

**Westminster Education Forum policy conference:
Next steps for the reform of Level 3 qualifications in England and priorities for T Levels**

Timing: Morning, Friday, 28th February 2025

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Lord Lucas, Member, Science and Technology Committee
- 9.05 **Qualifications at Level 3 - review of Post-16 qualifications reform and policy priorities moving forward**
Tom Reed, Technical Education and Qualifications Reform, Department for Education
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 **Adapting to Level 3 qualification reform - progress so far and next steps**
assessing findings from the rapid review and the impact of the decision to pause defunding of some qualifications | lessons from the approvals and regulatory process | assessing quality and standards across qualifications | protecting student choice | priorities for providers in preparing to deliver Level 3 qualifications | ensuring accessibility and inclusivity in access to qualification options | impact of Skills England | applied general qualifications beyond 2027
Dr Catherine Richards, Principal, East Norfolk Sixth Form College
Laura-Jane Rawlings, CEO, Youth Employment UK
Noni Csogor, Senior Research and Policy Manager, Sixth Form Colleges Association
Senior speaker confirmed from OCR
Senior commentator
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.10 **Progression from Level 3 to further study and employment**
aligning with the needs of the labour market | developing employer partnerships | identifying the skills of the future | supporting pathways to HE and skilled employment
Sarah Pashley, Principal, Ron Dearing UTC, Hull
Senior speaker confirmed from NCFE
Senior representative, employer
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.45 **Chair's closing remarks**
Lord Lucas, Member, Science and Technology Committee
- 10.50 Break
- 11.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.05 **Assessing options for the T Level Foundation Year moving forward - priorities for improving student retention and progression**
Senior commentator
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.25 **The future of T Levels**
addressing concerns surrounding student recruitment and retention | progression to higher education and employment | employer awareness and participation | priorities for work placements | geographical disparities in access to provision | fulfilling skills gaps | addressing barriers to participation
John Yarham, Deputy CEO, The Careers & Enterprise Company
Nicki Wright, T-Level Industry Placement Co-ordinator, NHS Devon
Joanna Brown, Careers Lead, Milton Keynes College
Senior representative, university
Senior commentator
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Policy priorities for T Levels moving forward**
Sophie Pinn, Deputy Director, T Levels Delivery, Department for Education
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Education Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Sean Cudmore, Westminster Education Forum