

**Westminster Education Forum policy conference
England's exam system - the impact of COVID-19, priorities for exams and assessment in 2021, and
the future use of technology**

Timing: Morning, Wednesday, 3rd March 2021

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Rt Hon the Lord Hunt of Kings Heath, former Shadow Spokesperson on Education
- 9.05 **Lessons learnt from the 2020 exam season and key priorities moving forward**
Jill Duffy, Chief Executive, OCR
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 Break
- 9.35 **The impact of COVID-19 on the exam system - identifying areas for improvement, evaluating the response of stakeholders and students and preparations for awarding qualifications in 2021**
Professor Sandra McNally, Director, Education and Skills Programme, Centre for Economic Performance and Director, Centre for Vocational Education Research, London School of Economics
Dale Bassett, Director, International and Curriculum Strategy, AQA
Dave MacCormick, Headteacher, Holyrood Academy, Somerset
Amy Smith, Associate Director of Admissions and Applicant Experience, Communications, Admissions, Marketing and Student Recruitment, Nottingham Trent University
- 9.55 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.20 **Chair's closing remarks**
Rt Hon the Lord Hunt of Kings Heath, former Shadow Spokesperson on Education
- 10.25 Break
- 10.35 **Chair's opening remarks**
James Sunderland MP, Vice Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Education
- 10.40 **'Awarding 2021: JCQ support for teachers and exam centres during a difficult year'**
Dr Philip Wright, Director General, Joint Council for Qualifications
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.05 **The next steps in developing a high quality, accessible exam system and the future use of alternative summative assessment models**
Dr Mary Richardson, Senior Lecturer (Assessment) and Associate Professor of Education, UCL Institute of Education
Roy Blatchford, Chair, ASCL Independent Enquiry into the 'Forgotten Third'
David Gallagher, Chief Executive, NCFE
Jane Pratt, Director of Faculty and UCAS Co-Ordinator, The Grammar School at Leeds
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.50 Break
- 11.55 **'The role of formative and continuous summative assessment in general qualifications'**
Simon Trevers, Chief Strategy Officer, Surpass, by BTL
- 12.05 **The future for England's exam system - building on best practice from the 2020 series, the role of technology and ensuring qualifications equip young people with the skills to succeed post-18**
Matt Wingfield, Chair, The e-Assessment Association
Caroline Wright, Director General, BESA
James Clay, Head of Higher Education and Student Experience, Jisc
Derek Richardson, Vice President, Pearson
- 12.25 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Education Forum closing remarks**
James Sunderland MP, Vice Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Education
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Westminster Education Forum



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