HE Policy: What your executive team needs to know and how to brief them



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Introduction

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• Civil servant working for Government (1997-2016) – 10 years in HE policy (2003-2013; 4 ministers, numerous Lords' Ministers; spanning around 5-10 policy areas). Now advising/representing University of Sheffield on policy.





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• UK Parliament (front-bench advisory role), Universities UK, Two London HEIs – working with VC and senior officials.

Why should you as planners be interested in HE policy formed outside of your HEI?

TEF/fees – from policy to practice

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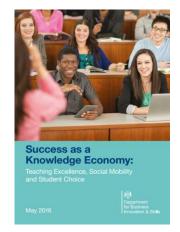




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for first time since they trebled



Tuition fees

Richard Adams Education

English universities to raise tuition fees

Manchester and Durham among those listing fees for new entrants from

Universities in England have started telling potential students that their tuition fees will go up across the board from next year, the first rise since fees were nearly trebled to £9,000 in 2012.

Manchester and Durham are among universities already listing annual independently fees as rising to 60,350, following an appoundement by higher Higher Education Student Finance: Written statement - HCWS117

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Made by: Joseph Johnson (The Minister of State for Universities and Science) I am today announcing student finance arrangements for higher education students undertaking a course of study in the 2017/18 academic year beginning in August 2017. Teaching Excellence Framework. As stated in the Government's White Paper "Success as a Knowledge Economy: Teaching Excellence, Social Mobility and Student Choice", published on 16 Nay 2016, from 2016/17 the Government is introducing a Teaching Excelle In Year One of TEF (2016/17), all higher education providers who have met the eligibility criteria set out in the Government's White Paper will receive a rating of Meets Expectations. This TEF award will carry financial incertibes, as detailed below, for 2017/18 which will last for one year only. A provisional list of providers achieving this rating in Year One was published on 07 July 2016 on Gov.uk[1]. The following sections provide details on the maximum tuition fee and fee loan caps in 2017/18 for higher education courses at providers that have been awarded a rating of Meets Expectations in TEF Year One Tuition fees and fee loans for full-time higher education courses. For all new students and eligible continuing students who started their full-time courses on or after 1 September 2012 and are undertaking courses at publicly funded higher education providers that have achieved a TEF raing of Meets Expectations, maximum tutton leve caps will be increased by forecast inflation (2,8%) in 2017/18. For publicly funded providers that have achieved a TEF rating of Meets Expectations and have an access agreement with the Office for Far Access (OFFA), the maximum tuttle started to the control of the Control o expertations and have an access agreement with the Office for Fall Access (DFFA), the maximum button for cop for full-time course will be 20,50 in 2017/18. For publicly funded provides that have achieved a TEF rating of Meets Expectations but do not have an access agreement with OFFA, the maximum tuttion for cop for full-time consess will be £5,65.61 and 20,178.6 for publish for publish than been of achieved a TEF rating of Meets Expectations, maximum tuttion fee caps for full-time courses in 2017/18 will be £9,000 and £6,000, the same as in 2016/17.

Why is Whitehall and Westminster important?

- What do MPs and Ministers think? Also Opposition and smaller parties?
- Only human
- Parliament matters
- Constituency interests
- How can you use Parliament to your advantage?
- Use institutional connections Alumni, Chancellor, President, Chair of Governors etc.
- Select Committees academics and policy perspective (range of depts.)
- Specific constituency concerns
- House of Lords
- Students/Parents

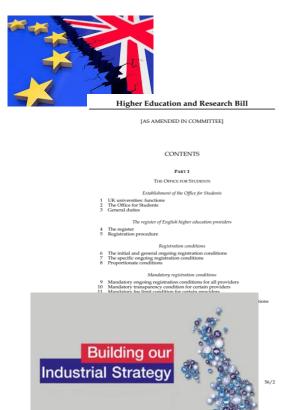
How do senior teams differ from Ministers and MPs?



- In some ways not that much!
- Be politically astute.
- Time poor but intellectually curious.
- VCs and wider management teams will be aware of outcome of their actions.
- Different approaches? TMI and two sides of A4?
- Use of data and numbers in supporting an argument.

Policy round-up

- Tried to cover UK wide but apologies if some are England only. Not an exhaustive list:
- Brexit could be a session in itself! (Mark Leach)
- Industrial Strategy Green Paper 23 Jan
- HE & Research Bill Report Stage, Commons, ping pong?
- TEF & REF
- Schools Green Paper
- International Students consultation (Home Office)
- City Regions and LEPs
- Further divergent HE policy & devolution?
 Diamond Review in Wales. Scottish Funding Council merger & Governance Bill.



HM Government