

Monday

Access

Research by Ucas indicates that the most privileged school leavers may be three times more likely to enter higher education than the least privileged, rather than the two and a half times suggested by existing measures. [Higher education access inequality 'wider than previously thought' \(THE\)](#).

Graduate Jobs

Graduate opportunities have increased over the past year, according to an annual survey undertaken by the Association of Graduate Careers Advisory Services (AGCAS). The main areas of graduate job growth were: information technology; accounting, banking and finance; business consulting and management; marketing, advertising and PR; and engineering and manufacturing. [Graduate careers advisers see jobs increase \(THE\)](#).

Tuesday

Nick Clegg

Nick Clegg has called the Conservatives' decision to scrap maintenance grants "a source of great regret". He suggested that maintenance grants had been a "hidden reason" why poorer students "weren't being discouraged" from applying to university. [Clegg attacks Tory policy on living cost grants \(THE\)](#).

Private Providers

An article by Acting provost of GSM London discusses how private providers play a huge part in making access to education easier for everyone, whilst traditional providers often struggle to hit widening access targets. [We private providers open doors to students shunned by other universities \(The Guardian\)](#).

Wednesday

Student Grants

Ministers have been accused of an "outrageous" attempt to sneak through their proposals to end student grants in England without proper scrutiny by MPs. [Plan to end student grants without Commons vote outrages opposition \(The Guardian\)](#).

HEFCE Data

The latest data from HEFCE reveals that higher tuition fees have had little impact on undergraduate students dropping out of university. [Have higher fees affected the number of students dropping out? \(HEFCE\)](#).

HEPI Blog- John Vinney

Professor John Vinney has featured on a blog by The Higher Education Policy Institute. The blog discusses the proposed new Teaching Excellence Framework. You can view the blog [here](#).

Thursday

Internationalisation

According to Uwe Brandenburg, managing director of higher education consulting firm CHE Consult, more universities should measure the impact of their internationalisation strategies rather than assuming their initiatives will be beneficial. [Universities 'should measure outcomes of internationalisation' \(THE\)](#).

Indian Students

There are now more US students than Indian students starting courses at UK universities, while total undergraduate numbers across all nationalities dropped by 2 per cent in 2014-15, and part-time numbers continued to fall. [Indian student numbers continue to fall at UK universities. \(THE\)](#).

Friday

Part-Time Students

According to HESA, the number of first-year students studying part time in 2014-15 fell by 6% on the previous year. [Part-time student numbers at new low](#). (*BBC News*).

Grade Inflation

Almost three quarters of students graduated with a first class or 2:1 degree last summer. This figure has risen from 48.5% in 1995 to 72% last year, which many academics and employers have described as a sign of grade inflation. [Universities stand accused after top degrees soar](#) (*Times*).