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POWERING EDUCATION : ENRICHING LIVES

Progression to HE from different 14-19 Pathways

FE:HE Collaboration Managing Successful Collaboration, 2nd February 2010

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The three routes

GCSE – A-Level	Diploma	Apprenticeships
630,000 (1)	**12,000 approx (2)**	**25,100(3)**
(16-18)	(14-18)	(16-18)
HE entrants	**HE entrants**	**HE entrants**
(2006/07 16-18)	**(2006/07 16-18)**	**(2006/07 16-18)**
254,000	**N/A**	**45**
	(BTEC 14,170)	

Future demand for HE

- Looking to the medium to long term
- Aspirations to enter HE amongst yr 7 & yr 8 never higher
- Atherton, et al (2009) *How Young People Formulate their Views of the Future* London:DCSF
- 700 Yr 7: **85 %** want to go to HE
- Atherton et al (2010 – forthcoming) *Key Stage 3 pupils views on Higher Education Finance*
- 700 Yr 8: **80% +** want to go to HE

Future Demand for HE

- Desire cuts across social groups
- Ipsos Mori (Young People Omnibus 2009 for Sutton Trust) – 70%+ 11-16 yr olds want to go
- http://www.suttontrust.com/annualreports.asp
- Across ability range
- *www.dius.gov.uk/~/media/publications/B/BIS-RP-009*
- The route the 'problem' – not the young people

FE:HE Collaboration

- Voluminous **but**:
- Diverse
- Multiple partnership points
- Complex to map
- For learners:
- Uneven
- Fluctuating

HE : ‘school’ collaboration

Prime Minister

- ‘…*every secondary school should have a university or college partner*’ (Brown 2007)

- Mansion House Speech
- http://www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/press_68_07.htm

Every university to sponsor an academy?

- The government wants to see all academies sponsored by a university and a business partner under new plans set out today by the children, schools and families minister Ed Balls.
- Mr Balls said the government's academy programme would be "accelerated, with universities spearheading the next wave". He said he hoped that all universities would eventually become involved.
- http://www.guardian.co.uk/education/2007/jul/10/highereducation.uk2

The new independence

- ‘So a Conservative Government would allow any school that is ready to the chance to become a new academy.
- Every state school could have the chance to free itself from bureaucratic control - and get the extra money, freedom and flexibility…to dramatically lift standards.’
- Michael Gove October 2009
- http://www.conservatives.com/News/Speeches/2009/10/Michael_Gove_Failing_schools_need_new_leadership.aspx

The stress on apprenticeship

- **Fair Access to the Professions Response**
- **Recommendation 34:**

- The Government should fully fund an initial 3,000 Apprenticeship Scholarships to higher education, rising over time to 10,000 every year, to give the most talented apprentices the chance of a university education. Funding should come from existing Train to Gain budgets.

- An apprenticeships scholarships fund of £1 million will be set up from autumn 2010, so that some 1,000 of the best apprentices receive £1,000 each to incentivise further progress with their learning and skills development, including in higher education.

- http://interactive.bis.gov.uk/unleashingaspiration/

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- ‘A new academy is to be sponsored by an academic for the first time under plans for a unique school that will offer university degrees. The radical plan for the all-through school, which will be co-sponsored by the local authority, is to eventually offer education for 3- to 21-year-olds, including university qualifications in workplace learning..

- "The idea of an all-ages academy is a recent innovation," said Mr Balls. "The idea that an academy could provide university places too is truly pioneering.
- http://www.tes.co.uk/article.aspx?storycode=6026400

A guaranteed support package?

- ‘Guarantee’ that by 2012 high performing pupils from low income backgrounds will receive support to pursue higher education
- http://www.hmg.gov.uk/newopportunities.aspx

- Focus on an agreed, guaranteed minimum level of collaboratively delivered progression support activities

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- *have an early experience of what higher education is like, and later a more sustained one*

- *benefit from regular mentoring*

- *go to a school with structural links to a university, where teachers are equipped to properly identify and nurture their talent, including the offer of appropriate GCSEs, A-levels and Diplomas*

- *get high-quality information, advice and guidance on their choice of subject and University*

- *Those with the most potential, be sought out and invited to a summer school or similar experience of higher education.*

Why the HE Support guarantee?

- ‘Common language’ is the basis for collaboration
- Brings focus back to the learner
- Brings clarity to complexity
- Why stop at ‘high performing pupils from low income backgrounds’?
- Could be across all routes
- HE & FE delivering to Level 3/Level 2
- HE & FE working with schools delivering to Level 2

Future?

- **Challenges**
- Rising emphasis on HE:School Links
- **Also however:**
- **Opportunities**
- Rising pupil aspirations
- Work related route/Apprenticeships to HE
- Key question:
  - **What is the FE:HE 'guarantee' to learners to support their progression to HE?**

WECAN London

- WECAN London working on our 'FE:HE guarantee in 2010
- To see our progress:
- www.aimhigher.ac.uk/wecan
- Subscribe to the bulletin

- **Thank you for listening**

References

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- (2) http://www.actiononaccess.org/?p=19_3_18

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