

Westminster Education Forum policy conference:

The future of assessment in England's schools

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Baroness Garden of Frognal, Member, Education for 11-16 Year Olds Committee
- 9.05 **The future of assessment in England's schools - lessons from the 2023 exam season and opportunities for improvement**
Mary Curnock Cook, Chair, Dyson Institute and Pearson Education
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 Break
- 9.35 **The assessment system moving forward - progress so far in returning to pre-pandemic arrangements, the future place of formative, summative, and high-stakes assessment, teacher autonomy, and supporting student development**
Dennis Sherwood, Author, *Missing the Mark: Why So Many School Exam Grades are Wrong - and How to Get Results We Can Trust*
Tom Dower, Principal, UTC South Durham
Clare Jarmy, Assistant Head, Learning & Development, Bedales School, Hampshire
Rylie, Youth Ambassador, Youth Employment UK
Senior speaker confirmed from **Pearson**
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.25 **The effectiveness of GCSEs in assessing student achievements and alternative assessment options at 16**
Lord Knight of Weymouth, Member, Education for 11-16 Year Olds Committee, House of Lords
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.50 **Chair's closing remarks**
Baroness Garden of Frognal, Member, Education for 11-16 Year Olds Committee
- 10.55 Break
- 11.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Baroness Blower, former General Secretary, National Union of Teachers (2008-2016)
- 11.10 **Next steps for developing a high quality and accessible exam system**
Jill Duffy, Chief Executive, OCR
- 11.25 **Future use of technology in the exam system - remote and digital assessment and invigilation, assistive technologies and improving inclusivity, the future role of AI, and preventing malpractice and protecting the integrity of exams**
Professor Rose Luckin, Professor of Learner Centred Design, UCL Knowledge Lab; and Founder, Educate Ventures Research
Tom Thacker, Chief Education Officer, Century Tech
Dr Louise Karwowski, Director of Education, CognAssist
Emily Verow, Chief Executive Officer, Three Spires Trust, Staffordshire
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.25 Break
- 12.30 **The future for qualifications policy and strategy for the long-term**
Senior representative, regulation
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Education Forum closing remarks**
Baroness Blower, former General Secretary, National Union of Teachers (2008-2016)
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Westminster Education Forum