

## Westminster Education Forum policy conference

### Computing in England's schools - the curriculum, access and participation, and the teaching workforce

Timing: Morning, Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> July 2022

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Baroness Verma, Officer, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Digital Skills
- 9.05 **Next steps for computing in England's schools**  
Mark Smith, Chief Executive Officer, Ada. National College for Digital Skills
- 9.15 **Priorities for the computing curriculum - quality and standards, curriculum design, qualification choice, and improving pupils digital literacy levels**  
Ceredig Cattanach-Chell, Computer Science Subject Adviser, OCR  
Manny Athwal, CEO, School of Coding  
Senior representative, primary school  
Senior representative, secondary school
- 9.35 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.00 Break
- 10.05 **Support for schools and the computing workforce - teacher recruitment and retention, training and professional development, adequate resources for teaching, and keeping digital infrastructure up to date**  
Darren Northcott, National Official, Education, NASUWT  
Steven Spence, Teaching and Learning Innovator, The Sheffield College  
Rachel Arthur, Head of Computing, Teach First  
Senior representative, edtech  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.50 **Chair's closing remarks**  
Baroness Verma, Officer, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Digital Skills
- 10.55 Break
- 11.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.05 **Refocusing computing provision in England's schools - encouraging uptake from under-represented groups, teaching children to code, and using e-sports to develop pupils transferable skills**  
Carrie Anne Philbin, Director of Educator Support, Raspberry Pi Foundation  
Tom Dore, Education Director, British Esports Association  
Senior representative, school  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.45 **Educating the future IT and computing workforce - encouraging uptake at GCSE and A-Level, pathways to HE and employment, and creating a future digital talent pipeline**  
Maxine Bulmer, Vice President, Cyber Security, CGI Space, Defence & Intelligence  
Jennifer King, Executive Industry Advisor, Education, Microsoft  
Senior representative, FE  
Senior representative, HE  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 Break
- 12.35 **Policy priorities for computing in England's schools and key priorities moving forward**  
Samina Kiddier, Computing and Digital Skills Policy Team Leader, Department for Education  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Education Forum closing remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian  
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Westminster Education Forum