

1880

- Elementary education compulsory to age 10
- Basic literacy, numeracy, morality and biblical knowledge

1891

- Elementary education free

1899

- School leaving age was raised to 12

1902 Education Act (Balfour Act)

- Made local authorities responsible for secondary education
- Encouraged the building of fee-paying grammar schools, many of which offered free places to children from low-income backgrounds who passed a scholarship exam
- Up to the Second World War (1930-1945). There were 3 types of school for children from different class backgrounds:
 - o Elementary schools for the working-class
 - o Grammar schools for the middle classes
 - o Public schools for the upper classes

1918

- Leaving age is 14

1944 – Butler Education Reform Act

- Gave pupils an equal chance to develop their abilities to the full within a free system of state education
- Each child up to the age of 15 was to receive an education based upon their ability
- Primary is 5-11yrs
- Secondary was 11-15yrs
- Further / higher is 15+