

INITIATIVES IN SCHOOLS – 2002/03

Ofsted have listed national initiatives which inspectors may encounter during inspections. How many of those listed do you know about or work with?

Initiatives	Who is it for?	Purpose
School Achievement Awards	Successful schools	To reward schools for high performance or rapid improvement
Small School Funds	Small schools	To reward standards and reduce burdens in small schools
Beacon Schools	Schools awarded Beacon status	To raise standards in schools by improving communication and sharing and spreading good practice
Learning Support Units	Pupils at risk of exclusion	To provide separate short-term teaching and support programmes, tailored to individual pupils' needs in small self-contained units attached to main stream schools
National Grid for Learning	All schools	To improve ICT provision in schools to baseline target for 2002 and beyond, encourage innovation and enable high-speed internet access through broadband provision
Seed Challenge	All schools	To encourage innovative investment in capital projects – matching funding required
Excellence in Cities	Primary and secondary schools in selected areas	Targeted support for schools to drive up standards in selected urban areas
Education Action Zones	Local partnership of schools, LEAs, Business and Community	To work together to develop new and innovative ways of raising standards of education
Teaching Assistants	All schools	To support the recruitment and training of teaching assistances
The Children's Fund	5-13 year olds at risk of social exclusion	To tackle child poverty and social exclusion by bridging the gap between Sure Start (for pre-school children) and the Connexions Service
New Opportunities	Fund available to all schools	Grants made for: ICT to teachers and librarians Out-of-school childcare Better sport facilities
Study Support	All schools	Out-of-school learning opportunities
Playing for Success	All schools	Study centres in football and sports clubs to raise achievement and tackle social exclusions
Drug Education	All schools	To promote drug education in schools as part of cross-Government anti-drugs strategy
Specialist Schools	Secondary schools: 1,000 by 2004	Selected schools to develop a particular specialist character, e.g. Performing Arts, Business and Enterprise
KS3 National Strategy	Key Stage 3 pupils	To make education for 11-14 year olds challenging, demanding, vigorous and inspiring
Year 7 Catch-up and Summer Schools Programmes	Key Stage 3 pupils	Support for pupils who have reached level 3 at the end of KS2 in English and Maths
Connexions Partnerships	13-19 year olds	To provide a range of guidance and support to help young people make a smooth transition to adult life