

Editorial

4 Education and race

The Education Select Committee was criticised for its recommendation against the term White Privilege when talking about left behind White working-class pupils. This reflected the fact that so much of the language on race is imported from the USA where conditions and history are very different. A report from the IFS, *Social Mobility and Ethnicity*, shows just how well Britain's ethnic minorities have done in comparison to Black America and Europe.

News

1 Rising COVID cases cause chaos in schools

5 £483m to improve school buildings

AoC announces careers guidance collaboration

Week 25 school attendance statistics

6 Response to select committee report on White working-class pupils

7 Library investment key to COVID catch-up

8 COVID-19 infographic for Scotland

9 Government admits cuts to pupil premium

Danger of ending school bubbles and isolation

Conferences

10 Festival of Education - Gavin Williamson

The Secretary of State spoke to the Festival of Education where he claimed that some academies had "outstripped Eton".

11 Festival of Education - Kate Green

The Shadow Education Secretary called for a new settlement in education.

12 Festival of Learning - Amanda Spielman

Her Majesty's Chief Inspector told the Festival of Learning that the last year and a half had been the most wretched time for education.

14 Sixth Form Colleges Association - Berridge

Baroness Berridge told the Sixth Form Colleges Association conference that she hoped that all sixth forms to be part of a multi-academy trust.

Research

15 NFER leads five-year study projecting employment skills gaps

NFER is leading a five-year research programme to project the demand and supply of essential employment skills up until the year 2035.

16 Tracking COVID variants

Tracking the latest developments with COVID variants.

19 Record low levels of writing enjoyment

Research from the National Literacy Trust has revealed record low levels of writing enjoyment among children and young people.

20 COVID-19 round-up

A round-up of news on COVID-19.

Opinion

21 It's hard to predict - especially the future!

Professor Jan Willem de Graaf of Saxion University of Applied Sciences, Deventer, Netherlands, observes the developmental effects of new interventions can never be predicted in advance.

Feature

22 Romanticised young professional life isn't all it seems

Newcastle College looks at apprenticeships and on-the-job training.

- Document reviews**
- 24 Social Mobility and Ethnicity**
Social Mobility and Ethnicity, from IFS.
- Policy papers**
- 26 Policy papers published last week**
Details of policy papers from government, parliament and think tanks.
- Consultations**
- 28 Consultations**
There was one new education consultation outcome published last week.
- Delegated legislation**
- 29 Statutory instruments issued last week**
There were two new relevant statutory instruments on education issued last week.
- Parliament - Debates**
- 31 Education and children's issues**
The monthly session of oral questions to the Department for Education.
- 37 Education recovery package**
Lord Woolley of Woodford (CB) asked the Government what steps it intended to take, to narrow attainment gaps, and to address racial inequalities, as part of its education recovery package and catch-up programme.
- 38 White working-class pupils**
Robert Halfon (Con, Harlow) made a statement as chairman of the Education Select Committee on its most recent report, *The Forgotten: How White working-class pupils have been let down, and how to change it*, HC 85, published late on Monday 21 June.
- Parliament - Questions**
- 40 Answers to written questions**
Answers to written questions to the Department for Education, the Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office, the Department of Health and Social Care, the Department for Transport, H M Treasury, the Department for Work and Pensions and the House of Lords.
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