

Westminster Education Forum Keynote Seminar: School performance and accountability

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 16th July 2013

Venue: Banqueting Hall, Glaziers Hall, 9 Montague Close, London SE1 9DD



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Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.15 **Chairman's opening remarks**
Simon Wright MP, PPS to Rt Hon David Laws MP, Minister of State for Schools
- 9.15 - 9.30 **Analysis and best practice from international school accountability systems**
What lessons can be learned from performance measures used effectively in other high-performing countries?
Dr Melanie Ehren, Senior Lecturer, Institute of Education, University of London
- 9.30 - 9.45 **League table reform: challenges and opportunities**
Andrew Hall, Chief Executive Officer, AQA
- 9.45 - 10.45 **School performance - league tables, pupil progress and destination data**
Stakeholder perspectives on the proposed accountability measures for primary and secondary schools. Following Government's proposal to remove level indicators at primary school, how should the replacement system be designed to ensure feedback on children's performance provided to parents is both clear and more informative? Will the proposed primary and secondary performance measures succeed in encouraging schools to focus on raising attainment for all pupils instead of the Level 4 and C/D borderlines? Will the new numerical grading system for GCSEs improve accountability, and is there a case for extending numerical grading to other qualifications? How accurately will the proposed new value-added measure evaluate a pupil's progress at secondary school, particularly in subjects not formally assessed at the end of Key Stage 2? Have the proposals for an 'Ebacc plus' measure of secondary school performance addressed concerns about focusing teaching time and resources on Ebacc subjects? How far will the 'facilitating subjects' measure for A-level performance affect the range of subjects offered at FE colleges and sixth forms? What are the implications and implementation issues surrounding secondary destination data; what lessons can be learned from the HE sector?
Greg Hurst, Education Editor, The Times
Russell Hobby, General Secretary, NAHT
Andrew Carter, Headteacher, South Farnham School, Surrey
Emma Whale, Key Stage 4 Accountability Lead, Pearson
Dr Andrew Bell, Admissions Tutor, Gonville and Caius College and Deputy Chair, University Admissions Forum, University of Cambridge
Questions and comments from the floor with **Dr Melanie Ehren**, Senior Lecturer, Institute of Education, University of London and **Andrew Hall**, Chief Executive Officer, AQA
- 10.45 - 10.50 **Chairman's closing remarks**
Simon Wright MP, PPS to Rt Hon David Laws MP, Minister of State for Schools
- 10.50 - 11.20 Coffee
- 11.20 - 11.25 **Chairman's opening remarks**
Lord Sutherland of Houndwood, formerly Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Schools in England
- 11.25 - 11.55 **School accountability**
Michael Cladingbowl HMI, National Director, Schools, Ofsted
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.55 - 12.55 **School accountability - good governance, local accountability and Inspection Frameworks**
What has been the initial impact of the School Inspection Framework introduced in 2012, in particular the introduction of short-notice inspections and the removal of the 'satisfactory' grading? Will the introduction of regional Ofsted divisions deliver its aim of improved capacity for driving improvement in schools; how will the move impact local accountability? How should local authorities interpret their statutory duty to 'improve school standards' following the rapid expansion of academies? Will the proposed new inspection framework for local authorities address concerns about the regional disparities in school standards across England? To what extent will the Data Dashboard - a new 'snapshot' of school performance data collated by Ofsted - improve the ability of governors to hold headteachers to account? Would remuneration for school governors be likely to lead to improved leadership in schools? What has been the initial impact of ParentView - the online feedback portal for parents - and what could be done to increase parental engagement with the system and school accountability more widely? Taken together, will these new accountability measures and initiatives achieve their aim of raising school standards, particularly in 'coasting schools'?
Sir Daniel Moynihan, Chief Executive Officer, Harris Federation
Jan Webber, Inspections Specialist, ASCL
Emma Knights, Chief Executive, National Governors' Association
Ian Rowe, General Manager, GL Performance
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chairman's and Westminster Education Forum closing remarks**
Lord Sutherland of Houndwood, formerly Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Schools in England
Jonny Roberts, Senior Producer, Westminster Education Forum

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