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Vocational education not good enough, says Wolf report

Hundreds of thousands of young people are doing vocational courses which do not lead to university or a job, a report says.

A review commissioned by ministers recommends a radical shake-up of vocational education in England.

It says all pupils should study a core of academic subjects until they are 16, and it calls for changes to the school league tables so some vocational qualifications are not counted

"We've got more than half our 15-16 year olds failing to get good maths and good English at GCSE the first time round and two years later it's no better"
Professor A Wolf

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Ex service personnel to become mentors

Former members of the armed forces will become mentors to young people in schools across England following a £1.5 million grant to the charity Skill Force, Education Secretary

Through three pilot programmes, ex-service personnel will be fast-tracked into schools, using the skills and experience gained on the frontline to help young people achieve. SkillForce will be funded to set up the three programmes from September 2011:

- Military to Mentors: 100 ex-Service personnel will be trained to work as mentors for young people
- Zero Exclusion Pilot: SkillForce will provide intensive support to 100 young people at risk of exclusion from school.
- Expand Skill Force Core Programme: investing in the existing Skill Force programme that uses teams of instructors from military backgrounds to work with disadvantaged young people, helping them gain qualifications.

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