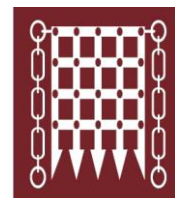


## Westminster Education Forum policy conference

### Next steps for the school system in England - assessing plans for an MAT-based structure, progress on faith school trusts, and improving collaboration

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Jonathan Gullis MP**, former Vice-Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Education
- 9.05 **The school system in England in the wake of the pandemic**  
**Mark Blois**, Head of Education, Browne Jacobson
- 9.15 **The future positioning of single academy trusts and local authority schools**  
**Robin Bevan**, former President, National Education Union; and Headteacher, Southend High School for Boys
- 9.25 **Issues and options for creating an academy trust-based school system**  
**Leora Cruddas**, Chief Executive Officer, Confederation of School Trusts
- 9.35 Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.55 Break
- 10.00 **A move to an MAT-based school system - supporting institutions wanting to convert, the 'try before you buy' scheme, and transition amidst post-pandemic pressures**  
**Caroline Barlow**, Headteacher, Heathfield Community College, East Sussex  
**Emma Knights**, Chief Executive, National Governance Association  
**Mark Kent**, Chief Executive, Potteries Educational Trust  
**Philip McLauchlan**, Headteacher, Werrington Primary School, Stoke on Trent  
**Councillor Hannah Clare**, Deputy Leader and Chair, Children, Young People and Skills Committee, Brighton and Hove City Council
- 10.25 **The faith academy trust pilot programme and supporting high achievement in faith schools**  
**Nigel Genders**, Chief Education Officer, The Church of England Education Office
- 10.35 Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.00 **Chair's closing remarks**  
**Jonathan Gullis MP**, former Vice-Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Education
- 11.05 Break
- 11.15 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Baroness Garden of Frognal**, Vice Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Independent Education
- 11.20 **Developing partnerships between independent and state schools**  
**Tom Arbuthnott**, Deputy Head (Partnerships), Eton College  
**Paul Stubbings**, Headmaster, Cardinal Vaughan Memorial School, Kensington
- 11.30 **Improving collaboration and partnerships - attainment and catch-up levels, working with poorly performing schools, and learning from initiatives during the pandemic**  
**Ming Zhang**, Service Director for Education, Participation and Skills, Plymouth City Council  
**Francesca Fraser**, Researcher, Onward  
**Gillian Kemp**, Trust Leader, University Schools Trust  
**Chris McShane**, CEO, Learning 3D
- 11.50 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.20 Break
- 12.25 **Policy priorities for the school system going forward**  
**Dominic Herrington**, National Schools Commissioner, Department for Education  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Education Forum closing remarks**  
**Baroness Garden of Frognal**, Vice Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Independent Education  
**Aleksiina Kallunki**, Senior Researcher, Westminster Education Forum