

**Westminster Education Forum policy conference:  
Key issues for the independent school sector - standards, partnerships and international expansion**

*Timing: Morning, Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> October 2019*

*Venue: Central London*



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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Lord Parekh**
- 9.05 - 9.15 **Sector priorities and opportunities - maintaining standards and expansion**  
**Mike Buchanan**, Executive Director, Headmasters' and Headmistresses' Conference
- 9.15 - 9.40 **Ensuring high standards and holding schools to account**  
Senior speaker to be confirmed
- Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.40 - 10.25 **Raising the standard of education within independent schools and developing innovative practice - opportunities to utilise edtech, leading the development of character and developing an attractive offer for international students**  
**Ian R Phillips**, Chair, ISC Digital Strategy Group and Director of ICT,  
The Haberdashers' Aske's Boys' School, Hertfordshire  
**Caroline Nixon**, General Secretary, British Association of Independent Schools with International Students  
Senior representative, primary school  
Senior representative, admissions  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.25 - 10.40 **Raising ambitions across the sector for partnerships between independent schools and the state sector**  
**Angelo Sommariva**, Head of System Partnerships, Department for Education
- 10.40 - 11.15 **The contribution of the sector to the wider school system - role of partnerships and improving outreach to disadvantaged pupils**  
**Tom Lawson**, Headmaster, Eastbourne College  
Senior representative, state school  
Senior representative, bursary  
Questions and comments from the floor with **Angelo Sommariva**, Head of System Partnerships,  
Department for Education
- 11.15 - 11.20 **Chair's closing remarks**  
**Lord Parekh**
- 11.20 - 11.45 Coffee
- 11.45 - 11.50 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Lord Lucas**, Editor, Good Schools Guide
- 11.50 - 12.05 **Implementing the International Education Strategy - the opportunities for independent schools expanding abroad**  
Senior speaker confirmed from the **Department for International Trade**
- 12.05 - 12.55 **Expanding independent schools abroad and maintaining their competitive international position - identifying growth areas, transferring UK education standards to sister campuses and effectively marketing within different regions**  
**Doug Locke**, Partner, Veale Wasbrough Vizards  
**Colin Bell**, Chief Executive Officer, COBIS  
**Anthony Phillips**, Business Development Manager, ISC Research  
Senior representative, international school  
Questions and comments from the floor with a senior speaker confirmed from the **Department for International Trade**
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Education Forum closing remarks**  
**Lord Lucas**, Editor, Good Schools Guide  
**Sean Cudmore**, Deputy Editor, Westminster Education Forum