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The Education Maintenance Allowance should be reinstated in England and protected in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland until a broader and tested alternative can be introduced to ensure that 16 to 18-year-olds in low-income families who are staying on at school can afford to study for A-levels. This would bring England back in line with in Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland. It is crucial lifeline of support for continuing education for many. When it was abolished, it cost £600m a year, a tiny amount in relation to the total of government spending.

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