

## SECTION : FEATURE



**Aug 01 [The Guardian] : The Observer view on the plight facing children post-Covid.** The prime minister has touted "levelling up" as the overarching theme of his domestic policy agenda. But in no area is the hollowness of this commitment revealed more than in relation to children and young people. Throughout this pandemic, the government has disregarded the young. [LINK](#)



**Jul 31 [The Guardian] : Covid vaccine status proof will not be required for students in England.** There are no plans to bring in vaccine passports for university students in England, the Department for Education has said, as a row continues over their use. In interviews this week ministers – including the foreign secretary, Dominic Raab – had not ruled out using them, with students set to return to campuses in September. [LINK](#)



**Jul 29 [BBC News] : MPs call for national register of home-educated children.** A committee of MPs is calling for a national register of home-educated children in England, saying there is an "unacceptable level of opaqueness" surrounding the issue. The Commons Education Committee says it is important to "get a grip" on the number in home education. [LINK](#)



**Jul 28 [The Straits Times] : Singapore needs a more caring society, better mental health support: Chan Chun Sing.** Youth today live in a complex and fast-paced world and their challenges are intensified by the Internet where comparisons with others are constant, said Education Minister Chan Chun Sing on Tuesday (July 27). [LINK](#)

## SECTION : HIGHER EDUCATION



**Aug 01 [The Guardian] : Durham University keeps college head in post despite alleged intimidating conduct.** A leading British university has been accused of turning a blind eye to bullying after a college principal was allowed to remain in post despite complaints of intimidating behaviour towards colleagues. Prof Adekunle Adeyeye, who was responsible for helping to reform Durham University's much-criticised approach to bullying, is alleged to have frequently reduced colleagues to tears and made sexist remarks. [LINK](#)



**Jul 28 [The Guardian] : London remains best city in the world to study in new rankings.** London remains the best city in the world to be a university student, according to an international ranking of higher education centres that placed it ahead of rivals such as Tokyo, Boston and Berlin. The capital retained top spot for the third year running despite low marks for affordability, thanks to the presence of world-leading institutions such as Imperial College and King's College London, and high ratings for its openness to international students and graduate career opportunities. [LINK](#)

## SECTION : PRIVATE EDUCATION



**Jul 30 [The New York Times] : China Targets Costly Tutoring Classes. Parents Want to Save Them.** Zhang Hongchun worries that his 10-year-old daughter isn't getting enough sleep. Between school, homework and after-school guitar, clarinet and calligraphy practice, most nights she doesn't get to bed before 11. Some of her classmates keep going until midnight. [LINK](#)

## **SECTION : TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION**



**Jul 05 [BBC News] : Reckless to scrap BTecs, educators warn.** BTec qualifications should not be scrapped in England, say groups representing students and staff in schools, colleges and universities. The plea comes as the Department for Education confirmed plans to introduce new technical qualifications in England and scrap most BTecs. The department says the reforms will simplify and streamline the system. [LINK](#)

## **SECTION : EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND EDUCATION**



**Aug 01 [The Guardian] :** Nurseries in England feeling the pressure as 'pingdemic' hits children and staff. More than half the nurseries in the north-west of England have been forced into a partial or full closure since the start of the summer, according to figures that highlight a Covid child-care crisis in parts of the country. As many as 58% of providers surveyed in the region said that they had to close or partially close since the beginning of June, as high Covid case numbers saw staff or groups of children forced into isolation at home. [LINK](#)

## **SECTION : SCHOOLS**



**Aug 01 [South China Morning Post] : Protesters demand probe into Canada indigenous schools.** Hundreds of protesters in Canada's capital called on Saturday for a probe into a boarding school system for indigenous children, as outrage built after the discovery of hundreds of unmarked graves at several of the facilities. [LINK](#)



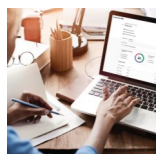
**Jul 31 [BBC News] : Global summit raises \$4bn for schools despite aid row.** Investing in education in the world's poorest countries is the "single best investment we can make in the future of humanity", Boris Johnson told a global education summit in London. World leaders pledged more than \$4bn (£2.9bn) to support schools through the Global Partnership for Education. [LINK](#)



**Jul 31 [The Guardian] : Latin to be introduced at 40 state secondaries in England.** Latin is to be taught at state schools across England in an effort to counter the subject's reputation as one that is "elitist" and largely taught at private schools. A £4m Department for Education (DfE) scheme will initially be rolled out across 40 schools as part of a four-year pilot programme for 11- to 16-year-olds starting in September 2022. [LINK](#)

## **SECTION : ED-TECH**

**Jul 31 [USA Today]: Teachers are feeling burned out. Artificial intelligence can help.** Educators are at the ends of their ropes. So suggests a fall 2020 survey by RAND Corp., which found that a quarter of all teachers were thinking about leaving education. Remote learning and COVID-19 are partly to blame: More than half (57 percent) of teachers said they worked more hours per week during the pandemic than they did before it, according to RAND, and 80 percent reported feelings of burnout as a result. [LINK](#)



## **SECTION : EXAMINATIONS**

**Jul 30 [BBC News]: Richer parents pressure teachers on exam grades.** Parents of pupils in private schools or living in affluent areas of England were the most likely to put pressure on teachers over exam grades, suggests research from the Sutton Trust. Almost a quarter of private school teachers had been contacted by parents over A-level and GCSE grades, twice as many as in schools in deprived areas. [LINK](#)

