

**Westminster Education Forum policy conference:
Priorities for the independent schools sector in England**

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Sally-Ann Hart MP
- 9.05 **The current state of the independent schools sector**
Julie Robinson, Chief Executive, Independent Schools Council
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 **The future for the Independent schools market - maintaining competitive advantage, policy developments and implications, financial stability, and M&A activity**
Tom Lawson, Headteacher, Eastbourne College
Rachel Hadley-Leonard, Founder, RHL Consulting
Senior representative, parent group
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.15 Break
- 10.20 **Alternative policy approaches for the sector moving forward**
Senior representative, policy
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.45 **Chair's closing remarks**
Sally-Ann Hart MP
- 10.50 Break
- 10.55 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.00 **Student attainment and wellbeing - autonomy in assessment and curriculum design, improving academic attainment and child development, school leadership and student voice, and the new ISI inspection framework**
Richard Berlie, Headmaster, St Anthony's School for Boys, Hampstead
Julia Martin, Chief Executive Officer, Independent Schools Examination Board
Nick Hillman, Director, Higher Education Policy Institute
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.40 Break
- 11.45 **Independent schools and the wider school system - state sector partnerships, supporting accessibility, the relationship with MATs, and establishing campuses abroad**
Ceri Jones, Headmaster, Caterham School
Senior representative, state school
Senior representative, MAT
Senior representative, international school
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Implementing the new ISI Inspection Framework**
Senior representative, inspectorate
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