

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

Timing: Morning, Wednesday, 17th January 2024

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



Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Sally-Ann Hart MP, Vice-Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Independent Education
- 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, Headmaster, Eastbourne College, East Sussex
Rachel Hadley-Leonard, Founder, RHL Consulting
Melanie Sanderson, Managing Editor and Education Consultant, Good Schools Guide
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.20 **Alternative policy approaches for the sector moving forward**
Andrew Lewer MP, Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Independent Education
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.45 **Chair's closing remarks**
Sally-Ann Hart MP, Vice-Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Independent Education
- 10.50 Break
- 10.55 **Chair's opening remarks**
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Westminster Education Forum
- 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
Clare Jarmy, Assistant Head, Learning & Development, Bedales School, Hampshire
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.45 **Independent schools and the wider school system - state sector partnerships, supporting accessibility, the relationship with MATs, and attracting international students and establishing campuses abroad**
Ceri Jones, Headmaster, Caterham School, Surrey
Dr Tristan Bunnell, Lecturer in International Education, University of Bath
Hans van Mourik Broekman, Principal, Liverpool College
Andrew Allman, Headmaster, Myddelton College, Denbigh
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Implementing the new ISI Inspection Framework**
Durell Barnes, Head of Governance and Compliance, RSAcademics; and former Deputy Director and Head of Communications, Independent Schools Inspectorate (2005-2016)
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Education Forum closing remarks**
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Westminster Education Forum