

The future shape of the National Curriculum beyond the core subjects
Part of the Westminster Education Forum National Curriculum Seminar Series

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Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chairman's opening remarks**
Kevin Brennan MP, Shadow Minister for Schools
- 9.05 - 9.30 **The new National Curriculum - the context for change**
Dr Tina Isaacs, Co-Director of the Centre for Post-14 Research and Innovation, Institute of Education, University of London
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 - 10.15 **The cases for inclusion in the National Curriculum: Beyond the core subjects**
Questions and comments with representatives from subject areas currently included in the National Curriculum and their thoughts on the future role of these subjects.
Dr John Steers, Advisor, National Society for Education in Art and Design and Chair, Council of Subject Associations
Dr Steve Ball, Associate Director, Birmingham Repertory Theatre and Chair, Theatre for Young Audiences (TYA) England
Dr James Garnett, Lecturer Subject Leader for Secondary Music, University of Reading and Chair, National Association of Music Educators (NAME)
Richard Green, Chief Executive, Design and Technology Association
Bernardette Holmes, President, Association for Language Learning and Director, Languages First, University of Cambridge Language Centre
Rachel Ager, Immediate Past Chair, Naace
Dave Walker, Chair, Humanities Association
Liz Moore, Governing Partner, Democratic Life and Special Adviser, Association for Citizenship Teaching (ACT)
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.15 - 11.05 **Shaping the new curriculum - adding value to the learning experience**
How should the new curriculum accommodate the need to provide rigorous literacy and numeracy education with delivering a wider learning experience? Are the current set of subjects fit for the needs of individuals and employers in the 21st century? As well as knowledge of subject areas, how can a new National Curriculum encourage the development of 'soft skills'? Should PSHE be a compulsory subject? What other subjects or areas of learning could be included in the new curriculum?
Susan Coles, Arts, Creativity and Educational Consultant and Advocate and Campaigner for Art, Craft, Design Education
John d'Abbro, Headteacher, New Rush Hall Group, Redbridge, Essex
Darren Northcott, National Official for Education, NASUWT
Gareth Pierce, Chief Executive, WJEC
Cathy Cross, Creative Director, 4D Creative
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.05 - 11.10 **Chairman's closing remarks**
Kevin Brennan MP, Shadow Minister for Schools
- 11.10 - 11.30 Coffee
- 11.30 - 11.35 **Chairman's opening remarks**
Baroness Perry of Southwark
- 11.35 - 12.25 **The practical challenges of delivering the National Curriculum**
What challenges do schools face when timetabling the current National Curriculum and how could a new curriculum be structured to support schools to deliver it effectively? To what extent does the introduction of the English Baccalaureate influence the allocation of teaching time for certain subjects? How will the restricted financial circumstances impact on the breadth of curriculum that can be offered in schools? What is the potential of emerging technologies to help reduce the cost of delivering the National Curriculum in schools? Should outside organisations and school trips play a larger role in delivering elements of the National Curriculum?
John McCarney, Head of Education Services, RM Education
Kate Atkins, Head of School, Rosendale Primary School, West Dulwich
Chris Knights-Branch, Founder and Timetabling Consultant, MIST Services
Leszek Iwaskow, HMI and National Adviser for Geography, Ofsted
Alan Newton, Headteacher, Wyvern Technology College, Hampshire
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.25 - 12.55 **The direction for non-core subjects**
Marc Cavey, Assistant Director, National Curriculum Review Division, Department for Education
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chairman's and Westminster Education Forum closing remarks**
Baroness Perry of Southwark
Sean Cudmore, Senior Producer, Westminster Education Forum