

# Michael Gove

## Quotes

*Country, Children, People, School, Teacher, Thinking, Believe, Unions, Years, Heart, Home, Needs, Government, Mean, Past, Nhs, Order, Team, Giving, Able*

The single most important thing in a child's performance is the quality of the teacher. Making sure a child spends the maximum amount of time with inspirational teachers is the most important thing.

~Michael Gove

It is literally the case that learning languages makes you smarter. The neural networks in the brain strengthen as a result of language learning.

~Michael Gove

Learning a foreign language, and the culture that goes with it, is one of the most useful things we can do to broaden the empathy and imaginative sympathy and cultural outlook of children.

~Michael Gove

For a few spotty years, I was that tragic geek

~Michael Gove

Proper history teaching is being crushed under the weight of play-based pedagogy which infantilises children, teachers and our culture.

~Michael Gove

I'm a decentralizer. I believe in trusting professionals.

~Michael Gove

It's often the case that successful people invite criticism.

~Michael Gove

I have come, reluctantly, to the conclusion that Boris [Johnson] cannot provide the leadership or build the team for the task ahead.

~Michael Gove

I have a different starting premise from those 100 academics who are

so heavily invested in the regime of low expectations and narrow horizons which they have created.

~Michael Gove

I will take all the steps necessary to give the NHS at least another Â£100million per week by 2020.

~Michael Gove

I believed we needed someone who would be able to build a team, lead and unite. I hoped that person would be Boris Johnson.

~Michael Gove

I hope that in the days to come, I'll be able to convince my colleagues that I should be one of the candidates that Conservative party members can choose from.

~Michael Gove

The reason I entered politics was a belief that the people of this country - having achieved so much that was good and noble in our past - had the potential to do amazing things in the future.

~Michael Gove

I love my parents in the way most children would: for having been there at every point in my youth and childhood, ready to pick me up when I fell and support me when I stumbled.

~Michael Gove

Now that Britain has voted to leave, I think the country deserves to have a leader who believes in Britain outside the European Union and who also has experience at the highest level of government.

~Michael Gove

The British people voted for change. They sent us a clear instruction that they want Britain to leave the European Union and end the

supremacy of EU law.

~Michael Gove

Whatever else I know, I know that if you invest love and care in any individual you can help them to make a difference, to write their own life story.

~Michael Gove

I remember my mum explaining to me what adoption meant when I was still at primary school. 'Son,' she said to me, 'you didn't grow under my heart, you grew in it'.

~Michael Gove

You come home to find your 17-year-old daughter engrossed in a book. Which would delight you more - if it were 'Twilight' or 'Middlemarch?'

~Michael Gove

Government has got to invest more money in our NHS. The people who work in it are heroic. They do an amazing job.

~Michael Gove

When I talk to teachers they tell me the things they'd most like from any government are a reduction in bureaucracy, support to help ensure good discipline and a reformed Ofsted.

~Michael Gove

The challenges facing Britain required not just a cool head, but a heart burning with the desire for change - not business as usual but a bold vision.

~Michael Gove

My father had a fishing business in Aberdeen destroyed by the European Union and the Common Fisheries Policy.

~Michael Gove

In this fallen world, I suspect we will never achieve perfection. But that won't stop me trying.

~Michael Gove

If we are to make the most of the opportunities ahead we need a bold break with the past.

~Michael Gove

I think that the message I have of optimism and hope about Britain's bright future outside the European Union is shared by many Conservative members and voters - indeed by a majority of the country.

~Michael Gove

Turkey will "inevitably" join the EU in our lifetime unless we vote to leave.

~Michael Gove

We have a unique chance to heal divisions, give everyone a stake in the future and set an example as the most creative, innovative and progressive country in the world.

~Michael Gove

One of reasons I was able to go to university was because of the sacrifices my family made.

~Michael Gove

Children in dysfunctional homes at risk of abuse are kept in danger for too long because politically correct rules mean we won't challenge unfit parents.

~Michael Gove

The big shift in approach on education that we are taking - which is different from what happened before - is that we trust teachers and we

trust heads.

~Michael Gove

I think it's appropriate that we simplify, clarify and strengthen, so instead of this nebulousness, we have clarity and authority invested in teachers once more.

~Michael Gove

I think more and more respect has been accorded to teachers, and quite rightly so.

~Michael Gove

Many more schools can be outstanding.

~Michael Gove

The British prime minister will want to have a strong and positive relationship with European leaders always.

~Michael Gove

If I'm the British prime minister I won't be dictated to on the timetable or the manner of the negotiations.

~Michael Gove

The British people rejected politics as usual and government as usual. They want and need a new approach to running this country.

~Michael Gove

There are huge challenges ahead for this country but also huge opportunities. We can make this country stronger and fairer.

~Michael Gove

I want there to be an open and positive debate about the path the country will now take. Whatever the verdict of that debate I will respect it.

~Michael Gove

I will lay out my plan for the United Kingdom, which I hope can provide unity and change.

~Michael Gove

I am delighted by the support I have received from colleagues. It reflects the optimistic message that I've been putting forward.

~Michael Gove

It was a tough choice [of PM]. I voted for a Scotsman.

~Michael Gove

Boris Johnson is a man of great attributes and great qualities.

~Michael Gove

In order to be able to reduce migration we need to be outside the European Union.

~Michael Gove

I felt we needed someone to lead this country who believed heart and soul in leaving the European Union.

~Michael Gove

We need to face the fact that we need more money in order to deliver Jeremy Hunt's absolutely correct drive to guarantee even better standards of care.

~Michael Gove

It is a belief in human potential that has guided me through my time in Government.

~Michael Gove

One of the problems we have is children are not in school long enough

in the day and during the year.

~Michael Gove

Ever since going up to university, I have accumulated new debt, and new means of becoming indebted.

~Michael Gove

The accumulation of cultural capital - the acquisition of knowledge - is the key to social mobility.

~Michael Gove

Adopting means opening your home, and heart, to a life you've never known. But there is nothing as richly rewarding as being an adoptive parent.

~Michael Gove

Teachers themselves know if there's a colleague who can't keep control or keep the interest of their class, it affects the whole school.

~Michael Gove

I'm clear that we do need to improve what's happening in our schools.

~Michael Gove

One of the things I know about the European Union is that the European Union can destroy jobs.

~Michael Gove

I will put my heart and soul into making sure that the care your son or daughter or mum or dad receives is the same I would want for my own family.

~Michael Gove

With the single exception of Park Lane, every north-south route in London slows traffic to the pace of a wounded gnat with pleurisy



struggling with a squaddie's backpack.

~Michael Gove

If we leave the European Union, yes there will be bumps in the road, inevitably, but we will be in a better position to deal with them.

~Michael Gove

Our most important public service will always be the NHS. And I want to say something clear and unambiguous about the future of the health service.

~Michael Gove

The promise to leave the European Union, end the supremacy of EU law and take back control of our democracy. With my leadership, it will be delivered.

~Michael Gove

In particular, I wanted to help build a team behind Boris Johnson so that a politician who argued for leaving the European Union could lead us to a better future.

~Michael Gove

I will ensure we honour the instructions the British people have given us. I argued for specific changes in the referendum campaign, I believe in them, I will deliver them.

~Michael Gove

I will do everything that is required in order to bring immigration down to a level that is manageable, that the public believe is right.

~Michael Gove

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