

## EDITORIAL

Issue 7 of *THINK* contains a diverse range of articles. One of the most provocative is Brendan Larvor's response to the lecture delivered by Rowan Williams, the Archbishop of Canterbury, at 10 Downing Street in March of this year.

Williams argues that children should be encouraged to think critically about their own and other faiths, but he rejects a recent recommendation made by the think tank IPPR that Religious Education should also include the teaching of atheism and humanism. Larvor's article provides a biting critique of the Archbishop's lecture. Williams' original lecture can be found at: [http://www.archbishopofcanterbury.org/sermons\\_speeches/040308a.html](http://www.archbishopofcanterbury.org/sermons_speeches/040308a.html).

This issue also contains a strident attack on Charles Clark, Secretary of State for Education, who is threatening universities with a £500,000 fine if they fail to admit sufficient numbers of students from disadvantaged backgrounds. Jamie Whyte points out that Clark has taken something highly questionable for granted. Whyte also raises some challenging questions about just what an 'egalitarian' or 'meritocratic' society would look like.

Also in this issue, Antony Flew briefly responds to Adam Swift's provocative piece in Issue 6 in which Swift argued for the abolition of private schools.

Issue 8 will be partly devoted to the topic of pragmatism, a school of philosophy that has become extraordinarily influential, perhaps at least as influential outside of philosophy as within it. Issue 8 will contain a number of accessible introductions to the debates surrounding pragmatism, and also a more challenging piece by Hilary Putnam.

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