

**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 **NGA urges governance professionals unite**
- 9 **Unions tell PM stop “devastating” arts cuts**  
**OfS to examine assessment practices**
- 10 **COVID-19 infographic for Scotland**
- 11 **Government admits cuts to pupil premium**  
**Danger of ending school bubbles and isolation**
- 12 **Students highlight the challenges of their 2021 academic experience**

**Conferences**

- 13 **Festival of Education - Gavin Williamson**  
The Secretary of State spoke to the Festival of Education where he claimed that some academies had “outstripped Eton”.
- 14 **Festival of Education - Kate Green**  
The Shadow Education Secretary called for a new settlement in education.
- 15 **HEPI conference - Gavin Williamson**  
The Secretary of State told the HEPI conference that higher education must learn from the COVID crisis.
- 17 **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.
- 19 **Sixth Form Colleges Association - Berridge**  
Baroness Berridge told the Sixth Form Colleges Association conference that she hoped that all sixth forms would be part of a multi-academy trust.

**Research**

- 20 **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.
- 21 **Sutton Trust research examines access to postgraduate education**  
Government loans introduced in 2015 have enabled low- and moderate- income students to undertake postgraduate study, but rising tuition fees risked wiping out the gains, according to research published by the Sutton Trust.
- 22 **Tracking COVID variants**  
Tracking the latest developments with COVID variants.
- 26 **COVID-19 round-up**  
A round-up of news on COVID-19.

- 27** **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.
- Student mental health and wellbeing**  
The DfE commissioned research to gain an institutional perspective on the main issues around higher education student mental health and wellbeing.
- Opinion**
- 31** **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.
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- 32** **Romanticised young professional life isn't all it seems**  
Newcastle College looks at apprenticeships and on-the-job training.
- Document reviews**
- 34** **Social Mobility and Ethnicity**  
*Social Mobility and Ethnicity*, from IFS.
- Policy papers**
- 36** **Policy papers published last week**  
Details of policy papers from government, parliament and think tanks.
- Consultations**
- 38** **Consultations**  
There was one new education consultation outcome published last week.
- Delegated legislation**
- 39** **Statutory instruments issued last week**  
There were no new statutory instruments on education issued last week.
- Parliament - Debates**
- 41** **Education and children's issues**  
The monthly session of oral questions to the Department for Education.
- 47** **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.
- 48** **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.
- 50** **Higher Education Cheating Services Prohibition Bill [HL]**  
Lord Storey (LDP), the Liberal Democrat front bench spokesman in the Lords on education, moved the Second Reading of the Higher Education Cheating Services Prohibition Bill [HL], a Private Members' Bill that would make it illegal for essay mills to sell essays that higher education students can then pass off as their own work.
- Parliament - Questions**
- 52** **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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