

Westminster Education Forum policy conference
Reforming post-16 technical and academic qualifications at level 3 and below

Timing: Morning, Wednesday, 30th June 2021

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Robbie Moore MP, Officer, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Social Integration
- 9.05 **'Considerations for reviewing post-16 qualifications at level 3 and below'**
Ben Jordan, Senior Policy Unit Manager, UCAS
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 Break
- 9.35 **Ensuring alignment of the qualification system with needs on the ground**
Tom Bewick, CEO, Federation of Awarding Bodies
- 9.45 **Achieving a proportionate qualification system - balancing high quality, choice and variety, and delivering for labour market and sector needs**
Ruth Gilbert, Trustee & Chairman, Career Colleges Trust
Siân Owen, Head of Stakeholder Engagement, Pearson Education
Catherine Sezen, Senior Policy Manager FE, Association of Colleges
Mark Cameron, Chief Executive Officer, The 5% Club
Casey Russell, Communities and Partnerships Officer, Lifelong Learning Centre, University of Leeds
- 10.10 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.40 **Chair's closing remarks**
Robbie Moore MP, Officer, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Social Integration
- 10.45 Break
- 10:55 **Chair's opening remarks**
Lord Young of Norwood Green, Officer, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Apprenticeships and former Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Skills and Apprenticeships (2008 – 2009)
- 11:00 **The potential impact of reform on learner accessibility and social mobility**
Paul Warner, Director of Research and Development, Association of Employment and Learning Providers
- 11.10 **Applied general qualifications - their role in the qualifications landscape, in providing access to HE, and in improving employment prospects**
David Summers, Stakeholder Relationship Manager, OCR
- 11.20 **Priorities for the qualifications system and progression routes - clarity for students, access to HE, smooth transition to employment, and protecting learners with protected characteristics from disadvantage**
Adrian Anderson, Chief Executive, University Vocational Awards Council
Professor Graeme Atherton, Head, Centre for Levelling Up and Director, National Education Opportunities Network (NEON), University of West London
Alun Francis, Principal and Chief Executive Officer, Oldham College
Jane Paterson-Todd, Chief Executive Officer, Cambridge Ahead
Daisy Hooper, Head of Policy and Public Affairs, Chartered Management Institute
- 11.45 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.10 Break
- 12.20 **The outlook for the qualification system and designing a coherent system**
Robert Nitsch, Chief Operating Officer, Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Education Forum closing remarks**
Lord Young of Norwood Green, Officer, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Apprenticeships and former Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Skills and Apprenticeships (2008 – 2009)
Aleksina Kallunki, Senior Researcher, Westminster Education Forum