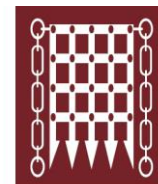


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Next steps for university admissions

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Reviewing the university admissions system and possible pathways moving forward**
Senior speaker to be confirmed from UCAS
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.25 **Key issues for a post-qualification admissions (PQA) system - predicted and actual grades, the application timeline, and impact on the exam system and staff workload**
Professor Graham Virgo, Senior Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Education), University of Cambridge
Dr Beth Linklater, Assistant Principal, Queen Mary's College, Basingstoke and Chair, UCAS' Secondary Education Advisory Group
Dennis Sherwood, Consultant, Silver Bullet Machine
Rebecca McCall, Senior Associate, Pinsent Masons
Senior representative, union
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.15 Break
- 10.20 **University admissions and entry in the wake of the pandemic - flexibility, widening access, and maintaining standards**
Jo Maher, Principal and Chief Executive, Loughborough College
Senior representative, university
Senior representative, student union
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.00 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.05 Break
- 11.15 **Chair's opening remarks**
Emma Hardy MP, Shadow Minister for FE and Universities
- 11.20 **The Fair Admissions Review and options for reform**
Professor Quintin McKellar, Vice-Chancellor, University of Hertfordshire and Chair, UUK's Fair Admissions Review
Questions and comments from the floor
- The international admissions landscape and securing UK's position in the wider HE market**
- 11.45 **The view from abroad - university admissions and considerations for reform in the UK**
Senior representative, international
- 11.55 **The January model and recruitment of international students**
Senior representative, policy
- 12.05 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.25 Break
- 12.30 **The way forward for flexibility and fairness in university admissions**
Senior representative, policy
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Higher Education Forum closing remarks**
Emma Hardy MP, Shadow Minister for FE and Universities
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Westminster Higher Education Forum