is rumoured to be thinking of becoming an Academy contact the NUT immediately.

More information from the anti-academy alliance website:

[www.antiacademies.org.uk](http://www.antiacademies.org.uk)

*If your school becomes an academy you may lose the protection of the STP&CD for ever. Insist on meaningful consultation before it's too late!*



**All NUT members are invited to the next Peterborough NUT General Meeting**

**On Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November at Stanground College starting at 5pm.**

**Regional Officer Chris Grant will be giving a presentation on "The challenges posed by the Coalition Government's policies to State Education, Schools and Teachers."**

#### Peterborough Association/Division Officers:

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## Peterborough NUT Young Teachers Section November Social Event

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November @ City Club 7.30-10.30 Private Party in the Cellar Bar. Find out more on Face Book Peterborough Young Teachers or look on our website. It is a great way for young teachers to support each other and a pleasant distraction from the day to day pressures of teaching.

### Advanced Notice: Date of Young Teachers' Conference 2010

The Young Teachers' Conference is a popular event among young members of the Union. This Conference will be held over the weekend of Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> June to Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> June 2011 at Stoke Rochford Hall near Grantham.

**Moved schools? School name changed? Update your membership records at HQ Call 0845 300 1666 today!**



**Our Aim: One Union for all Teachers!**

### SCHOOL NUT REP?

**Are you the new school rep or point of contact in your school? Please send a quick email to Division Secretary Andy Willis to confirm—thanks.**

### Teacher's Pensions under Attack.

The Hutton Report has laid the ground work for a potential attack on the Teacher's Pension Scheme. Despite the fact the average teacher's pension is less than £10,000 and the scheme is affordable the following threats are looming;

**PAY MORE:** Higher or Tiered Contributions

**WORK LONGER:** Pension Age 65 for all Teachers or more.

**GET LESS:** Indexation change from RPI to CPI is already proposed. This would cost a teacher on a pension of £20,000 over a 25 year period £70,000.

### Bric a Brac

Average graduate Starting salary is *down* to £27 000 Teachers start at £21,500.

*A member asks:* "Can I give up my PPA time if my HT asks?" *Answer:* No. At least 10% PPA time is a statutory requirement and if lost must be paid back. All your PPA time must appear on your timetable.

Minimum working temperatures in schools are 18 degrees C for classrooms. As yet there is no maximum limit. Given that it is illegal for Pigs and Cattle to be transported in temperatures of more than 30 degrees C this must surely be a guide?

## £1 Membership Join the NUT now.

Remember, nobody who joins the NUT now for the first time and completes a Direct Debit pays anything until February 2011 and NQTs pay just £1 and then half-rate in 2012. Make good use of the reduced rates for part-timers. **Membership Hotline 0845 300 1669**