

SECTION : FEATURE



Jul 07 [GPE] : Education philanthropy and the pandemic. A recent symposium organised by the International Education Funders Group highlighted the diverse and dynamic efforts of education philanthropists to address some of the most pressing challenges created by the COVID-19 pandemic. [LINK](#)



Jul 07 [BBC News] : Huge surge in number of pupils sent home due to Covid. Covid-related pupil absence in England has hit a new high since all students returned to school in March this year. Over 640,000 pupils in England were not in school due to Covid last week - up from 375,000 the week before. Of these, just 62,000 were confirmed or suspected Covid cases. [LINK](#)



Jul 07 [The Straits Times] : Young teachers awarded for dedication to guiding students beyond the classroom. English teacher Moritza Lim, 30, remembered the anxiety she felt in 2018 when one of her students, Alice (not her real name), then a Secondary Two student, ran away from home due to family issues. In the three weeks that Alice was missing, Ms Lim was in constant contact with her parents. She also tapped her peers for possible information on her whereabouts. [LINK](#)



Jul 04 [BBC News] : Covid-19: Head teacher 'nervous' about lifting restrictions. The head of a school in Worcestershire has said she fears what will happen in schools when Covid measures are lifted. Government ministers have called for the system, where groups of pupils have to self-isolate if one tests positive, to be scrapped by autumn. Hanley Castle High School head Lindsey Cooke said those systems had "served schools really well" in the pandemic. [LINK](#)

SECTION : HIGHER EDUCATION



Jul 07 [BBC News] : University of Manchester remote learning plan criticised by students. A university's plans to continue online lectures with no reduction in tuition fees has been criticised by students. The University of Manchester (UoM) said remote learning, which it has used during the Covid-19 pandemic, would become permanent as part of a "blended learning" approach. More than 5,000 students have signed a petition in protest at the move. [LINK](#)



Jul 06 [New Straits Times] : Modules on respect and appropriate behaviour part of curriculum in university and schools: Sun Xueling. Singapore's autonomous universities have or are putting in place compulsory modules on respect and appropriate behaviour that cover rules and norms on sexual consent, said Minister of State for Education Sun Xueling. Undergraduates staying in hostels also have compulsory face-to-face workshops and peer discussions on sexuality and lessons on what constitutes sexual misconduct and harassment, she added. [LINK](#)



Jul 06 [South China Morning Post] : Chinese universities' over-the-top acceptance 'letters' include lotus seeds, singing boxes and the sound of pulsars. Summer is university acceptance time in China, and, in recent years, a "space race" has emerged between schools hoping to impress prospective students, excite incoming freshmen and receive some free online marketing. [LINK](#)

SECTION : EDUCATION TECHNOLOGY

Jul 05 [New Straits Times] : #TECH: In tune with technology. A musically inclined teacher uses social media to boost his students morale and groom local artistes. Talking to Othsaimi Othman, it was clear that he had never forgotten his first love, which is music. The 46-year-old teacher picked up a guitar when he was 13, a young boy hanging out on the boulders of his home street. Though career whisked him into classrooms instead of performance stages, his passion for sound and songs never ceased. [LINK](#)

SECTION : EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND EDUCATION

Jul 06 [CNA] : Sexuality education for pre-schoolers among proposals by WP's Raeesah Khan to address abuse, harassment. Mandatory sexuality education for younger children, a greater focus on teaching students about consent and having more time for such classes were among the suggestions raised by Workers' Party Member of Parliament Raeesah Khan on Tuesday (Jul 6). [LINK](#)

SECTION : SCHOOLS

Jul 08 [South China Morning Post] : How girls in patriarchal China rose to outperform the boys in school. This year, the release of results for China's National Higher Education Entrance Examination, or *gaokao*, usually a season of fame and celebration for top students, seems rather quiet, especially after the education ministry warned against hype. But a video interview of a "study goddess" who scored 692 points out of a possible 750 has gone viral. [LINK](#)



Jul 06 [New Straits Times] : Gunmen abduct 140 school students in northwest Nigeria. Gunmen kidnapped 140 students from a boarding school in northwestern Nigeria on Monday, a school official and police said, the latest in a wave of mass abductions targeting schoolchildren. Heavily armed gangs have long plagued northwest and central Nigeria by looting, stealing cattle and abducting for ransom, but since the start of the year they have increasingly targeted schools and colleges. [LINK](#)



Jul 05 [USA Today] : What George Clooney, Dr. Dre, Pitbull, LeBron have in common: Starting their own schools. From Oprah to Taylor Swift to Tobias Harris, celebrities and pro athletes have long donated portions of their fortunes to schools. But a growing number of stars are taking their investment in education to the next level. They're launching entire schools tied to their interests, helping students in their hometowns or marshaling their connections to tie academics to the entertainment industry. [LINK](#)

SECTION : SPECIAL EDUCATION

Jul 07 [SEN]: Making sports day fun for all children with SEN. For many children with SEN, Sports Day isn't always the fun-filled day we might expect it to be. Children with SEN can feel completely overwhelmed by the noise and being suddenly asked to take part in activities they don't know. [LINK](#)

SECTION : EXAMINATIONS

Jul 05 [New Straits Times]: Pupils, parents relieved that some topics will be removed from PSLE. The reduction of the number of topics for the Primary School Leaving Examination (PSLE) this year comes as a relief to Primary 6 pupils and their parents. The Ministry of Education (MOE) said on 23 June that the common last topics will be removed for the PSLE this year. [LINK](#)