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Is extending higher education access still the right course?

The average student debt could hit £50,000 once tuition fees increase. Would we be better off ditching¹ the campus for the university of life?

[...] A report came out yesterday from Push, the independent university guide website, to show that average student debt will hit £50,000 once tuition fees go up, and Johnny Rich, its editor, went on the Today programme² to make a point that [...] "Calling it a debt is the wrong thing, it should have been called a tax. But what it is, is a cost. It is a massive cost for higher education, so the important thing is choosing the right university and the right course."

For years, the middle classes have talked about university as just a natural next step, a rite of passage between childhood and adulthood [...]. When, in the past, people talked about choosing the right course, it was never in the sense of, "What job would this equip you for?" That rationale would wipe out the whole of the humanities, except for modern languages.

Zoe Williams, *The Guardian*, Saturday 13 August 2011

¹ To ditch = to get rid of.

² A radio programme on BBC 4.