

Higher education in a Brexit world

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THIS. IS. NOT. NORMAL.

The current political climate





The current climate for HE





Challenges

- Brexit and immigration
- Review of post-18 education funding
- Office for Students and student expectations

Opportunities

- Regional role of universities
- International role of universities
- Enhancing the student experience
- Public benefits / MadeAtUni



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Brexit priorities





- Settled status arrangements for EU staff
- 2. Immigration system with minimal barriers
- 3. Erasmus +
- 4. Horizon Europe
- 5. Structural funding
- 6. Recognition of qualifications
- 7. No Deal planning



Post-18 review of HE and FE funding in England

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Policy and political drivers for the review





VfM and efficiency: reducing the average fee or greater differentiation?

'Rebalancing' funding towards further education

Improving support for flexible learning to meet skills needs

Addressing concerns about student living costs

Our five key principles



- 1. All those qualified and who wish to enter higher education should be able to do so under a system that is fair, accessible and progressive.
- 2. The system should support national and local productivity and economic growth by providing a sufficient supply of higher-level skills.
- 3. The system should be stable and sustainable with the cost shared between taxpayers and graduates.
- 4. Sufficient support should be provided to cover both living and tuition costs.
- 5. The system should be easy to understand and transparent.



Regulation and student expectations

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HE regulator







Office for Students



Value for money





EDUCATION, CONSUMER RIGHTS AND MAINTAINING TRUST



Source: ComRes (2017)

Top 3 things students value from their university

- · A service in return for tuition fees
- Personalised advice and support
- A collaborative relationship with university staff



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They said...







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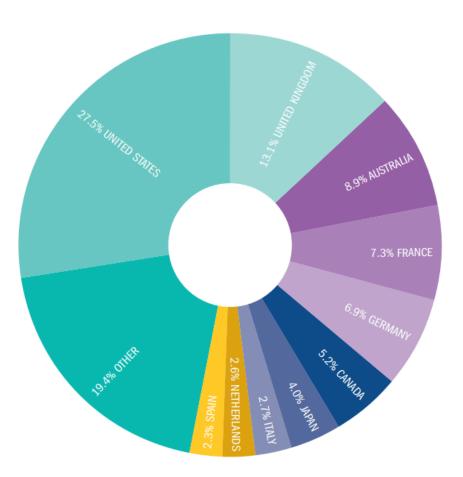
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Internationalisation of UK higher education





- » The UK is the second largest destination for international students in the world, with 458,490 international students
- » Almost 20% of students in the UK are international
- » There are 707,915 students undertaking UK transnational education across the globe
- » 30% of academic staff at UK universities are international
- » 54% of UK research publications have an international co-author
- » 17% of UK research funding comes from overseas sources

Our global competitors



Canada:

Increasing Government investment in marketing Canadian higher education. Possible target to double student numbers within a decade



Considering proposals to make the EU more attractive by establishing common entitlements relating to visa processing times. and on term-time and post-study employment

numbers to at least 350,000

EU (excl. UK):

France:

Germany:

"Strategy 2020" includes

plans to strengthen the profile

of German higher education

internationally, and to

increase international student

Post-study work opportunities are expanding after an unpopular measure that imposed stiff visa restrictions was abandoned

Korea:

Target to double student numbers to 200,000 by 2020

China:

Target to almost double the number of international students to 500,000 by 2020

Taiwan:

Target to more than double numbers to 130,000 by 2020

Japan:

Malaysia: New agency set up to promote

Malaysian higher

education to help

meet target of

hosting 200,000

international

students by 2020

Target to more than double student numbers to 300,000 by 2020

Australia:

New post-study work options introduced in 2013, enabling graduates to remain working in the country for between 2 and 4 years

New Zealand:

Government strategy to double the value of education exports over 15 years

USA: Planned enhancement to post-study work

options for STEM graduates

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Enhancing the student experience

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Supporting students









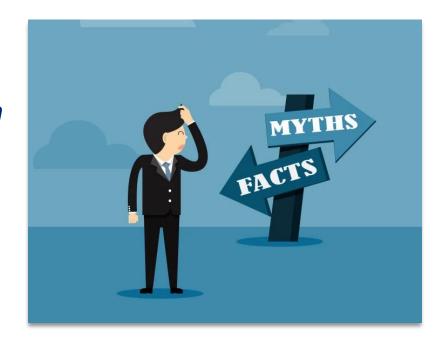


Improving public sentiment and understanding

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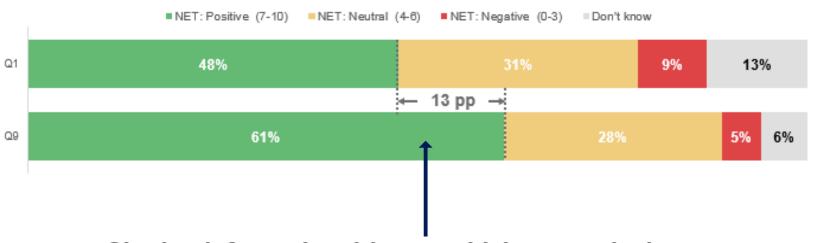


- "Graduates do not think their degrees were worth the money..."
- "Undergraduates are discontented with teaching..."
- "The public think universities are extravagant and wasteful..."
- "Ethnic minorities feel excluded from universities..."





Public sentiment towards universities: pre and post information being shared



Sharing information drives positivity towards the sector



The prism through which universities are seen tends to be the undergraduate student experience

This means that postgraduate study or research is rarely front of mind; however, when presented with information about university research, the public are overwhelmingly positive about it.



There is a real interest in universities' role in their local community, but this is the area of impact least understood or recognised

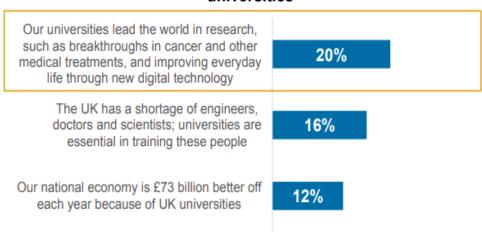
Just 31% say that universities have a positive impact on their local community, while

40% feel that they are not informed to any extent about the impact of universities on their local community



Whilst not thought of spontaneously, research is seen as the single biggest benefit of universities

Messages that are most effective in driving positivity towards universities



"Like the research – it's certainly a positive thing" Public workshop, London

Showing top 3 responses, % selected (single answer option only)



A lack of understanding of universities' impact creates a risk that even the most positive lack ammunition to advocate for the sector



- Only a minority say they feel informed to a great extent about what we do
- In the workshops it was apparent that the majority of people rarely think about universities, largely finding the sector irrelevant



BUT there is a high level of nascent pride in the sector and belief that we are amongst the best in the world



agree UK universities are globally recognised for their outstanding research





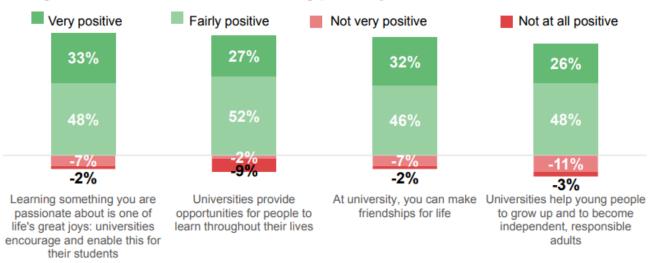
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At an individual level, universities provide a space for young people to make friends for life, have new experiences and to mature...

Messages that are most effective in driving positivity towards universities: 'soft' benefits



- Whilst these messages work well quantitatively, qualitatively responses are more mixed, with some seeing them as 'self indulgent'
- These can exacerbate feelings of elitism, particularly for low-income households, or first generation university students

Implications for messaging: These messages should be secondary to communications about 'harder' benefits, or those which accrue to people / communities beyond individual students



















FEATURED STORIES









GLASGOW SCHOOL OF ART

The ultrasound scan

The design of the diagnostics obstetrics ultrasound by the Glasgow School of Art has been hugely significant...

UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST OF ENGLAND, BRISTOL

<u>Turning urine into electricity</u>

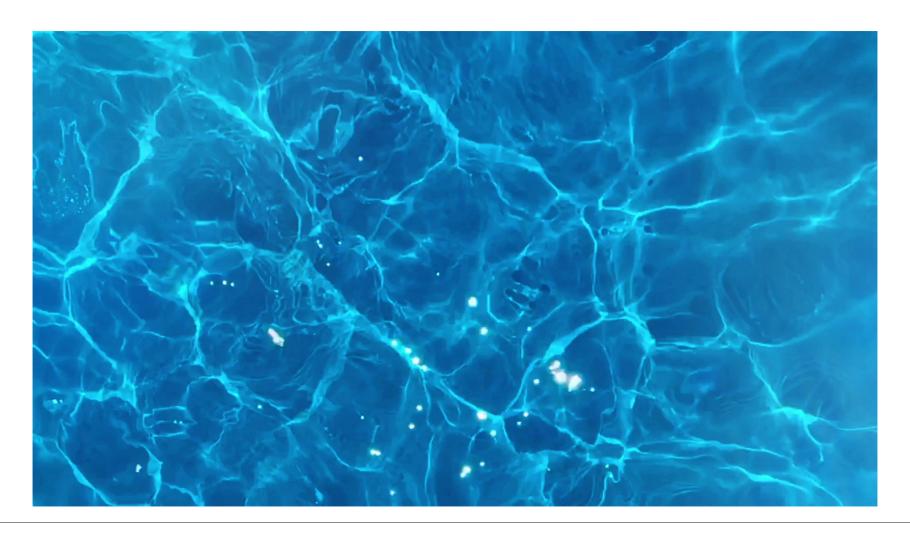
The PEE POWER® system is turning urine into electricity, with a huge positive global impact.

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Revolutionising help for the homeless

I-SPHERE uses research to drive change for people affected by extreme disadvantage.







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prison record labels: the UK's research breakthroughs





TV, safer scrums and the living wage 'among top university breakthroughs'

The list, which was published by Universities UK (UUK), celebrates the discoveries which have had a transformative effect on people's lives.





The invention of the television, improved rugby scrumming technique and the living wage have been named among a list of the top breakthroughs by UK universities.

The list, compiled by Universities UK (UUK), aims to celebrate significant inventions, discoveries and social initiatives made by academics over the years which have had a transformative impact on people's everyday lives.

HailOnline

Telling vegans to eat cress, making electricity from URINE and giving robots to the elderly: Top UK university breakthroughs of all time

- · It covers health, tech, family, environment, sport and culture and community
- The list celebrates research which has transformed people's everyday lives
- Research from the University of the West of England (UWE) found a way to make viable electricity from human urine

By JOE PINKSTONE FOR MAILONLINE >

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THE IRISH NEWS

Pantridge makes 100 best breakthroughs list



These Are The UK's Top University Breakthroughs



Paul Armstrong Contributor ①



Water-repellent phones and flatscreen TVs among top tech innovations from UK universities



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TV, safer scrums and the living wage 'among top university breakthroughs'



UK universities celebrate best breakthroughs

A toilet that flushes without water, the establishment of the Living Wage and the development of penicillin have all been named on a list of the 100 biggest breakthroughs to come out of a UK university.

The list is part of a campaign, called MadeAtUni, which aims to celebrate some of the most signifi-cant developments from university faculties that have had an impact on

people's everyday lives.

As well as some of the more well-known advances, such as ultrasounds, MRI scanners and genetic fingerprinting, are other less famous successes, including creating new scrum techniques to make rugby safer and discovering a new enzyme

Compiled by Universities UK (UUK), the umbrella group for UK universities, the list is intended o show that the higher educa-

to show that the higher educa-tion sector does "more than just teach students".

Professor Dame Janet Beer, presi-dent of UUK, said: "Universities real-ly do transform lives. The technology we use every day, the medicines that save lives, the teachers who inspire -all come from IUK universities and all come from UK universities and the important work being done by

academics up and down the country "The UK's Best Breakthroughs lis is a testament to the difference tha universities make to people's lives

University challenges Historic advances

University of Chichester Rock star

University of Aberdeen The world's University of the Arts London

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University of Brighton Using

Imperial College London



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Gongs on the wall for city art gallery

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changin THE WEEK IN HIGHER EDUCATION
the world ... The Brexit vote exposed

the fissure between graduates

and non-graduates as a key

Universities' breakthroughs are highlighted







Rugby research in list of 'most significant' university breakthroughs







political fault line. Understandable, then, that Universities UK began a campaign to demonstrate how universities improve people's lives on 6 December. However, will a PR-led campaign fronted by celebrities bridge the divide? The Made At Uni campaign kicked off with a video featuring the actor James Nesbitt, whose opening claim was that "a UK university was the first to set out the rules of football". Rather than this being an act of proto-knowledge transfer by the University of Cambridge, undergraduates there made an early attempt to codify a set of rules, though they still allowed for the catching of the ball, as researchers of early football have explained. But scholarly nitpicking should not trouble universities when

they have PR points to score.

Scots universities claim the honours with breakthroughs like MRI and television



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University of Bath @ @UniofBath

at MadeAtUni.org.uk

1:52 AM - 6 Dec 2018

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27 @UniversitiesUK institutions

Breakthroughs in medical science are

≤ 136 active research projects

Over £26m pounds













universities have improved everyday life with @UniversitiesUK's #MadeAtUni. See the 100 leading breakthroughs and find out more







Having supported Universities across the UK over the past 10 years, it's great to see the #MadeAtUni campaign up and running! Santander Universities supports education, employability and entrepreneurship through 84 partnerships and are truly inspired by the amazing work they do.



8:43 AM - 11 Dec 2018

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