

# EDUCATION in BRITAIN



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# History of British Education

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**1989** - **The National Curriculum is introduced in state schools in England and Wales.**



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**The National Curriculum is made up of twelve subjects.**

# PRIMARY EDUCATION

**INFANT SCHOOLS**  
(5-7)

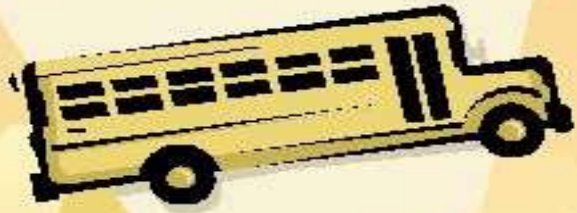
**JUNIOR SCHOOLS**  
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# SECONDARY EDUCATION

**MODERN SCHOOLS**

**GRAMMAR SCHOOLS**

**COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOLS**



# Education in Great Britain

In Great Britain children begin to go to school at the age of five.



First they study at infant schools.  
At the age of seven English schools.



If you have a look at an English pupil's schools record, you will see that the marks in it differ from the marks we have.

# Types of Schools in Britain

There are two different types of school:

state schools

private schools



# FURTHER EDUCATION

## COLLEGES

Some 16 years pupils go to colleges of further education to study for more practical diplomas.

## 6<sup>th</sup> FORM COLLEGES

They prepare pupils for a national exam called "A" level (advanced level) at 18. Children need "A" level to enter a university.



# HIGHER EDUCATION

Higher education begins at 18 and usually lasts three or four years.

Students go to universities, polytechnics or colleges of higher education.

There are now about 80 universities in Great Britain.

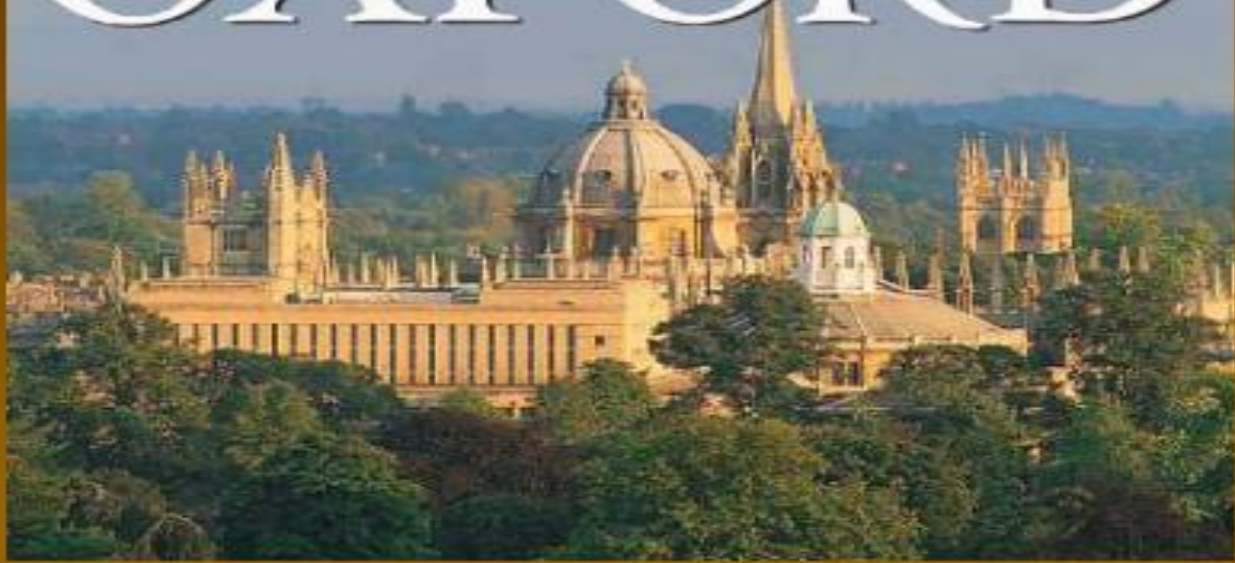
The academic year is divided into three terms.

Terminal examinations are held at the end of autumn, spring and summer terms. Only two reexaminations are allowed.

British universities usually keep to the customs of the past. Upon graduation all the students have to wear long black gowns and "students caps".



# OXFORD



The most famous universities in Britain are Oxford and Cambridge. They are the two oldest English universities and they both have a long and eventful history of their own. Oxford and Cambridge are regarded as being academically superior to other universities and as giving special privilege and prestige.



## City University



There is no automatic admission to university, as there are only a limited number of places (around 100,000) available each year. Applicants are accepted on the basis of their A-level results. Virtually all degree courses are full-time and most last three years (medical and veterinary courses last five or six years).

