Oxbridge 'rejects'

1   SIR - Mark Bailey, high master of St Paul's, is right (Thunderer, Jan 25): Oxbridge[1] has a distorting and completely outdated pull on 21st-century Britain. The parents are much to blame; again and again, as head of Brighton College and then Wellington College, I saw Oxbridge rejects go off to other universities in Britain and abroad with a lasting impression that they had somehow failed to get into the best.

2   Equally absurd is the obsession with Oxbridge as a measure of the success of social mobility in Britain. The young from disadvantaged backgrounds would often be much better off going to more local high-achieving universities than being shunted off to Oxbridge, which might make the social class warriors feel good but can leave the young people lost in a totally alien environment. I went to Oxford, and it suited me perfectly, __42__.

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noot 1 term used to refer to the universities of Oxford and Cambridge

Tekst 10 Oxbridge 'rejects'

Over 'Oxbridge' bestaan verschillende misvattingen.

2p **41** Geef van de volgende **misvattingen** aan of Sir Anthony Seldon deze noemt in zijn brief.
Noteer 'wel' of 'niet' achter elk nummer op het antwoordblad.
1 Cambridge and Oxford are superior to other universities in the UK.
2 Students have to be exceptionally intelligent to be accepted at Oxbridge.
3 Studying at an Oxbridge university guarantees a successful climb up the social ladder.
4 The universities of Oxford and Cambridge discriminate against state school pupils.

1p **42** Which of the following fits the gap in paragraph 2?
A but a drowning man will clutch at a straw
B but beggars can't be choosers
C but every cloud has a silver lining
D but it isn't the be all and end all