

SECTION : FEATURE

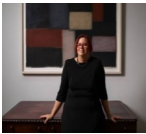


Jun 30 [BBC News] : More pupils sent home as Covid disruption soars. There has been a sharp rise in pupils sent home from school in England because of Covid, according to the latest official figures. They showed that more than 375,000 pupils - about one in 20 - were out of school for Covid-related reasons, up by more than 130,000 in a week. Absences have quadrupled during June. [LINK](#)



Jun 29 [BBC News] : School isolation rules could end in autumn. The Covid control system in England's schools, where groups of pupils have to self-isolate if one tests positive, could be scrapped in the autumn. Ministers are looking at asking secondary schools to introduce daily testing instead. The latest figures show that in England, 279,000 children were self-isolating having potentially been in contact with a positive case in school. [LINK](#)

SECTION : HIGHER EDUCATION



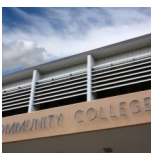
Jul 01 [Irish Examiner] : Higher Education Authority to tell committee it aims to respect colleges' autonomy. The Higher Education Authority (HEA) is set to appear before the PAC this morning in what is set to be a seismic hearing with regard to specific examples of questionable governance among Ireland's universities. [LINK](#)



Jun 28 [Study International] : Rugby School Thailand: The best British education in Asia. Every child has the space to thrive holistically at Rugby School Thailand. Bruce Grindlay could see this from his first visit. Facilities at the country's largest campus — from the Webb Ellis fitness and sports centre, to designated spaces for science, drama and music enthusiasts — could give any school in the UK a run for its money. [LINK](#)



Jun 28 [Inside Higher Ed] : Summer Brings Another Wave of Tuition Freezes . While some colleges and universities have announced tuition freezes for the upcoming academic year, most institutions are planning to raise tuition by about 2 percent. Dozens of colleges and universities have opted to freeze tuition for the upcoming academic year. [LINK](#)

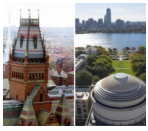


Jun 28 [The Washington Post] : Harvard for the masses. While it's not impossible to fail out of Harvard University, the school is known for providing a range of supports to its students that help the vast majority make it through. With its extraordinary wealth, that is easier for Harvard to do than most other schools. That is especially true of community colleges, two-year institutions that often get short shrift in national discussions about higher education but that provide millions of students from across the country with an affordable route to a bachelor's degree. [LINK](#)



Jun 26 [The Guardian] : UK students want tuition fees refunded as they face third year online. Students are facing a third successive year of online learning, after an *Observer* analysis suggested that most universities are planning to offer a mix of in-person seminars and online lectures when term begins again this autumn. It prompted fresh calls for students to be refunded at least part of the fees they are charged each year if they are mostly taught online. [LINK](#)

SECTION : INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES



Jun 29 [The Harvard Gazette] : Harvard and MIT-led nonprofit to tackle longstanding inequities in education. Today, Harvard, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and edX announced a joint effort with education technology company 2U to further the reach and impact of online learning across the world. [LINK](#)

SECTION : SCHOOLS



Jun 29 [BBC News] : Mobile phone ban to improve school behaviour. Mobile phone bans and other ways to create "calm classrooms" are to be considered to help improve discipline in England's schools. Education Secretary Gavin Williamson said he wants to make the school day mobile-free, describing the devices as "distracting" and "damaging". A consultation will ask the views of teachers and parents on how to promote good behaviour. [LINK](#)



Jun 26 [BBC News] : Being proud of going to state school. A campaign is asking people who went to state school to shout about it. So why is it needed? "Before going to Bristol University, I'd grown up on a council estate, worked two jobs, at McDonald's and John Lewis, alongside my studies, and lost my father to substance abuse. [LINK](#)



Jul 01 [The Times of India] : Karnataka: Government school set to reopen today. Government and other state board schools will reopen for the next Academic Session on Thursday, but for a second year in a row, students will be deprived of on-campus classes. Classes will begin virtually, but teachers are skeptical of attendance. [LINK](#)

SECTION : SPECIAL EDUCATION



Jun 30 [The Guardian]: English county councils warn of £1.3bn special educational needs deficit. County councils in England are warning of a £1.3bn special educational needs deficit which threatens to derail their finances and undermine capacity to support recovery efforts after the pandemic. [LINK](#)

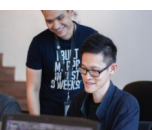


Jun 29 [The Reporter]: Special ed and high-needs students get windfall in budget deal. California schools are poised to get a record-breaking amount of money in the state budget to help students recover from the 15 months of chaos, virtual classrooms, hybrid schedules and ever-shifting guidance. [LINK](#)



Jun 29 [CBS Chicago]: Parents of children with special needs say Porter County education services is denying their kids medical professionals in classrooms, despite no additional cost. A little girl with special needs is at the center of a days-long legal fight that begins Monday morning in Northwest Indiana. It's all about what her family claims is unfair treatment at her public school, and we discovered they're not the only parents frustrated. [LINK](#)

SECTION : TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION



Jun 29 [Forbes]: The Rise Of Skills-Based Hiring And What It Means For Education. The pandemic broke some old conventions and accelerated other trends. One convention that, for many tech employers, fell by the wayside was requiring degrees for every position. A trend that accelerated during the pandemic was skills-based hiring. [LINK](#)