

Westminster Education Forum Keynote Seminar: Raising pupil attainment

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 7th November 2013

Venue: Council Room, ICO Conference Centre, 22 Berners Street, London W1T 3DD



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Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chairman's opening remarks**
Rt Hon Cheryl Gillan MP, former Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Department for Education and Employment
- 9.05 - 9.35 **Raising pupil attainment**
Sir Michael Wilshaw HMCI, Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education, Children's Services and Skills, Ofsted
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 - 10.35 **Realising potential: improving provision for high-ability pupils and tackling 'coasting' schools**
What further steps can schools take to identify and stretch particularly talented pupils, including those who excel only in particular subjects? How should the success of schools' provision for high-ability pupils be measured and made accountable? In what ways do schools currently track the progress of high-ability pupils, and how could this be improved? Should schools encourage able pupils to take certain exams early, and what challenges does this raise for timetabling and staffing? Will reforms to school accountability measures provide incentives for schools to drive for improvement across the ability range; will the new value added performance measure be implemented to support a focus on high-ability pupils? Will replacing Ofsted's 'satisfactory' rating with 'requires improvement' tackle the problem of schools deemed to be 'coasting'; what will be the impact of publishing data comparing the performance of 'coasting schools' with those with similar intakes?
Denise Yates, Chief Executive, Potential Plus UK
Tim Dracup, Independent Gifted and Talented Consultant
Dame Sally Coates, Principal, Burlington Danes Academy, London
Melanie Saunders, County Manager (Educational Improvement), Hampshire County Council
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.35 - 10.40 **Chairman's closing remarks**
Rt Hon Cheryl Gillan MP, former Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Department for Education and Employment
- 10.40 - 11.10 Coffee
- 11.10 - 11.15 **Chairman's opening remarks**
Rt Hon Cheryl Gillan MP, former Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Department for Education and Employment
- 11.15 - 11.25 **The role of the Pupil Premium Champion**
Dr John Dunford, National Pupil Premium Champion, Department for Education
- 11.25 - 11.35 **Using the Pupil Premium effectively: a case study**
Lynne Gavin, Headteacher, Pakeman Primary School, London
- 11.35 - 12.25 **Supporting low-achieving pupils and those from disadvantaged backgrounds**
How can schools and Government best support pupils in areas of deprivation, including coastal and rural areas and former industrial centres? What role could Regional Challenges, on the model of the London Challenge, play in this? How can Government encourage highly-qualified teachers to remain in deprived areas; what will be the impact of the 'Champions League of Head Teachers' scheme on improving failing schools? Will changes to school accountability measures, including a greater focus on the attainment of disadvantaged pupils in Ofsted inspections, give schools greater incentives to support those pupils? What has been the initial impact of Pupil Premium funding and the Year 7 catch-up premium, and is there a role for regional bodies to co-ordinate effective initiatives across schools? Will Government measures to increase support for schools in using the Pupil Premium succeed in maximising its effective use? What roles can independent schools play in supporting disadvantaged children? How can schools increase parental engagement with their children's education? Has the introduction of 'summer schools' succeeded in preparing pupils for the transition from primary to secondary school?
Jacques Szemalikowski, Headteacher, Hampstead School, London and Member, ASCL Executive
Conor Ryan, Director of Research and Communications, The Sutton Trust
Professor Becky Francis, Professor of Education and Social Justice, King's College London
Viv Bird, Chief Executive, Booktrust
Questions and comments from the floor with **Dr John Dunford**, National Pupil Premium Champion, Department for Education and **Lynne Gavin**, Headteacher, Pakeman Primary School, London
- 12.25 - 12.55 **Next steps for raising pupil attainment**
Rt Hon David Laws MP, Minister of State for Schools, Department for Education
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chairman's and Westminster Education Forum closing remarks**
Rt Hon Cheryl Gillan MP, former Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Department for Education and Employment
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Westminster Education Forum