

Monday

EU

According to a survey by HEPI and YouthSight Monitor, 70% of full-time students in higher education said they would vote for Britain to remain in the EU in a referendum, whilst 13% said they want to leave the EU. The survey reveals that despite this, few students show strong enthusiasm for the issue, many want to hear both sides of the debate and a large number say their decision depends on the government's success in renegotiating EU membership. [EU membership backed by 70% of UK university students, survey finds](#) (*The Guardian*).

International Students

George Osborne has said that the public is concerned only about "permanent" migrants and suggested the methodology behind the statistics should be changed, indicating that foreign students could be excluded from official migration figures. [George Osborne indicates students may be stripped from migrant numbers](#) (*The Telegraph*).

Tuesday

Abolition of HEFCE

An article in the Guardian has highlighted concerns over the abolition of HEFCE which is proposed in the Higher Education Green Paper. The article argues that HEFCE is a crucial buffer against ministers' meddling with universities. [Hefce is a crucial buffer against ministers' meddling with universities](#) (*The Guardian*).

TEF and Tuition Fees

Vice-chancellors have called for the Teaching Excellence Framework to be "decoupled" from decisions about the tuition fees that universities are allowed to charge. [Drop link between TEF and fees, vice-chancellors urge MPs](#) (*THE*).

Wednesday

Disabled Students' Allowance

The government has confirmed that it will push ahead with its plans to reduce direct public support for disabled students, forcing universities to pay for the bulk of provision. The changes mean that, from September, universities rather than the government will be responsible for funding the provision of non-medical support staff, such as scribes, note takers, readers and proof-readers. More specialist roles such as sign language interpreters will still be funded using DSAs. [Government confirms cuts to Disabled Students' Allowance](#) (*THE*).

Thursday

Widening Participation

In responding to the Green Paper, the Sutton Trust has warned that fair access issues must "not be diluted or crowded out by other priorities" if the Office for Fair Access is merged with the Office for Students. [An independent voice for access](#) (*Research Professional*).

Friday

Universities UK

A new report by UUK has revealed that universities have broadened access to higher education to include more students from disadvantaged areas. However, the report has also shown that numbers of part-time and mature students have fallen. [Wider range of students taking degrees, suggests study](#) (*BBC News*).