

## **STOP THE ACADEMIES DISASTER: A DEMOCRATIC, LOCAL AUTHORITY SCHOOLS SYSTEM**

Conference notes the mounting series of failings, scandals and collapses engulfing academy schools and trusts including the report on August 8<sup>th</sup> of the over-aiding of pupils in SATs at The Harris Academy in Tottenham and the financial mismanagement and collapse of the Schools Company Trust in July. Yet even in July the Public Accounts Committee found the government to be forcing schools into academisation.

Conference believes

1. That promotion of school privatisation through academies and free schools is creating a culture of competition based on ever-more onerous testing and Ofsted inspections – bad for students, school workers and society.
2. That “public”/private and grammar schools are also incompatible with an egalitarian and democratic education system serving the many, not the few.

Conference further notes

1. Our manifesto pledges to “ensure that all schools are democratically accountable”, to “abandon plans to reintroduce baseline assessments and launch a commission to look into curriculum and assessment, starting by reviewing Key Stage 1 and 2 SATs”.

The next Labour government will

1. Stop all academisations and the opening of new academies and free schools.
2. Abolish academies and free schools; place all state schools and FE institutions under local authority control.
3. Remove the charitable status of “public”/private schools.
4. Ensure all tax-funded schools are non-selective schools, open to all.
5. Abolish Ofsted, all SATs tests and league tables.
6. Restore national pay bargaining for teachers; implement the National Education Union’s maximum class-size demands; introduce a national Workload Charter.

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