

League tables scuppered – now SATs must go!

A message from NUT General Secretary Christine Blower:

“ Thanks to all those head teacher and leadership members who took action last week to frustrate the administration of SATs.

Thanks also to the many members who've let their head teacher know that they're glad the action has been taken and to the thousands of teachers and supporters who've signed our petition against SATs.

We know that, as a result of the strength of support for the boycott, there will be very many parts of the country where it is not possible to construct the pernicious league tables that blight our education system.



Workload

The abolition of SATs and league tables will reduce workload and free teachers to teach creatively. Marking practice test papers generates significant additional workload for teachers – and that work will go when SATs are abolished.

We're proud that the NUT has led the way in resisting onerous models of teacher assessment. Together with the NAHT we will continue to resist excessive demands for documentation arising from Assessing Pupils' Progress (APP).

Taking the campaign forward

We now need to do everything we can to convince the new coalition government that SATs and league tables have to go.

Act now! Go to www.teachers.org.uk/assessment and email your new MP to seek their support for an alternative to SATs and league tables.

Head teachers on why SATs must go:

Primary school head teacher from Kent:

“Without SATs we have the opportunity to develop a primary curriculum which engages children's innate enthusiasm for learning.”

Junior school head teacher from Bristol:

“For too long Year 6 pupils have had a diet of tests and revision. Some subjects, well loved by pupils and that are also important to engage and excite them, get squeezed out until that magic moment in May when the SATs are over!”