

Westminster Education Forum policy conference

The future of assessment in England - moving forward from the pandemic, support for students of all abilities, and use of technology

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 24th February 2022

Taking Place Online



Draft agenda subject to change

- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **'Examinations and assessments after the pandemic: ensuring a fair framework following the pandemic'**
Dr Phillip Wright, Director General, The Joint Council for Qualifications
- 9.15 **The assessment system moving forward - the future place of formative, summative, and high-stake assessment, the role of teachers, holding schools to account, and supporting student progression and development at ages 14-19**
David Gallagher, Chair of the Policy Board, Federation of Awarding Bodies
Senior representative, school
Senior representative, further education
- 9.30 Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.50 Break
- 9.55 **Instilling fairness and transparency throughout the assessment system - targeted support for disadvantaged students, assisting students with SEND, and achieving an even playing-field for all**
Oliver Green, Student; and Founder, TAGs Plus One
Caireen Sutherland, Head of Education, Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB)
Isabel Nisbet, Author of 'Is Assessment Fair?'; and former Chief Regulator, Ofqual (2007-2011)
Senior representative, school/FE provider
- 10.15 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.35 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.40 Break
- 10.50 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.55 **The education sector's priorities for assessment**
Senior speaker confirmed from **OCR**
- 11.05 **The future role of qualifications in determining employment outcomes**
Derek Richardson, Vice President and Senior Responsible Officer, Pearson
- 11.15 **Priorities for supporting student success and those who leave school without the required qualifications**
Roy Blatchford, Chair, ASCL Independent Commission into the 'Forgotten Third'
- 11.25 Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.45 Break
- 11.50 **Future use of technology - remote and digital assessment and invigilation, assistive technologies and improving inclusivity, and ensuring qualifications equip students with the digital skills to succeed post-16**
Peter Collison, Head of Formative Assessment and School Platforms, RM
Patrick Craven, Director of Policy, Strategic Partnerships and Stakeholder Engagement, City & Guilds
Andrew Cormack, Chief Regulatory Adviser, Jisc
Steve Dew, Headteacher, Church Cowley Saint James Church of England Primary School
Senior representative, employer
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.35 **Key regulatory priorities moving forward**
Senior representative, regulation
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