

Westminster Education Forum policy conference
Priorities for the independent schools sector - financial sustainability, opportunities and outreach, and moving forward in the wake of the pandemic

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 28th January 2021

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



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Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Baroness Garden of Frogna, Vice Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Independent Education
- 9.05 **The independent sector - in the wake of COVID-19 and looking to the future**
Barnaby Lenon, Chairman, Independent Schools Council
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Immediate areas of focus - the return to the classroom, supporting student wellbeing, maintaining quality, and building on success in remote and blended teaching**
Ian Phillips, Assistant Head teacher, Haberdashers' Aske's Boys' School, Hertfordshire
Michal Cohen, Director, Walters & Cohen Architects
Jo Smith, Head teacher, Danesfield Manor Preparatory School, Surrey
Dr Frances Ramsey, Head, The Godolphin and Latymer School, Hammersmith, London
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.15 Break
- 10.20 **Priorities for the financial sustainability of independent schools**
Christopher King, Chief Executive, IAPS (Independent Association of Prep Schools)
David Woodgate, Chief Executive, Independent Schools' Bursars Association
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.50 **Chair's closing remarks**
Baroness Garden of Frogna, Vice Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Independent Education
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- 11.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Brendan Clarke-Smith MP, Vice-Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Independent Education
- 11.05 **The outlook for admissions and international expansion - the student cohort profile, international student recruitment, and development of sister campuses abroad**
Robin Fletcher, Chief Executive Officer, Boarding Schools' Association
Shaun Fenton, Headmaster, Reigate Grammar School, Surrey
Naomi Goldshtein, Senior Manager, Fragomen
James Leggett, Managing Director, MTM Consulting
Roger Sinnett, Headmaster, St Bees School, Cumbria
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.50 Break
- 11.55 **Independent schools and the wider school system - partnership strategies, support and outreach, and the role of the sector in challenging times**
Francis Green, Professor of Work and Education Economics, UCL Institute of Education, University College London and Research Lead, Private School Policy Reform
James Dahl, Master, Wellington College, Berkshire
Ginny Rhodes, Headteacher, St. Crispin's School, Berkshire and Executive Headteacher, The Circle Trust
Shelley Whitehead, Director, Lock House Consulting and Associate
Victoria FitzGerald, Director, Briarsmead
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.35 **Next steps for school inspections**
Rhiannon Williams, Deputy Chief Inspector, Independent Schools Inspectorate
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Education Forum closing remarks**
Brendan Clarke-Smith MP, Vice-Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Independent Education
Aleksiiina Kallunki, Senior Researcher, Westminster Education Forum