

**Westminster Education Forum keynote seminar
Key priorities for the independent schools sector**

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Brendan Clarke-Smith MP, Vice-Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Independent Education
- 9.05 **The state of the sector in the wake of COVID-19**
Barnaby Lenon, Chairman, Independent Schools Council
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Key priorities for independent schools looking forward - good practice in remote and blended teaching, use of EdTech, returning to the classroom and supporting student mental health**
Ed Mason, Deputy Head (Academic) and Head of Digital Learning, Bedales School, Hampshire
Ian Phillips, Assistant Head teacher, Haberdashers' Aske's Boys' School, Hertfordshire
Jo Smith, Head teacher, Danesfield Manor Preparatory School, Surrey
Commentator
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.15 Break
- 10.20 **State of play for independent schools' financial sustainability**
Christopher King, Chief Executive, IAPS (Independent Association of Prep Schools)
Commentator
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.50 **Chair's closing remarks**
Brendan Clarke-Smith MP, Vice-Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Independent Education
- 10.55 Break
- 11.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.05 **Current outlook for admissions and international expansion - make-up of the student cohort, international student recruitment, and the development and role of sister campuses abroad**
Robin Fletcher, Chief Executive Officer, Boarding Schools' Association
Shaun Fenton, Headmaster, Reigate Grammar School, Surrey
Naomi Goldshtein, Senior Manager, Fragomen
Senior representative, international campus
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.50 Break
- 11.55 **Independent schools' contribution to the wider school system - role of partnerships, supporting state sector students' catch-up tutoring, and improving outreach to disadvantaged pupils**
Francis Green, Professor of Work and Education Economics, UCL Institute of Education,
University College London and Research Lead, Private School Policy Reform
James Dahl, Master, Wellington College, Berkshire
Ginny Rhodes, Headteacher, St. Crispin's School, Berkshire and Executive Headteacher, The Circle Trust
Senior representative, tutoring
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.35 **Next steps for partnerships between independent and state schools**
Senior speaker to be confirmed
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