

SPOTLIGHT ON EDUCATION

There is prejudice in education, *but not where you think...*

reaction to the Education Select Committee's report and agrees there is prejudice in the system – but not where most believe. **He says the prejudice is in valuing academic subjects over vocational ones.**

Having read the reaction to the commons Education Select Committee report issued in June, I must agree that there is prejudice and discrimination built into the education system. It wrongly values academic ability above vocational ability.

Our priority in education must be to provide an education that fits each child's needs and their particular strengths and abilities.

The 'one size fits all', comprehensive approaches tend not to work because they are too inflexible to address the range of abilities children have.

This important element of our system gets little traction because at present everything is seen through the prism of race.

That is why the select committee's report has had such a reaction.

It addresses head-on the long-standing fact that working class white boys have been 'let down' for decades by our education system.

It notes that the modern, trendy and controversial notion of 'white privilege' might be making the situation worse.

This term has been drawn from Critical Race Theory, which tends to group people in terms of 'the oppressed' and 'the oppressors'.



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