

Westminster Education Forum policy conference

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

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **The school system in England in the wake of the pandemic**
Senior commentator
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.25 Break
- 9.30 **Considerations for creating an academy trust-based school system**
Leora Cruddas, Chief Executive Officer, Confederation of School Trusts
- 9.40 **A move to an MAT-based school system - supporting institutions wanting to convert, experience with the 'try before you buy' scheme, and tackling issues for 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
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.30 **The faith academy trust pilot programme and supporting high achievement in faith schools**
Nigel Genders, Chief Education Officer, The Church of England Education Office
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.00 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.05 Break
- 11.15 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.20 **Developing partnerships between independent and state schools**
Abigail Skyrme-Jones, Higher Education and Partnerships Coordinator, Badminton School, Bristol
Senior representative, state school
- 11.30 **Improving collaboration and partnerships - raising attainment and driving educational catch-up, working with poorly performing schools, and what can be learned 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
Senior representative, school
- 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**
Senior Parliamentarian
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Westminster Education Forum