The UK and International External Environment

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Chief Executive
• Brexit
• Industrial Strategy
• Devolution to the nations of the UK and the English regions
• HE Reform
• Manifesto Commitments
“We will continue to attract the brightest and the best to work or study in Britain – indeed openness to international talent must remain one of this country’s most distinctive assets – but that process must be managed properly so that our immigration system serves the national interest.”
“A Global Britain must also be a country that looks to the future. That means being one of the best places in the world for science and innovation....

...So we will also welcome agreement to continue to collaborate with our European partners on major science, research, and technology initiatives.”
• The “four freedoms” of the Single Market are indivisible. No “cherry picking”

• Negotiations under Article 50 are a single package. Nothing is agreed until everything is agreed.

• No separate negotiations with individual member states on matters pertaining to the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the Union.
• First phase: disentangle the United Kingdom from its rights and obligations as a member state

• Second phase: overall understanding on the framework for the future relationship and – possibly – transitional arrangements.

• Once the UK has left the EU – begin negotiations on a trade deal.
"Our modern industrial strategy will deliver a stronger economy and a fairer society – where wealth and opportunity are spread across every community in our United Kingdom, not just the most prosperous places in London and the South East“
• An end to tuition fees and the reintroduction of maintenance grants
• A new commission on Lifelong Learning that will be tasked with integrating the higher and further education system
• Maintaining the apprenticeship levy but setting a target to double apprenticeships at Level 3
• Investing 3% of GDP in research and development by 2030
• A rail service from Oxford to Cambridge via Milton Keynes
- Reinstate maintenance grants for the poorest students
- Review higher education finance in the next parliament
- Require every university to be transparent about selection criteria.
- Recognise the value of international staff to universities and promote international collaboration.
- Reinstate quality assurance for universities applying for DAPs.
- Expand higher vocational training such as FDs, Diplomas, HNCs, HNDs and Higher Apprenticeships.
- Create individual lifelong learning accounts
- Credit transfer system
• Increase investment in R&D to 2.4 per cent of GDP within ten years, with a longer-term goal of 3 per cent.
• Build up the investment funds of universities across the UK.
• Make it a condition for universities hoping to charge maximum tuition fees to become involved in academy sponsorship or the founding of free schools.
• New institutes of technology
• A new right to request leave for training for all employees.
• Introduce a national retraining scheme. Under the scheme, the costs of training will be met by the government, with companies able to gain access to the Apprenticeship Levy to support wage costs during the training period.
• Launch a major review of funding across tertiary education
Thank you