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ent Plan left a number of landmines for the incoming
navigate – and a challenging outlook for the
sector.

f how the one per cent cut in all departments' capital
(saving £4bn) would be found. Remember, in
erms capital is the money that is meant to create
is is where R&D sits in the national accounts.

Everything in the 2026 Budget for higher education and students

Team Wonkhe unpacks John Healey's first budget as chancellor and what it means for the sector



EU tuition fees

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EU students could pay discounted £12,500-a-year fees under Brexit reset

Students from the Continent could end up paying for the cost of delivering the university course

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UK offers to lower university tuition fees for European students

EU member states are said to be divided on whether the deal should be agreed ahead of a summit in Brussels next month



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The UK-EU reset is a deal worth doing

But Britain's hard-pressed universities should not be left worse off



EU presses UK to guarantee discounted university tuition fees for European students

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