

The State of the HE Sector

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Where are we? Who are you?

Who am I?

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Are universities 'good value'?



Nick Timothy

Ponzi scheme

”No improvement in Britain’s productivity despite rise in graduate numbers”

”Certain degree subjects offer no ROI”

“Office for budget responsibility.. student loans will add 11.1% of GDP to national debt by late 2030s



Not so helpful...

...increased focus



UUKspin @UUKspin · Feb 17

#DMUVC is a living, breathing answer to the perennial, existential question:
"What if David Brent became a Vice-Chancellor?" **#UUKspin #MadeAtUni**



Matt Capon @MattLCapon

Sent to me last night.

"That was at the Varsity Launch the Unions sports department organised. The **#DMUVC** turned up to...



Matt Capon @MattLCapon · Feb 8

So to recap, **#DMUVC** goes missing. The Chair of the Board of Governors resigns. The Chair of the Remunerations, Finance & HR Committees (who sits on the DMU board) hasn't declared his role as Exc. Chair of Metamorph Law to DMU, and **#DMUVC** is a shareholder in said company.



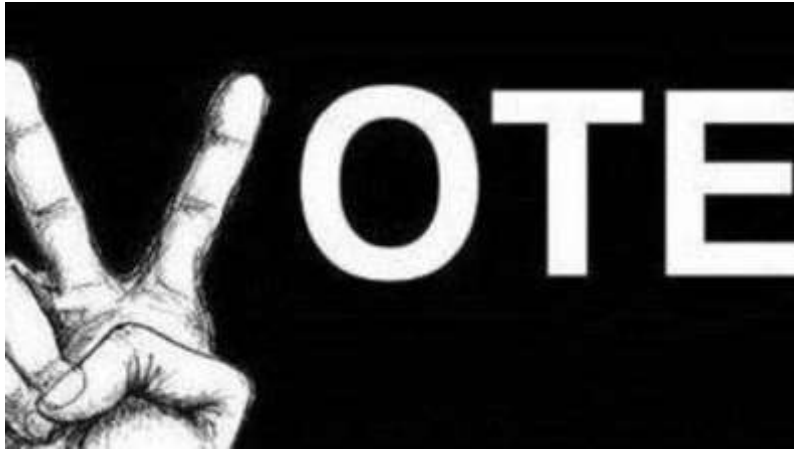
**The Augar
Review:
bleurgh**

On paper...

“ a wide-ranging review
of Post-18 Education and
Funding”

Augar's TOR:

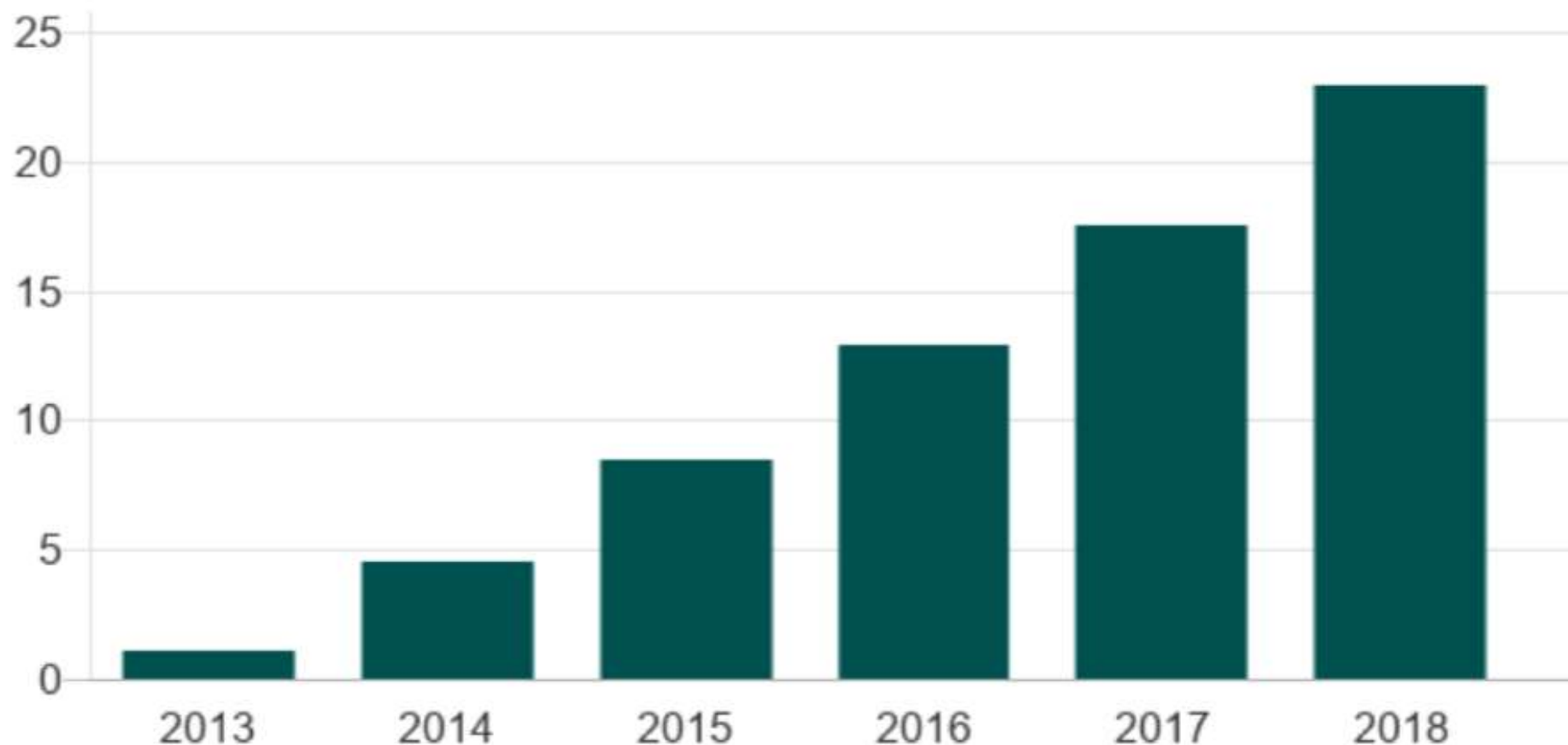
- 1) Choice & competition
- 2) A system accessible to
all
- 3) Delivering the skills
our country needs
- 4) Value for money



THE RUMOUR MILL (ep.2)



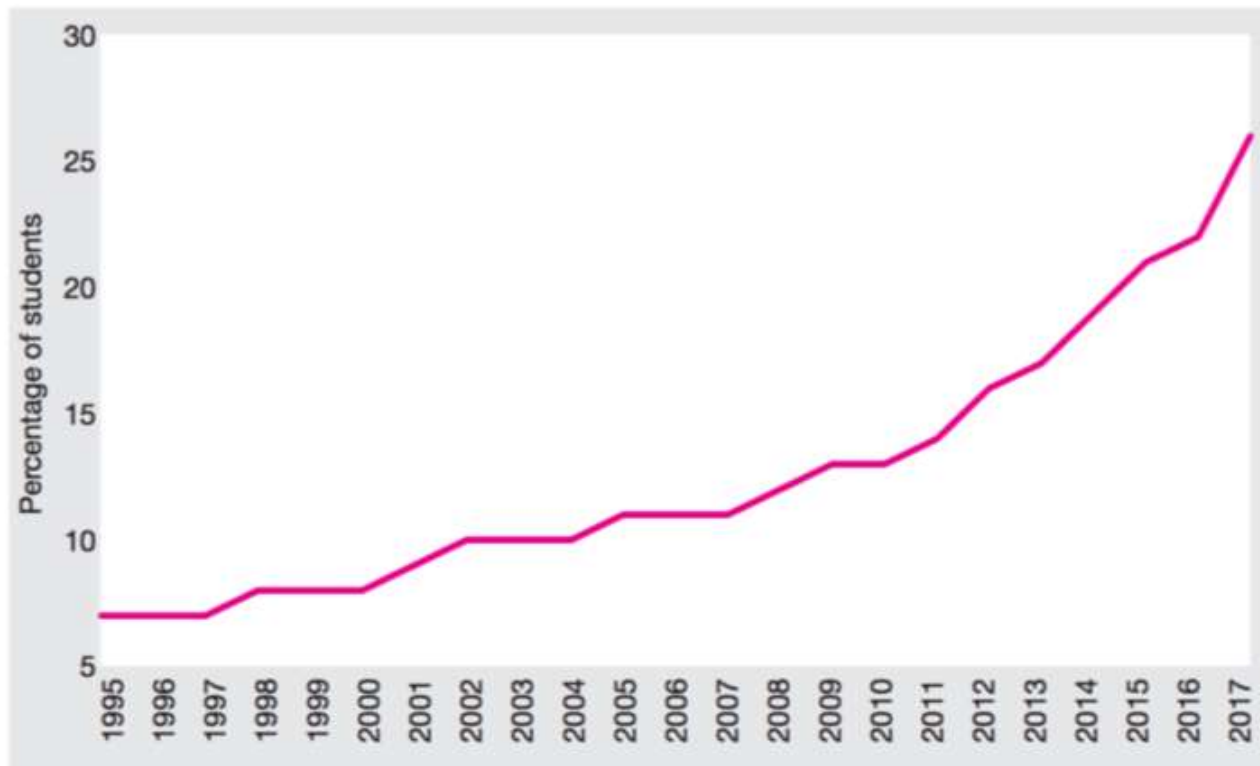
Percentage of 18-year-olds from England, Northern Ireland and Wales receiving an unconditional offer, by year





The results... grade inflation

Proportion of students awarded a First for their first undergraduate degree



Source: Higher Education Statistics Agency, *Publications (Open Data: Students in Higher Education)*, 2018.



Paul Inman

@pinman

Follow

More universities using texting and social media this year for #Clearing. But what do messages like this contribute to your #brand? This is the (perceived) language of teenagers in love.

Today 12:03

"I've got a text!" It's time to dump those other unis and couple up with Roehampton.
bit.ly/2MkMwjg

To opt out text XDEG

4:30 AM - 16 Aug 2018 from South East, England

12 Retweets 14 Likes





18 year old population in England (2018=100)



■ Historic (2018=100)
■ Forecast (2018=100)



What's next for HE? (maybe)

- Increased/renewed regulation, inspection and quality assurance
- Refocus on 'outreach' spend
- Demand for HE to rise, but not necessarily as we know it
- Return of SNC?
- Level 3 qualification reforms



Is it Christmas yet?

- Opportunity for universities with strong industrial reputations, strong FE partners
- Genuine need for review and rationalising the sector
- “Crisis is danger and opportunity”
- We’re in this together



Questions? /lunch



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