

Board, working with schools and Local Authorities. We will abolish unelected Regional Schools Commissioners.

- ◆ Allow Ofsted to inspect both Local Authorities and academy chains. Local authorities and academy chains which are failed by Ofsted for intervention work will be required to work with stronger organisations or be replaced.
- ◆ Rule out state-funded profit-making schools.
- ◆ Give democratically accountable Local Authorities clear responsibility for local school places planning. We will only fund new mainstream schools in areas where school places are needed, and repeal the rule that all new state funded schools must be free schools or academies. We will allow Local Authorities to select the school sponsor, where this is not the Local Authority itself.
- ◆ Ensure a fair local schools admissions process.
- ◆ Implement the Children's Commissioner's report *They Go The Extra Mile* into the prevention of and positive alternatives to exclusion, and strengthen appeals panels.
- ◆ Extend free school meals to all children in primary education as resources allow and following a full evaluation of free meals for infants.
- ◆ Continue to promote the local integration of health, care and educational support for children with Special Educational Needs and health problems.

We will allow parents to continue to choose faith-based schools within the state-funded sector and allow the establishment of new faith schools. We will ensure all faith schools develop an inclusive admissions policy and end unfair discrimination on grounds of faith when recruiting staff, except for those principally responsible for optional religious instruction.

4.3 World-class teaching

Great teachers are at the heart of a successful education system. We will continue our work to attract the best into the profession and support teachers throughout their careers.

We want to build the status of the teaching profession, support and nurture teachers in their work, and so drive up standards in every school.

We will:

- ◆ Guarantee all teachers in state-funded schools will be fully qualified or working towards Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) from September 2016.