

Classroom Teacher No. 1

Action and Change for Teachers

TOO MUCH WORK, TOO LITTLE PAY

“The more you learn, the more you earn?”

A poster in the corridors of a Lewisham secondary school tells pupils to work hard, get better qualified – and earn more. It explains that the potential earnings of a school leaver with GCSE’s is **£9 per hour**, with **A levels £10 per hour**, while staff with **graduate degrees** can expect to earn **£15 per hour**. But do they know how little teachers earn?

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**YOUNG TEACHERS
ARE EARNING
UNDER
£10
AN HOUR!**

According to official Government statistics, teachers are working well over 50 hours a week – at least 220 hours a month. Our starting salaries are also well below average graduate earnings. Look how little that means teachers earn per hour in term time – even at Inner London rates:

Spine Point	Annual Salary A	Monthly Salary (A/12)	Hourly rate of pay (A/12/220)	
M1 Eng. & Wales	£ 20,133	£ 1677.75	£ 7.62	
M1 Inner London	£ 24,168	£ 2014.00	£ 9.15	- no more than a school leaver with GCSEs !
M6 Eng. & Wales	£ 29,427	£ 2452.25	£ 11.14	
M6 Inner London	£ 33,936	£ 2828.00	£ 12.85	- and all these figures are <i>before</i> tax !
U3 Eng. & Wales	£ 34,281	£ 2856.75	£ 12.98	
U3 Inner London	£ 41,004	£ 3417.00	£ 15.53	- still only just what a graduate could expect !

VOTE YES FOR NATIONAL ACTION ON PAY!



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