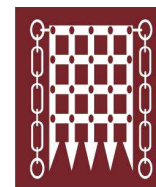


**Westminster Education Forum Keynote Seminar: Reforming England's exam system:  
quality of marking, exam appeals and priorities for the new Chief Regulator**

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016

Venue: Royal Over-Seas League, Over-Seas House, Park Place, St James's Street, London SW1A 1LR

Agenda subject to change



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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Rt Hon Stephen Timms MP**, Member, Education Select Committee
- 9.05 - 9.15 **England's exam system - current state of play**  
**Professor Roger Murphy**, former Member, Ofqual Standards Advisory Group, Board Member, Pearson Education and Associate Director, AlphaPlus Consultancy
- 9.15 - 10.05 **Improving the quality of marking**  
*Building trust in England's exams - addressing concerns around grade change at GCSEs and A-level*  
**Dr William Richardson**, General Secretary, The Headmasters' & Headmistresses' Conference (HMC)  
*Improving overall marking quality*  
**Sharon Hague**, Senior Vice President, Pearson Qualification Services  
*Tackling barriers to the recruitment of high quality examiners*  
**Suzanne O'Farrell**, Curriculum and Assessment Specialist, ASCL  
*Latest on the potential of e-marking and e-assessment: reducing marker workload and improving accuracy*  
**James Redgate**, Head of Business Development, RM Results  
Questions and comments from the floor with **Professor Roger Murphy**, former Member, Ofqual Standards Advisory Group, Board Member, Pearson Education and Associate Director, AlphaPlus Consultancy
- 10.05 - 10.45 **Reforms to exams appeals and access arrangements**  
*Will Ofqual's proposed changes, intended to improve transparency of appeals, including extending the grounds under which pupils can challenge remarks, succeed in increasing parent and teacher confidence in appeals; what further options might be considered? Will the new proposals to only allow mark changes when there is a marking error, address concerns that the appeals system currently discriminates against pupils that cannot afford the cost of remarking? What further steps could be taken to improve the overall appeals and re-marking system? How can schools address personnel and space issues when catering for pupils with access arrangements, with the rise in the number of summer exams caused by the introduction of linear exams?*  
**Russell Hobby**, General Secretary, NAHT  
**Andrew Harland**, Chief Executive Officer, Examination Officers' Association  
**Andrew Hall**, Chief Executive Officer, AQA  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.45 - 10.50 **Chair's closing remarks**  
**Rt Hon Stephen Timms MP**, Member, Education Select Committee
- 10.50 - 11.15 Coffee
- 11.15 - 11.20 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Baroness Perry of Southwark**, Vice-Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Education
- 11.20 - 11.55 **Developing and delivering high quality assessments**  
*Addressing concerns around the validity of exams*  
**Professor Paul Black**, Emeritus Professor of Science Education, King's College London  
*Incentivising quality in qualifications*  
**Gabriel Heller Sahlgren**, Director of Research, The Centre for the Study of Market Reform of Education  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.55 - 12.45 **Priorities for the new Chief Regulator**  
*Developing an exams system fit for the 21<sup>st</sup> century*  
**Junaid Mubeen**, Head of Product, Whizz Education  
*Preparing young people for work - keeping pace with the changing skill sets required by employers*  
**Seamus Nevin**, Head of Employment and Skills Policy, Institute of Directors  
*Supporting students to make a smooth transition into higher education - the role of assessments*  
**Steve Watts**, Chair, Admissions Forum, University of Cambridge  
*Tackling the issues of rising exam costs and the impact on broadening the range of subjects on offer at GCSE and A-level*  
**Geoff Hurst**, Managing Director, Altain Education  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.45 - 13.10 **Reforming England's examination system - opportunities and challenges**  
**Dr Michelle Meadows**, Executive Director for Strategy, Risk and Research, Ofqual  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 13.10 - 13.15 **Chair's and Westminster Education Forum closing remarks**  
**Baroness Perry of Southwark**, Vice-Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Education  
**Dieuni Welihinda**, Forum Lead, Westminster Education Forum

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