


New Labour

& Education

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- Literacy & Numeracy Hours
 - Class sizes
 - Target -setting
 - Citizenship
 - 14-19 education
 - EAZ's
 - Inclusion
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Citizenship

- A new subject, part of the national curriculum
- Compulsory up to the age of 16
- Aims to create better citizens
 - Students learn about the systems & institutions of society

14-19 Education

- Emphasis on integration, rather than a sudden change at 16
- Parity of esteem for Vocational & academic courses
- Curriculum 2000 – re-working of AS & Vocational courses
- Modifications to national curriculum – Modern Foreign Languages are now only compulsory from 11-14

Education Action Zones

- Usually deprived areas & underachieving schools
- Use of private & public finance to improve resources
- Focus on basic skills
 - Literacy, numeracy & IT
- Partnership between g'ment, business, community
- BUT – re-working of EPAs of 1960s, cannot compensate for other factors

Inclusion

- Focus on reducing exclusions from schools
 - Controversial – quotas, reduction of schools' powers
- SEN – integration into mainstream of pupils with Special Educational Needs and movement away from special schools