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The HUNDRed (<https://hundred.org/en>) is a non-profit initiative researching into education innovations from around the world with the aim of improving education globally. Annually HundrED selects 100 Inspiring Innovations in World Education and helps them to spread by providing step-by-step instructions on how to implement them. How many do you use and how many have you heard of? Here is a sample from 2017.

Innovation	area	Innovation	area	Innovation	area
Voice 21	Presentation & Communication skills	The Daily Mile	Physical Ed to improve standards	Pi-Top	Hardware & software ecosystem
Newsela	Instructional content platform with assessment	Kahoot	Quiz application	Octagon 4D	Multi dimensional flash cards
Democratic Kindergarden	Student Life Skills	Segni Massi	Integrated arts and Movement education	Escuela Nueva	New school Model
Picture of the Day	Tool for inference and deduction using Pictures rather than text	Lyfta	Global exploration approach using VR,AR and film	ThingLink	Digital Story Telling

UK Government updates

EYFS (2018) Handbook: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-years-foundation-stage-profile-2018-handbook>

Primary Education Accountability and calculation of progress:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/primary-school-accountability>

School Inspection handbook Updated: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-inspection-handbook-from-september-2015>

GCSE 9-1 Grades – December 2017 Updates: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-gcse-9-to-1-grades-coming-soon>

Unlocking Talent , Fulfilling potential: final policy document by the previous Minister for Education. https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/667690/Social_Mobility_Action_Plan_-_for_printing.pdf

Surrey Square Primary is graded Outstanding, but its real impact on local families is nothing to do with OFSTED's criteria. This is why we are educators.

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/dec/22/is-this-the-most-inspiring-school-in-britain>

21st Century Learning and Education

For those of you interested in views of where education is going, here is a link to an interesting essay <http://www.ippr.org/read/success-in-the-21st-century#> by Peter Hyman, Executive Head of School 21 in Stratford, London.

TES: Pearson trialling online A levels in Spanish this year – moving to Physics next year. <https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/exclusive-schools-consider-virtual-a-levels-dont-need-classroom> Finding outstanding physics teachers is incredibly hard in the UK and International markets – could this be a stop gap solution if a pupil had to have physics for a uni pathway?

Pupil Self Control and delayed gratification leading to improved standards. Interesting summary in The Guardian. <https://www.theguardian.com/teacher-network/2018/feb/08/research-every-teacher-should-know-self-control-and-learning>

Looking for KS4 Progress Analysis based on prior attainment?
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/ready-reckoners-for-key-stage-4-2017>
Range of resources to support.

Useful Commonwealth Resource pack from Gov.uk – Useful for KS2/3 Humanities:
https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/678960/DfE_-_Commonwealth_Education_Teachers_Pack.pdf

Many schools are placing MINDFULNESS as one of their core values. Have a look at: <https://hundred.org/en/articles/teacher-testimonials-making-mindfulness-a-way-of-life>
For a range of International Approaches to Mindfulness Education. There is a recommendation to try out the free Australian App – Smiling Mind for some age related classroom programmes for Y3-4; Y5-7; Y8-11; Y12-13 <https://hundred.org/en/innovations/smiling-mind>

Looking for a Thinking skills toolkit for your school? Have a look at the excellent Visible Thinking Toolkit, which has come out of Harvard's Project Zero Research.
http://www.visiblethinkingpz.org/VisibleThinking_html_files/01_VisibleThinkingInAction/01a_VTInAction.html

Is STEM learning a key aspect of your Secondary Phase? Have a look at the free magazine from STEM.org. <http://magazines.stem.org.uk/stem-learning-magazine-secondary-08.html>

The Education Endowment Fund consistently produce a research and evidence base for school improvement strategies. Along with Hattie, this should be your 'go-to' site to check impact of interventions before spending time and money. 8.2.18 report about Implementing Change in Education Settings in the news section <https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/about/>