

Monday

Student Cheating

It has been revealed that almost 50,000 students at British universities have been caught cheating in the past three years. It is also suggested that students from outside the EU were more than four times as likely to cheat in exams and coursework. [Universities face student cheating crisis](#) (*The Times*).

Tuesday

Student Finances

According to a survey conducted by The Student Room, nearly a third of respondents said they had gone without eating for a day or more to help cope with the cost of living at university, with some saying they had used foodbanks to get by. One in ten also resorted to payday loans to see them through. [Students 'going without food' to meet costs of university](#) (*The Telegraph*).

Gender Gap

Statistics published by UCAS show that women now outnumber men in almost two-thirds of degree subjects, and the gender gap in British universities has almost doubled in size since 2007. [Gender gap in UK degree subjects doubles in eight years, Ucas study finds](#) (*The Guardian*).

Wednesday

Ed Balls

The former Labour shadow chancellor has revealed he believes that Labour did not find a sustainable way for financing higher education. He also said that the current £9,000 fees system is a “random and unprincipled” method of funding universities and rather, he would favour a graduate tax method. [Ed Balls: failure to find 'sustainable' way to fund universities a 'blot on Labour's copybook'](#) (*THE*).

Thursday

TEF

A poll of 1,005 full-time undergraduate students has revealed that students ranked the initial measure proposed for the teaching excellence framework, the results of Quality Assurance Agency reviews, lowest among potential indicators of teaching standards. The students thought that the most useful proxy was the proportion of students who achieved a good degree, a measure that many academics fear would lead to grade inflation if it were included in the TEF. [Students at odds with government over measuring teaching quality](#) (*THE*).

Prevent

Six British universities are facing an inquiry after the controversial human rights group Cage used meetings on campus to encourage the “sabotage” of the government’s official anti-extremism programme. [Six universities face inquiry over Cage campus talks](#). (*The Telegraph*).

Friday

Oxford University

Pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds are “more likely” to get an interview at Oxford University, its head of admissions had said. She went on to reveal this is the case when the university reaches a “threshold point” when it becomes more difficult to select one pupil over another based on just their grades. [Poor pupils 'more likely' to get an Oxford interview, says head of admissions](#). (*The Telegraph*).