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Carbon tax to raise meat, cheese and gas heating prices

Oliver Wright Policy Editor

Consumers face higher prices on meat, cheese and gas heating under plans being drawn up by Boris Johnson for new carbon taxes and charges.

The prime minister has ordered every department to produce a 'price' for carbon emissions across all areas of the economy as part of a drive to

achieve his net-zero carbon pledge. The proposals are at the centre of the carbon reduction blueprint that is expected to be announced in the run up to the United Nations climate change conference being hosted by Britain in Glasgow in November.

Only heavy industry, power generators and airlines are charged for their carbon emissions at present. However,

ministers want to expand the 'polluter pays' principle to all sectors, which could lead to higher consumer bills on some of the most carbon-intensive goods and services. This would mean a de facto carbon tax or charge on products such as beef, lamb and cheese.

The proposals could also lead to a switch from climate change levies on electricity bills to taxes on more heavily

polluting forms of heating such as gas. At present, environmental and social charges account for 21 per cent of electricity bills, compared with 2 per cent for gas.

A Whitehall memo seen by The Times reveals that Downing Street and the Treasury have asked all departments for plans for a carbon-pricing scheme across all areas of the economy.

"The chancellor and the prime minister want a sector-by-sector view on how we could implement some form of carbon pricing and an overall roadmap to deliver it by the next decade," the memo states. It suggests that these could include a direct 'carbon tax'.

Johnson promises global price, page 4
Taxes may make sense but are painful, leading article, page 27



National tribute: Captain Sir Tom Moore, the NHS fundraiser who died on Tuesday aged 100, was remembered in a minute's applause last night joined by Hannah Ingram-Morris, his daughter, his grandson Benji, granddaughter Georgia and son-in-law Colin Ingram. The family said that they were moved by the gesture. Page 5

Arts degrees ditched as students opt for medicine

Nicola Woolcock Education Editor
Anna Lombard

The arts degree is in steady decline as medicine, computing and engineering soar in popularity, university entry figures show today.

Fewer than 7,000 students were accepted for English degrees last year, a decrease of a third in the past decade. History enrolments fell by a fifth to 12,500 and there were 1,610 modern language acceptances, more than a third lower than in 2011.

Ucas, the university admissions service, said that its figures showed a significant shift towards technology-based degrees, law and business.

The government has promoted STEM subjects (science, technology, engineering and mathematics), an approach that seems to have paid off. Since 2010 enrolment in computer science degrees has increased from about 20,000 to 30,000 and engineering from 26,000 to more than 32,500.

New medical schools have opened allowing 12,000 students to start medical degrees last autumn, a third higher than ten years ago. Higher demand for nursing was also recorded.

The popularity of practical and vocational degrees has been widely welcomed, but academics expressed concern at the impact on arts subjects.

Andrew Roberts, the historian, said: "Although history doesn't seem to have an immediate utilitarian use, most believe it builds intellectual disciplines that are valuable to people for the rest of their lives."

Sir Anthony Brown, the military historian, said: "History is probably the best discipline available for anyone who wants to learn how to research, how to marshal their material and their thoughts, and how to present their arguments in the most effective way. If that is not a good preparation for diploma politics, the civil service or even banking, then I do not know what it is."

Lord Patten of Barnes, chancellor of Oxford University and a modern history graduate, said it was "tough" Continued on page 2, col 3

Britain now 'past peak of second Covid wave'

● Cases falling across country, says health chief ● Ten million have been given first vaccine jab

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Boris Johnson paid the peak of the coronavirus, the chief medical officer for England has declared. Chris Whitty said that cases, hospital admissions and deaths were falling in all four nations of the UK, but warned it would be months until the pressure on hospitals eased.

Boris Johnson promised to set out target dates this month for ending the lockdown after the "endgame" of ten million people vaccinated was passed

yesterday. The prime minister appears to be basking in a "vaccine boost" in response to the pace of international polling suggests.

Johnson said that he wanted all of England to move down the bar system at the same time, an approach that was widely criticised as "poorly understood" downward trends. A detailed timetable would be published on February 22 setting out "possibilities for the rest of the year", he said.

The prime minister needed pressure to bring forward the reopening of

schools and said it was prudent to keep them closed for another month.

Whitty told people not to expect a "rapid lowering of restrictions, suggesting that possible on the NHS would not rise significantly until all over-65s had been vaccinated.

In other developments:

● The country recorded 19,202 new coronavirus cases with the seven-day average down 25 per cent. There were 1,321 more deaths reported, a fall in the seven-day average of 13.4 per cent.

● Britain is now the world's third

in which vaccines by different manufacturers are mixed across two doses.

● The Oxford University vaccine team said it would be ready with a second generation of the jab to target new mutations by the autumn.

● Sir Ken Sturges has apologised after reports that he angrily confronted the prime minister, who said the Labour leader had wanted to remain a member of the European Medicines Agency.

● The head of the Test and Trace programme revealed that 27,000 people a Continued on page 2, col 5

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By Martyn Brown
Senior Political Correspondent

THE economy will start roaring back to life this year as the fast vaccine rollout fuels consumer confidence, says the Bank of England's boss.

Andrew Bailey says Britain will "recover rapidly" from the end of March and rebound to pre-Covid levels by early 2022.

The upbeat forecast will boost Chancellor Rishi Sunak's Budget next month – as he faces pressure for tax rises to fund the huge UK coronavirus bill.

The positive economic side effect of the mass job programme could give Mr Sunak more leeway to protect Brits from paying more.

And the bounce back may prove stronger because stay-at-home households have stashed at least £125 billion more in savings than normal.

It will be a massive shot in the arm for shops and firms that have suffered a catastrophic 12 months since Covid first struck. Mr

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