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Celia Green denounces the extension of compulsory state education

It was recently announced that the UK Education Secretary is planning to raise the school leaving age from 16 to 18.

Dr. Celia Green is a former child prodigy who is known for her critical views on the state education system. She believes that compulsory state education has destructive effects on pupils, particularly bright ones, and that an extension of the system is to be deplored.

Dr Green writes:

The more functional and productive members of society are already disadvantaged by heavy taxation (among other things) in a system that is geared against them. An extra two years of imprisonment for all young people will require more buildings, more teachers and other agents of the collective, hence even more taxation (i.e. confiscation of liberty) from the most gifted and functional 10% of the population, as well as the confiscation of another two years of liberty from their offspring, during which they may well be being prevented from acquiring qualifications which they could acquire perfectly well under their own steam. And for what? Perhaps to ensure that the demoralised and dysfunctional majority will embark on adult life even *more* thoroughly steeped in ideology, and even *more* resentful and reactive towards 'privileged' landlords and employers than they already are. So that the successful will be penalised – thus increasing 'equality' – and civilisation will collapse even faster.

Celia Green is Director of Oxford Forum. She is well known for her philosophical books including *The Human Evasion* and *Advice to Clever Children*.

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