

Westminster Education Forum policy conference:
Reform to 16-19 qualifications in England and developing the Advanced British Standard
Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 12th March 2024
*****Taking place online*****



Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Dr Tanya Lawes, Head of Quality Assurance, Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education
- 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
Senior representative, university
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**
Dr Tanya Lawes, Head of Quality Assurance, Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education
- 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 **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
Les Hopper, Product Director, Digital and Assessment, Qualifications, Teaching and Learning, Pearson
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.00 **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
Harrison, Youth Ambassador, Youth Employment UK
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