

Nine things that are happening

November 2022



Cost of living

- Most universities have now announced
- Hub plus 50 ways article
- Russell group PR
- National research coming Weds 23rd November
- Food insecurity and food banks (new inflation figures have food inflation at 16.4 per cent, higher for staples)
- Heating and campus spaces?
- Energy Bills support
 - Pass through regulation where student not billpayer

Over **8 million** households to get new Cost of Living payment from **14 July 2022**

B3 and TEF Dashboards

- Formal guidance on the Student Submission now out see webinar and briefing(s)
- Most SUs nearing draft and presentation
 - (Many doing recommendations internally but not in final version)
- Education gain still highly contested...



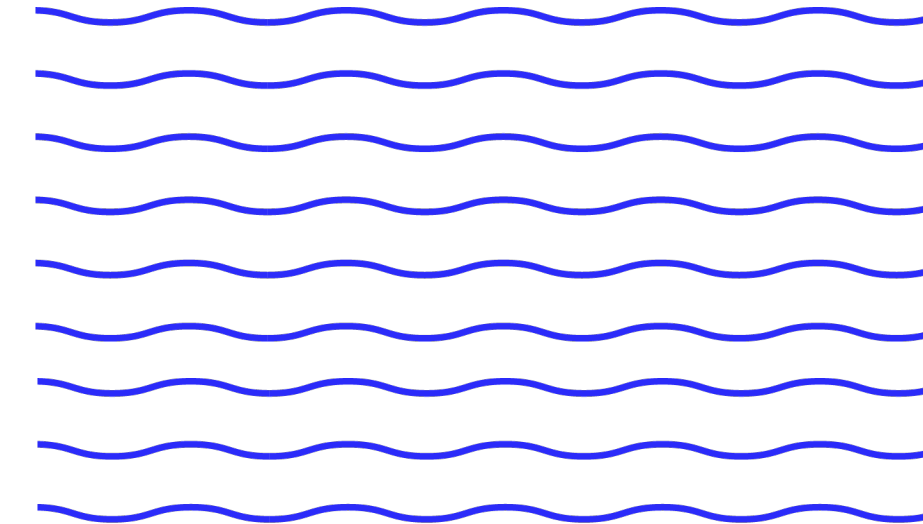
Housing shortage

- No national strategy
- Renter's reform bill – potential compromise coming on open-ended tenancies
- Family accommodation issue
- PGT expansion plus Graduate Route visa
- Strategy for the city?
- Figures on types of housing by provider



Strikes

- Dates called: 24th, 25th, 30th
- See strike sheet for SU approaches (WhatsApp)
- Wednesday 30th National Demo King's Cross
 - Unlikely to be ultra vires – weigh up record
- Action short of a strike (briefing coming)
 - working to contract
 - not covering for absent colleagues
 - removing uploaded materials related to, and/or not sharing materials related to, lectures or classes that will be or have been cancelled as a result of strike action
 - not rescheduling lectures or classes cancelled due to strike action
 - not undertaking any voluntary activities.
- Need to know briefing, rights issues briefing
- Don't forget nursing if you have nursing students (dates TBC)
- Picketing – some unis dissuading students – see briefing



Free speech bill

- Amendments for report stage potentially:
 - Removal of tort
 - Regulation of SUs through universities
 - Removal of clause on foreign funding
 - Heckler's veto clause
 - Complaints route
- Becomes law late 22 / early 23, then OfS consultation
- Disciplinary chaos?
- Search Lords register of interests to find links to your uni

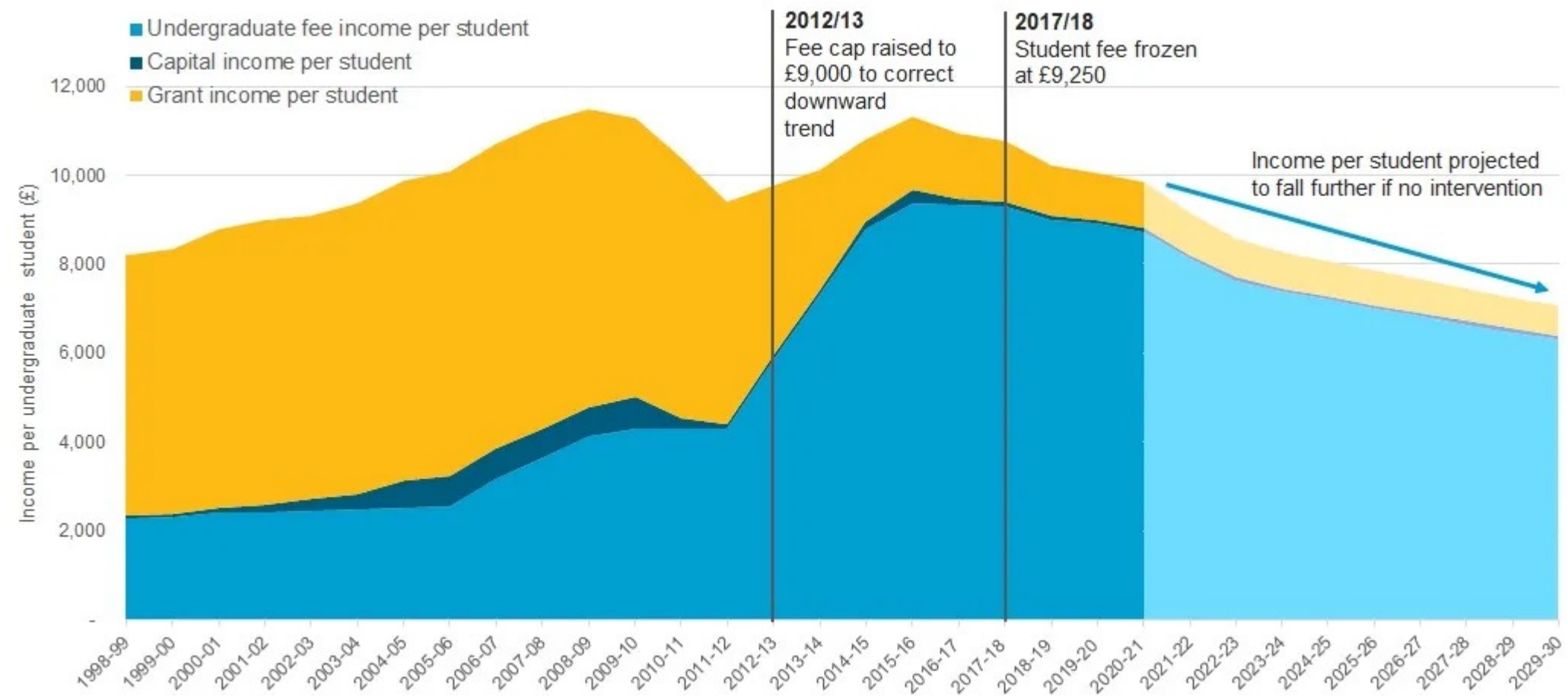


University finances

- Real state varies (UCU aggregate)
- Budget
- Energy support?
- How is university planning to cope and/or will cost of living support last?



University finances



International students

- No news on immigration reform but figures coming December
- Family accommodation crisis
- Growing and infrastructure
 - General
 - International
- Pregnancy and learning from complaints



Harassment & SM

- Statement of Expectations will be converted to regulation
- Prevalence research coming from OfS
- Expected standards coming on bystander and prevention training
- Evaluation from SUMS consulting
- Year abroad, franchise, placement, SUs – jurisdiction issues will be addressed



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Student mental health

- Bristol will appeal in the Abrahart case so learning delayed
- Parents have launched campaign to establish a formal “duty of care”
- Wonkhe SUs Roundtable on reasonable adjustments in December
- Apps and digital MH support



Transport

- The pandemic has caused more WFH, passenger numbers have not bounced back, and many routes are less sustainable than they were, putting huge pressure on operator margins
- Brexit has caused a significant labour market crunch and operators are finding it much more difficult than in the past to recruit, train and pay drivers.
- Students as drivers?



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