

MICHAEL GOVE - MEETINGS WITH MEDIA ORGANISATIONS – 6 May 2010
– 15 July 2011

This list sets out the Secretary of State's meetings with senior media executives for the period May 2010-July 2011. This includes all meetings with proprietors, senior executives and editors of media organisations for both newspapers and broadcast media. It does not include those meetings with journalists that ended up in interviews that appeared in the public domain, either in newspapers and magazines. It may also exclude some larger social events at which senior media executives may have been present.

This is the fullest possible list assembled from the Secretary of State's Parliamentary diary, their departmental diary, personal diary and memory. Every effort has been taken to ensure that this is as accurate as possible but the nature of such an extensive exercise means something may have inadvertently got missed.

Declaration of interest: The Secretary of State worked for the BBC from 1991 to 1995 and News International from 1996 to 2005. He wrote a weekly column for News International from 2005 to 2009. His wife currently works for The Times and has done so since 1998.

Secretary of State, Michael Gove		
Date of Meeting	Name of Media Organisation	Purpose of Meeting
19 May 2010	Rupert Murdoch (News Corporation), Rebekah Brooks (News International), plus more than ten others.	Dinner and general discussion
28 May 2010	Bill Kristol (Weekly Standard), plus several others	Dinner and general discussion
30 May 2010	Alan Rusbridger (The Guardian), Jon Snow (Channel 4), plus more than ten others	Dinner at the Hay Festival
10 June 2010	Rebekah Brooks (News International), plus several others	Dinner and general discussion
17 June 2010	News International executives and senior editors, including Rupert Murdoch (News Corporation), and Rebekah Brooks (News International)	Lunch and general discussion
2 July 2010	Tim Montgomerie (ConservativeHome)	Lunch and general discussion
21 July 2010	Marjorie Scardino, Rod Bristow and John Fallon (Pearson Plc)	General discussion
4 August 2010	Alan Rusbridger and Ian Katz (The Guardian)	General discussion
25 August 2010	Channel 4 politics	General discussion
2 September 2010	Andrew Porter (Daily Telegraph)	General discussion

14 September 2010	Daniel Johnson (Standpoint Magazine), plus others from Standpoint and teachers	Dinner to discuss education policy
21 September 2010	Joanna Coles (Marie Claire)	Social
30 September 2010	Fraser Nelson (The Spectator), Joel Klein (now News Corporation, former Chancellor of the New York City Department of Education and Assistant Attorney General to President Clinton), plus more than ten others	General discussion
3 – 6 October 2010	George Parker (Financial Times), Patrick O'Flynn (Daily Express), James Harding (The Times), Roland Watson and team (The Times), Gary Gibbon (Channel 4 News), Cathy Newman (Channel 4 News), Nick Robinson (BBC), Colin Myler (News of the World), Victoria Newton (News of the World), David Wooding and team (News of the World), Dominic Mohan (The Sun), Tom Newton-Dunn (The Sun), Peter Wright (Mail on Sunday), Simon Walters (Mail on Sunday)	Party Conference meetings
16/17 October 2010	Lord and Lady Rothermere (Associated Newspapers)	Social
21 October 2010	Rupert Murdoch (News Corporation), Rebekah Brooks (News International), James Harding (The Times), Dominic Mohan (The Sun), James Murdoch (News Corporation), Colin Myler (News of the World), John Witherow (Sunday Times) plus more than ten others	Dinner after Centre for Policy Studies lecture
29 October 2010	David Jordan (BBC) plus several others	Dinner and general discussion
1 November 2010	Stephen Pollard (Jewish Chronicle) plus more than ten others	Speaker at a BICOM dinner
17 November 2010	Martin Ivens (Sunday Times)	Lunch and general discussion
30 November 2010	Rebekah Brooks (News International), Will Lewis (News International), James Harding (The Times)	Academy visit
1 December 2010	ITV politics	Lunch and general discussion
11 December 2010	Anne McElvoy (Evening Standard), Martin Ivens (Sunday Times), Andrew Marr (BBC)	Social
15 December 2010	Lord and Lady Rothermere (Associated Newspapers) and several others	Dinner

17 December 2010	Rebekah Brooks (News International) plus several others	Social
25 - 28 January 2011	Joel Klein (now News Corporation, former Chancellor of the New York City Department of Education and Assistant Attorney General to President Clinton), visiting UK as guest of DfE to explain and discuss US education policy success, including large conference platform and assorted dinners with senior figures from education and the media, including Rupert Murdoch.	Including private and public events
31 January 2011	Rebekah Brooks (News International), plus several others	Dinner hosted by Academy sponsor Charles Dunstone
2 February 2011	Lord & Lady Rothermere (Associated Newspapers) plus several others	Dinner
10 February 2011	Paul Goodman (ConservativeHome)	Lunch and general discussion
17 February 2011	CB Patel (Asian Voice)	Presented awards at the Political and Public Life Awards
17 February 2011	Geordie Greig (Evening Standard), Sarah Sands (Evening Standard) plus several others	Meeting to discuss education policy
22 February 2011	Ian Katz (The Guardian) plus more than ten others	Dinner
14 March 2011	Andrew Neil (Press Holdings Media Group), Fraser Nelson (The Spectator) plus several others	Dinner with the speakers at an education policy conference
3 May 2011	BBC politics	Lunch and general discussion
12 May 2011	Lord Weidenfeld (Weidenfeld and Nicolson), Mathias Dopfner (Axel Springer AG) plus more than ten others	Dinner and general discussion
19 May 2011	John Micklethwait (The Economist)	Dinner for David Brooks (New York Times)
19 May 2011	James Harding (The Times), Rupert Murdoch (News Corporation), James Murdoch (News Corporation), Rebekah Brooks (News International)	Breakfast and general discussion
19 May 2011	Geordie Grieg (Evening Standard)	Presenting Evening Standard awards
6 June 2011	Channel 4 politics	General discussion
7 June 2011	Richard Desmond (Express Newspapers), Martin Townsend (Sunday Express), Hugh Whittow (Daily	Lunch and general discussion

	Express) plus several others	
8 June 2011	Martha Kearney (BBC)	General discussion
9 June 2011	Alan Rusbridger (Guardian)	Education meeting
9 June 2011	Geordie Greig (Evening Standard), Fraser Nelson (The Spectator) plus more than ten others	ARK education dinner
12 June 2011	Ben Preston (Radio Times)	Lunch and general discussion
16 June 2011	Rupert Murdoch (News Corporation) plus several others	Dinner and general discussion
22 June 2011	Tony Gallagher (Daily Telegraph), Ben Brogan (Daily Telegraph)	Dinner and general discussion
26 June 2011	Rupert Murdoch (News Corporation), plus several others	Dinner and general discussion
27 June 2011	Meeting with Bauer Editors and Executives: Paul Keenan (Bauer), Abby Carvosso (Bauer), Lillian Betty (Bauer), Jane Bruton, (Grazia), Chantelle Horton (More), Lisa Burrows (Closer), Kathryn Blundell (Mother and Baby)	General discussion
28 June 2011	Evgeny Lebedev (Evening Standard Ltd)	Breakfast and general discussion
30 June 2011	Jessica Cecil (BBC), plus several others	Dinner and general discussion
12 July 2011	Krishnan Guru-Murthy (Channel 4 News), plus several others	Dinner and general discussion