

Westminster Higher Education Forum policy conference
Quality assurance in higher education - academic integrity, grade inflation and next steps for the higher education credit framework

Timing: Morning, Wednesday, 24th March 2021

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Lord Lucas, Vice Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Education Technology
- 9.05 **The quality of UK university courses and options for external assurance**
Senior representative, policy
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Regulating quality and standards in higher education and developing a joined-up system**
Nick Holland, Competition and Registration Manager, Office for Students
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.55 Break
- 10.00 **Addressing the use of essay mills and contract cheating in digital learning**
Professor Michael Draper, Dean, Regulations and Student Cases, Swansea University, Member for Academic Integrity, QAA Advisory Committee, and Consultant Expert, Education Unit, Council of Europe
- 10.10 **Challenges for quality assurance in the wake of the pandemic - ensuring quality in digital learning, academic integrity in remote assessment, and emerging best practice**
Dr David Baume, Independent HE Consultant and Visiting Fellow, Centre for Distance Education, University of London
Senior representative, university
Senior representative, regulation
- 10.25 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.50 **Chair's closing remarks**
Lord Lucas, Vice Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Education Technology
- 10.55 Break
- 11.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Lord Storey, Liberal Democrat Education Spokesperson, House of Lords
- 11.10 **Review of the Higher Education Credit Framework - key findings**
Professor Sue Rigby, Vice-Chancellor, Bath Spa University and Board Member, Quality Assurance Agency
Questions and comments from the floor
- Ensuring the credit framework reflects the current provision of higher education**
- 11.40 **Degree apprenticeships, postgraduate study and the developing higher education landscape**
Dr Michelle Morgan, Independent HE Consultant and Elected Council Member, UKCGE
- 11.50 **'Digital education at scale, micro-credentials and meeting the needs of educators, industry and employers'**
Matt Jenner, Director of Learning, FutureLearn
- 12.00 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.25 Break
- 12.30 **Tackling grade inflation and next steps forward**
Professor Andrew Wathey, Chair, UK Standing Committee for Quality Assessment, and Vice-Chancellor and Chief Executive, Northumbria University
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Higher Education Forum closing remarks**
Lord Storey, Liberal Democrat Education Spokesperson, House of Lords
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Westminster Higher Education Forum