

Westminster Education Forum policy conference
Reforming post-16 technical and academic qualifications at level 3 and below

Timing: Morning, Wednesday, 30th June 2021

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Reviewing post-16 qualifications at level 3 and below**
Lucy Andrew, Deputy Director, Technical Education & Qualifications Reform Division, Department for Education
Angela Fairchild, Deputy Director, Technical Education & Qualifications Reform Division, Department for Education
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 Break
- 9.35 **Ensuring alignment of the qualification system with needs on the ground**
Tom Bewick, CEO, Federation of Awarding Bodies
- 9.45 **Achieving a proportionate qualification system - balancing high quality, choice and variety, and delivering for labour market and sector needs**
Ruth Gilbert, Chief Executive, Career Colleges Trust
Siân Owen, Head of Stakeholder Engagement, Pearson Education
Catherine Sezen, Senior Policy Manager FE, Association of Colleges
Mark Cameron, Chief Executive Officer, The 5% Club
- 10.05 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 potential impact of reform on learner accessibility and the qualification market**
Dr Ian Stockford, Director of Strategic Projects, Ofqual
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.20 **Applied general qualifications - their role in the qualifications landscape, in providing access to HE, and in improving employment prospects**
Paul Steer, Head of Policy, OCR
- 11.30 **Priorities for the qualifications system and progression routes - clarity for students, access to HE, smooth transition to employment, and protecting learners with protected characteristics from disadvantage**
Adrian Anderson, Chief Executive, University Vocational Awards Council
Dr Graeme Atherton, Director, National Education Opportunities Network and Head, AccessHE
Alun Francis, Principal and Chief Executive Officer, Oldham College
Jane Paterson-Todd, Chief Executive Officer, Cambridge Ahead
Senior representative, employer
- 11.55 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.20 Break
- 12.25 **The outlook for the qualification system and designing a coherent system**
Robert Nitsch, Chief Operating Officer, Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical 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