

**Westminster Education Forum policy conference:  
Reform to 16-19 qualifications in England and developing the Advanced British Standard**

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024

\*\*\*Taking place online\*\*\*



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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Chair to be confirmed
- 9.05 **The Advanced British Standard and the 16-19 qualification framework moving forward**  
**Stella Pearson**, Deputy Director, Advanced British Standard, Department for Education  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **The design and shape of the Advanced British Standard and the future post-GCSE qualification landscape**  
*Balancing academic and technical content | Practicalities of increasing teaching hours | Options for creating greater breadth in post-16 learning | Meeting future skills needs | Potential impact of the loss of the A-level brand*  
**Jackie Grubb**, Principal, City College Plymouth  
**David Robinson**, Director, Post-16 and Skills, Education Policy Institute  
**Michelle Wayt**, Assistant Director, Development and Employment, NHS Employers  
**Mary Curnock Cook**, Chair, Dyson Institute and Pearson Education  
Senior representative, teaching union  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.25 **Improving outcomes for disadvantaged pupils at 16-19**  
**Andrew Otty**, Head of Policy and Partnerships, National Youth Agency  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.45 **Chair's closing remarks**  
Chair to be confirmed
- 10.50 Break
- 11.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Peter Aldous MP**, Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Further Education and Lifelong Learning
- 11.05 **Alternative policy approaches to the post-16 qualification landscape**  
Senior representative, policy  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.25 **Key priorities for post-16 English and the ambition of delivering maths to age 18**  
*Qualification options | Delivering choice and support for learners with different needs | Recruiting and retaining specialist teachers*  
**Catherine Sezen**, Director of Education Policy, Association of Colleges  
**Dr Ems Lord**, Director, NRICH; Chair, The Mathematical Association; and Research Fellow, University of Cambridge  
**Harrison**, Youth Ambassador, Youth Employment UK  
Senior representative, exam board  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.10 **Preparing learners for a reformed post-16 qualification landscape and options for reform pre-16**  
*The future of GCSEs | Alternative assessment options | Developing English and maths for further study*  
**Deborah Streatfield**, Founder, The Careers Office  
**Emily Verow**, Chief Executive Officer, Three Spires Trust  
**Paul Steer**, Head of Policy and Public Affairs, OCR  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Education Forum closing remarks**  
**Peter Aldous MP**, Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Further Education and Lifelong Learning  
**Sean Cudmore**, Deputy Editor, Westminster Education Forum