

Westminster Education Forum policy conference
Next steps for modern foreign language provision in England's schools

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Nia Griffith MP, Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Modern Languages
- 9.05 **'Learning from a connected world'**
Andreas Schleicher, Director, Directorate of Education and Skills, OECD
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 Break
- 9.40 **Priorities for building on the current offer of MFL across primary and secondary schools - encouraging uptake, curriculum design, quality and standards, and increasing attainment and pupil engagement**
Paul Thomas, Headteacher, Parkwood Primary School, London
Vincent Everett, Head of Languages, Northgate High School and Dereham Sixth Form College
Suzanne O'Farrell, MFL Consultant, Association of School and College Leaders
Ellie Baker, Founder & CEO, BilinguaSing
Vicky Gough, Schools Adviser, British Council
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.30 **Chair's closing remarks**
Nia Griffith MP, Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Modern Languages
- 10.35 Break
- 10.45 **Chair's opening remarks**
Baroness Garden, Vice Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Modern Languages
- 10.50 **'Impact of language skills - pipeline into employability, business, and Global Britain'**
Raisa McNab, Chief Executive Officer, Association of Translation Companies
- 11.00 **Widening the languages offer - the importance of language skills for future prospects, the scope of the languages on offer going forward, and introduction of Mandarin studies as a case study**
Katharine Carruthers, Director, Institute of Education Confucius Institute for Schools; and Pro-Vice-Provost (East Asia), University College London
- 11.10 Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.25 **Implementation of the new GCSE - curriculum delivery, improving accessibility, and staff recruitment and training**
Paul Burgin, Subject Leader of MFL, Kings Langley School, Hertfordshire
Eva McManamon, Senior Qualification Manager, Pearson Edexcel
Professor Kim Bower, President, Association for Language Learning; and Chair in Innovation in Language Learning, Sheffield Institute of Education
Professor Emma Marsden, Director, National Centre for Excellence for Language Pedagogy, University of York
Senior representative, SEND
- 11.50 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.10 Break
- 12.15 **Next steps for GCSE qualifications in modern foreign languages**
Rhian Dent, Senior Manager of Standards, Ofqual
- 12.25 **Policy priorities for language provision in England**
Leilah Tott, Assistant Director, Department for Education
- 12.40 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Education Forum closing remarks**
Baroness Garden, Vice Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Modern Languages
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Westminster Education Forum