EDUCATION in Britain

Middle Ages

Common people

- The first schools were parish schools
- The grammar schools



Aristocracy

 They were taught hunting and manners, rather than reading and writing

Common people

Dame schools



Aristocracy

- Grammar schools
- The Dissenting Academies
- Private boarding-schools

- Dame schools continued
- Charity schools were established
- The grammar schools
- The public schools



- schools and teaching were provided for the children of enfranchised groups
- Schools were organised to run cheaply as possible
- Monitorial system teacher teaches the monitors who then pass on their knowledge to the pupils
- The so-called Ragged Schools (supported by charity and provided education for the very poorest children of the cities.)
- 1833 Education Act gave the first Government grant to schools.

- 1902- Local Education Authorities had to finance secondary schools
- 1907- private secondary schools could get financial help from the government
- 1918- the power of the LEAs increased: schooling was made compulsory up to the age of 14 and this reorganised the government grants to schools
- 1944-all children should have an equal opportunity to participate in secondary education and it should be suited to their age.

The actions in Parliament

- Reform Act 1832- education was provided to the middle- class
- Reform Act 1867-respectable working-class children were provided with education
- Education Act **1880** everyone, at least up to the age of 10 had to attend school
- Education Act 1891- free education

British Education System

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Doctorate
              age 23-27
            for 3-5 years
          Master's degree
               age 22
            for 1-2 years
          Bachelor degree
              age 19-21
            for 3-4 years
              A-level or
          foundation prog.
              age 17-18
             for 2 years
Secondary school
                    Further education
    age13-16
                         age 16+...
   for 2 years
 Primary school
    age 5-12
   for 8 years
   Pre-school
    age 3-4
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School education

- primary education up to age eleven
- secondary education up to age sixteen



Private education

- Government does not support these schools financially.
- People must pay for their education
- Choice: day and boarding schools, single-sex schools
- 2,400 schools in Britain

Further education

- Is for people over sixteen taking courses for entry into higher education.
- Provides continued general education for people of all ages.
- Used to study academic subjects and explore recreational activities as well as to develop and upgrade work skills.

Higher education

- All UK post-school courses above GCE Advanced level or Scottish Higher standard.
- Courses are available at universities, colleges and institutions of higher education.

Universities

- There are 88 universities in the UK.
- A private university (Buckingham).
- A school which is devoted entirely to distance learning (the Open University).
- Most famous Universities in Britain are Cambridge and Oxford.

Cambridge University



Facts about Cambridge

- Students: over 16,500 (over 100 nationalities)
- Staff consists of 7,000 people
- Divisions: Humanities, Life and Environmental Sciences, Mathematical and Physical Sciences, Medical Sciences, Social Sciences
- Chancellor: The Duke of Edinburgh
- Members of Cambridge have won over 60 Nobel Prizes

Oxford University



Facts about Oxford

- Students: over 16, 500 (130nationalities)
- Academic community includes 426 people
- Divisions: Humanities, Life and Environmental Sciences, Mathematical and Physical Sciences, Medical Sciences, Social Sciences
- Oxford was named the most innovative University
- Chancellor: Roy Jenkins

Distance education

- Learners are separated from the institution
- Learning takes place outside the education establishment.
- Students learn where and when it suits them, at their own pace.
- Studies and private and professional commitments can be combined

Teacher education

• Schools have responsibility for planning and managing teacher training courses and for the selection, training and assessment of students.



