

UK HE White Paper day

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Today is the day that we've all been ~~dreading~~ waiting for. The final unveiling of the UK Higher Education White Paper.

 Paper

It's expected later today, but here's some early reactions.

[The Guardian](#) runs with "'Naming and shaming' for degrees with poor jobs record", which gets to the core of the matter:

Scrapping or overhauling "dead-end" courses would limit losses to the taxpayer from students who fail to repay their loans.

[The BBC](#) are going with "Universities shake-up eyes greater competition", focusing on a fight for proportion of places.

Aaron Porter has been taking the opportunity to point out some major flaws, stating:

*The #HEWhitePaper has failed to show how it will improve access to Uni or improve quality
#missedopportunity*

[@renireni](#) gives us this, which I think is absolutely spot on:

Full implementation of the student as consumer. Cost of everything, value of nothing
#hewhitepaper

Meanwhile, the Tory minority on Twitter ([@richardbrabner](#)) seem to have found a way of gamifying the concerns:

Good morning [@MarioCreatura](#), shall we try and find the most over-the-top reaction to the #HEWhitePaper today? Pint for the winner?

Meanwhile, [@timeshighered](#) remains a great source for updates throughout the day. In the meanwhile, I'm going to use today to get away from all this arguing and actually go teach.

Update: 09:10am

[@emmielouli](#) posts an interesting piece on [Resisting the HE White Paper](#).

Think my next update will be much later as there's much of the same material circulating on speculation.

Update: 16:16

The White Paper is out and you can read it here: [UK HE White Paper](#)UK HE White Paper 2011.

Update: 19:31

Many responses in, a sample:

The Times Higher: a roundup of official responses.

Education Activist Network: "a disaster for universities".

Mike Baker: a good rundown of what's actually in there!

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