

Westminster Education Forum policy conference
The future of post-16 qualifications - Reform of technical and academic qualifications and the future for T Levels

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 14th July 2022

*****Taking Place Online*****



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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Lord Watson, Shadow Education Minister, House of Lords
- 9.05 **The outlook for post-16 qualifications following the review and key policy priorities moving forward**
Lucy Andrew, Deputy Director, Technical Education & Qualifications Reform Division, Department for Education
- 9.15 **Next steps for the continued T Level rollout and learning from best practice**
Stella Pearson, Deputy Director for T Level Delivery, Department for Education
- 9.25 Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.45 Break
- 9.50 **Designing a coherent qualifications system for the future - funding, qualification choice, quality and standards, and accessibility**
Tom Bewick, Chief Executive, Federation of Awarding Bodies
Simon Connell, CEO, Baker Dearing Educational Trust
Paul Steer, Head of Policy, OCR
Senior representative, school
Senior representative, teaching union
- 10.15 **Raising awareness of qualification choice and the role of information and guidance in supporting take-up**
Jenifer Burden, Director of Programmes, The Gatsby Charitable Foundation
- 10.25 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.45 **Chair's closing remarks**
Lord Watson, Shadow Education Minister, House of Lords
- 10.50 Break
- 11.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.05 **Next steps for T Levels - raising awareness, co-operation with employers, student satisfaction, and lessons from rollout so far**
Patrick Craven, Executive Director, Policy and Stakeholder Partnerships, City & Guilds
Ed Reza Schwitzer, Associate Director, Public First
James Kibble, Executive Headteacher, Salesian School
Senior representative, FE
Senior representative, employer
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11:50 **Progression routes under the new system - pathways to HE and employment, aligning with the needs of the labour market, and providing clarity for students and employers**
Professor Graeme Atherton, Head of the Centre for Levelling Up, University of West London; and Director, Neon
Peter Cheese, Chief Executive, The Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development
Ian Pryce, Chief Executive, The Bedford College Group
Senior representative, HE
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 Break
- 12.35 **The outlook for the qualification system going forward**
Senior speaker confirmed from **Ofqual**
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