

England excluded from major OECD report

Commenting on the Government's announcement that England is not to be included in the international comparative study of pupil performance in reading, maths and science to be published in December, Steve Sinnott, General Secretary of the National Union of Teachers, said:

“The OECD PISA research is quite simply the most important international study of education. It is a major disappointment that England should not be included in this report particularly since this country did so well in the last report.

“The Government must have known about the low rate of return from schools. It should have come to the NUT, expressed its concerns and asked for our help. Dedicated funding and supply cover should have been in place to enable teachers to provide the information required for the research.

“This must not happen again.”

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