

# Westminster Education Forum Keynote Seminar: The future of technology in education

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> September 2011

Venue: Princess Alexandra Hall, Royal Over-Seas League, Over-Seas House, Park Place, St James's Street, London SW1A 1LR

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8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee

9.00 - 9.05 **Chairman's opening remarks**

**Lord Knight of Weymouth**, former Minister of State for Schools and Learners

9.05 - 9.35 **The importance of technology in schools - the current position, opportunities and challenges for the future**

**Stephen Crowne**, Director of Global Education Implementation, Cisco and former Chief Executive, Becta

Questions and comments from the floor

9.35 - 10.35 **Providing 21<sup>st</sup> century technology - potential procurement models and ensuring value for money**

*What options are available to schools for procuring technology following the closure of Becta? Should the procurement process be further centralised, as proposed by the Review of Education Capital, and what are the likely implications of centralisation? What are the benefits of technical interoperability and how can this be integrated into the school system? What methods could schools employ to save money on technological expenditure? How can schools ensure they obtain maximum value for money from existing technology? How can technology providers best respond to the individual financial restrictions and demographics of schools? How can business and the third sector support the technological needs of schools?*

**Ian Potter**, Chair, Maths and Computing Headteacher Steering Group, Specialist Schools and Academies Trust and Headteacher, Bay House School, Hampshire

**Sheyne Lucock**, General Inspector (IT), Children's Services, London Borough of Barking and Dagenham

**Steve Connolly**, Digital Director, Schools and Further Education, Hodder Education

**Bob Harrison**, Education Adviser, Toshiba Information Systems UK and former Principal

**Mike Allen**, Director, Sales and Marketing, RM

Questions and comments from the floor

10.35 - 10.40 **Chairman's closing remarks**

**Lord Knight of Weymouth**, former Minister of State for Schools and Learners

10.40 - 11.10 Coffee

11.10 - 11.15 **Chairman's opening remarks**

**Lord Lucas of Crudwell and Dingwall**, Member, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Scientific Research in Learning and Education

11.15 - 11.55 **Technology as an assessment tool**

*Should technology be further incorporated into the examination system? If so, how can technology providers facilitate this incorporation and what barriers to implementation exist?*

**Simon Lebus**, Group Chief Executive, Cambridge Assessment

**Jeremy Carter**, Head of Sales and Marketing, BTL Group

Questions and comments from the floor

11.55 - 12.55 **The teaching and use of ICT in school - developing ICT skills and challenges for the future**

*What key ICT skills do employers and universities, particularly those involved in the digital economy, require from school-leavers? How can the curriculum encourage the most digitally able to further develop their skills and can University Technical Colleges specialising in computing fulfil this aim? What should be the future role of ICT in the National Curriculum and what skills should pupils have developed by the end of each Key Stage? How will the shifting emphasis towards more academic subjects which comprise the E-Bacc impact on the teaching and use of ICT in schools? How should the education sector respond to developments in mainstream technology such as tablet computers, and other communication and entertainment systems? In what ways can technology support personalised learning and development, and how can this be further encouraged by schools and service providers?*

**Andrew Goff**, Managing Director, Interactive Opportunities

**Andy Palmer**, Director of Education and Skills, BT Group

**Professor Simon Peyton-Jones**, Principal Researcher, Microsoft Research and Chair, UK Computing at School Working Group

**Dr Neil Hopkin**, Executive Headteacher, Rosendale Primary School, West Dulwich and Christ Church CE Primary School, Brixton

**Mark Chambers**, Immediate Past Chair, Board of Management, Naace

**Dr Peter Twining**, Director, Vital and Senior Lecturer, The Open University

Questions and comments from the floor

12.55 - 13.00 **Chairman's and Westminster Education Forum thanks and closing remarks**

**Lord Lucas of Crudwell and Dingwall**, Member, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Scientific Research in Learning and Education

**Jonny Roberts**, Producer, Westminster Education Forum