Future World 2

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Intensified effects of climate change result in accelerated movements of populations and increasing food and water insecurity. Rapid global mobilisation to support sustainable change impacts industry, government and society. A backlash against insularity opens borders and increases immigration to parts of the UK. The government introduces staggered tuition fees based on ability to pay, opening up higher education to new sectors of the domestic and immigrant population.

Universities are placed under pressure to clearly define their distinctive contribution and to open up greater choice to students. This will result in greater differentiation: providers will be either local, regionally defined with strong links to local employers, or they will be international brands with strong federated links to other global brand institutions.

The proven negative cognitive effects of ubiquitous technology creates a greater public demand for privacy and strong, off-grid countercultures.