

## Westminster Education Forum keynote seminar

### Key priorities for education recovery in the wake of COVID-19 - raising attainment, student catch up, and improving social mobility

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Christian Wakeford MP**, Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on T-Levels
- 9.05 **Attainment in the wake of COVID-19 and priorities for recovery**  
Senior commentator  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.25 **Strengthening early educational foundations and supporting educational attainment in the long term**  
**Neil Leitch**, Chief Executive Officer, Early Years Alliance
- 9.35 **Priorities for the early years sector - facilitating primary readiness, supporting the workforce, and taking a holistic approach to supporting disadvantaged families and children**  
**Dr Alicia Shaw**, Senior Programme Manager, SHINE: Support and Help IN Education  
**Vanessa Linehan**, Manager, Sandbrook Community Playgroup, Hackney
- 9.50 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.15 Break
- 10.20 **'How has COVID impacted on progression?'**  
**Ben Jordan**, Senior Policy Unit Manager, UCAS
- 10.30 **Attainment at secondary level - the impact of catch-up tutoring after the pandemic, the use of alternative assessment methods, and supporting post-16 progression**  
**Tom Bewick**, Chief Executive Officer, Federation of Awarding Bodies  
**Lisa Capper**, Principal and Director of Education and Skills, Nacro  
Senior representative, secondary school  
Senior representative, FE college
- 10.50 Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.15 **Chair's closing remarks**  
**Christian Wakeford MP**, Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on T-Levels
- 11.20 Break
- 11.30 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.35 **The future role of technology in tackling educational underachievement**  
**Paul Finnis**, Chief Executive Officer, Learning Foundation and Digital Poverty Alliance
- 11.45 **Case studies in supporting and improving educational attainment**  
*Tackling low attainment amongst white working class pupils*  
Senior representative, research  
*Priorities for raising achievement amongst ethnic minority students*  
Senior representative, local authority  
*Regional patterns in educational attainment and addressing the North-South divide*  
**Frank Norris**, Education Advisor, Northern Powerhouse Partnership
- 12.00 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.25 Break
- 12.30 **Policy priorities for driving achievement going forward**  
**Graham Archer**, Director for Education Recovery, 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