1802 **Health and Morals of Apprentices Act** (*not enforced*): No apprentice in textile factories to work more than 12 hours a day. Night work was banned.

1819 **Factory Act** limits working day for children in cotton mills to 12 hours. Children under the age of 9 should not be employed, *but magistrates did not enforce this.*

1833 **Factory Act** limits work for children in textile factories (children aged 9-13 should work no more than 48 hours a week) and includes provision for the education of children working in the textile factories (children under the age of 13 to attend school for 12 hours a week). *Inspectors employed to enforce law.*

1842 **Mines Act**: Women and girls, and boys under the age of 10, were not allowed to work *underground*. Boys under the age of 15 were not allowed to work machinery.

1844 **Factory Act**: Children under 13 to work no more than 6.5 hours per day. Women and children aged 13-18 to work no more than 12 hours a day.

1844 "**Ragged Schools**" set up for the poorest children.

1847 **Factory Act** limits women and children under 18 to 58-hour working week.

1850 **Factory Act** establishes standard working day.

1860 **Mines Act**: Boys under 12 not allowed underground unless they could read and write.

1870 **Education Act** (Forster's Act)-sets up School Boards to provide schooling for 5-11 year olds.

1875 **Act** passed which required all chimney sweeps to be licensed.
Licences were issued only to sweeps not using climbing boys.

1878 **Factory and Workshops Act**: Employment of children under 10 banned. Regulations of control safety, ventilation and meals.

1880 **Education Act** school compulsory for children aged 5-10.

1891 **Assisted Education Act** funds each child, allowing schools to stop having to charge fees.

1918 School-leaving age raised to **14**.

1944 School-leaving age raised to **15**.

1973 School-leaving age raised to **16**.

2008 Students starting secondary school in September 2008 now have to stay in compulsory education until they are **17**.

*Source*: Herefordshire Council