

The Nonsense of Child-Centred Education

According to Wendy Grindle of the curriculum review board (The end of history?, 9 May 2006) schools will be responsible not for teaching ignorant kids something about the world they live in but “for offering choices”. Relevance (to what?) is “really, really important”. The kids “will want to learn what makes sense to them and what is relevant to them” (how are they to judge?). They will “build their own curriculum” - no doubt while those who are paid to do it carry on with their crosswords, and endless, endless cups of coffee.

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Note The earlier part of the letter was omitted by *The Guardian*. It read:

I thought the Daily Telegraph's Michael Wharton (“Peter Simple”) was dead, but apparently not. He is now it seems posing as “Wendy Grindle” of the curriculum review board. Those quotes supposedly from Wendy bear the indelible stamp of Dr Heinz (“We are all guilty”) Kiosk.