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Academy	State-funded independent school
ACE	Advisory Centre for Education
AD	Assistant Director
ADD	Attention Deficit Disorder
ADHD	Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
AfL	Assessment for Learning
AHT	Assistant Headteacher
ALS	Additional Literacy Support
APP	Assessing Pupil's Progress – scheme to help teachers monitor pupils' development
ASCL	Association of School and College Leaders
ASIP	Additional Support & Intervention Plan
AST	Advanced Skills Teacher
ATL	Association of Teachers and Lecturers
AWPU	Age-Weighed Pupil Unit – unit used in calculating the funding of the school, weighted according to the pupils' ages

B

BECTA	British Educational Communications and Technology – now closed
Better Schools Fund	Funding available in Wales for school staff training
BME	Black and minority ethnic
BSF	Building Schools for the Future
BTEC	Business and Technology Education Council – name also given to the qualifications it awards for vocational courses

C

CAF	Common Assessment Framework – a standardised approach to assessing and meeting a child's additional needs
CFC	Cared for Children (also known as Looked after Children)
Cohort	Body of pupils entering a school in any one year
CP	Child Protection
CPD	Continuing Professional Development

CPR	Child Protection Register
CRB	Criminal Records Bureau
CYPP	Children and Young People's Plan
CVA	Contextual value added

D

DAD	Deputy Assistant Director
DCC	Derbyshire County Council
DDA	Disability Discrimination Act
DDDC	Derbyshire Dales District Council
DfE	Department for Education
DFC	Devolved Formula Capital
DPA	Data Protection Act
DSG	Dedicated Schools Grant – grant from government to fund all of a local authority's Schools Budget expenditure
DSGA	Derbyshire School Governors Association
DT	Design and Technology

E

EAL	English as an Additional Language
EBac/EBacc	English Baccalaureate, which pupils are deemed to have achieved if they gain A*-C GCSEs in English, maths, geography or history, two sciences and a foreign language
EBD	Emotional and Behavioural Difficulties
ECM	Every Child Matters
EEF	Education Endowment Fund
EFA	Education Funding Agency
EIS	Education Inspection Service
EMAG	Ethnic Minority Achievement Grant
ESRA	Extended Schools Remodelling Adviser
Estyn	Inspection body for education and training in Wales
EWO	Education Welfare Officer
Extended School	School that offers a range of services beyond the school day for pupils and adults in the wider community

EY Early Years
EYFS Early Years Foundation Stage

F

FE Further Education
FFT Fischer Family Trust
FOI Freedom of Information
FS Foundation Stage
FSM Free School Meals
FT Full Time
FTE Fixed Term Exclusion
FTE Full Time Equivalent – part-time staff measured according to how many full-time staff would be required to work the same number of hours

G

GAG General Annual Grant – the funding received each year by an academy
GB Governing Body
GCSE General Certificate of Secondary Education
G&T Gifted and talented
GTC General Teaching Council for England. To be abolished
GTP Graduate Teacher Programme

H

HE Higher Education
HLTA Higher Level Teaching Assistant
HMCI Her Majesty's Chief Inspector – the head of Ofsted
HMI Her Majesty's Inspector
HR Human Resources
H&S Health and Safety
HT Headteacher

I

ICT	Information and Communications Technology
IEB	Interim Executive Board. Temporary board of governors appointed by the Secretary of State for Education or the LA to replace the governing body of a failing school
IEP	Individual Education Plan
iiP	Investors in People
INSET	In-Service Training for Teachers
ISA	Independent Safeguarding Authority
ISR	Individual School Range – categorisation of a school according to size and type used in calculating the salary level of a headteacher
IT	Information Technology
ITT	Initial Teacher Training

J

JHH	John Hadfield House
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K

KS1 (2/3/4)	Key Stage One (Two/Three/Four). The term Key Stage Five is sometimes used to describe the sixth form level.
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L

LA	Local Authority
LAC	Looked after Children
LACSEG	Local Authority Central Spend Equivalent Grant
LADO	Local Authority Designated Officer – to whom child protection cases involving allegations against school staff and volunteers must be referred
LMS	Local Management of Schools
LSA	Learning Support Assistant
LSCB	Local Safeguarding Children Board

M

MFL	Modern Foreign Language
MLD	Moderate Learning Difficulties

N

NAHT	National Association of Head Teachers
NASEN	National Association for Special Educational Needs
NASUWT	National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers
National College	Shorthand for the National College for Leadership of Schools and Children's Services
NC	National Curriculum
NCPT	National Confederation of Parent Teacher Associations
NCSL	National College for School Leadership
NEET	Not in education, employment or training
NFER	National Foundation for Educational Research
NGA	National Governors' Association
NLE	National Leader of Education
NOR	Number on Roll
NPQH	National Professional Qualification for Headship
NQT	Newly Qualified Teacher
NUT	National Union of Teachers
NVQ	National Vocational Qualifications

O

Ofqual	Office of the Qualifications and Examinations Regulator
Ofsted	Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills

P

PAfS	Professional Advisor for Schools
PAN	Published Admission Number
PE	Physical Education
PFI	Private Finance Initiative – scheme whereby a public body such as an LA contracts a private company both to provide a capital asset, like a building, and then to maintain it
PGCE	Post Graduate Certificate of Education
PGR	Parent Governor Representative
PLASC	Pupil Level Annual School Census

PM	Performance Management
PPA	Preparation, planning and assessment time – time for teachers to prepare for lessons and to assess pupils' progress
PRU	Pupil Referral Unit. LA-maintained organisation that educates pupils excluded from schools or unable to attend for reasons such as illness
PSA	Parent Support Adviser
PSHE	Personal, Social and Health Education
PSP	Pastoral Support Plan
PT	Part-time
PTA	Parent Teacher Association
PTFA	Parent Teacher Friends Association
PTR	Pupil/Teacher Ratio

Q

QCA	Qualification and Curriculum Authority
QCDA	Qualifications and Curriculum Development Agency
QTS	Qualified Teacher Status

R

RAISEonline	Reporting and Analysis for Improvement through School Self-Evaluation. On-line data on pupil performance for each school published by Ofsted and DfE
RE	Religious Education
R&R	Recruitment and retention

S

SA	School Action
SA+	School Action Plus
SACRE	Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education – statutory body of representatives of an LA, religious organisations and teachers, which advises on religious education and worship
SATs	Standard Assessment Tests – commonly used (though unofficial) name for national tests carried out in England at ages 7 and 14

SD/IP	School Development/Improvement Plan
SEAL	Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning
SEF	Self-Evaluation Form, previously devised by Ofsted for use prior to an inspection. In Wales: School Effectiveness Framework
SEN	Special Educational Needs
SEND	Special Educational Needs and Disabilities
SENCO	Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator
SFA	Skills Funding Agency
SFVS	Schools Financial Value Standard
SGOSS	School Governors' One-Stop Shop – organisation that recruits people interested in becoming governors and then passes their details to schools looking for governors
SI	Statutory Instrument
SIP	School Improvement Partner
SIP	School Improvement Plan
SLA	Service Level Agreement
SLD	Severe Learning Difficulties
SLT	Senior Leadership Team
SMT	Senior Management Team
STPCD	School Teachers' Pay and Conditions Document
STRB	School Teachers' Review Body – group that advises the government on teachers' pay and conditions each year
SSAT	Specialist Schools and Academies Trust – now called the Schools Network
T	
TA	Teaching Assistant
TDA	Training and Development Agency for Schools
TLR	Teaching and Learning Responsibility – management responsibility for which a teacher receives extra pay
TUPE	Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) regulations

U

UCAS Universities and Colleges Admissions Service
UPN Unique Pupil Number
UTC University Technical College – a new educational institution for 14- to 19-year-olds where they can follow courses in technical subjects

V

VA Voluntary Aided
VC Voluntary Controlled
VfM Value for Money

W

WAMG Workforce Agreement Monitoring Group, now abolished

Y

YPLA Young People's Learning Agency