



WESTMINSTER
EDUCATION
FORUM

The future of England's school system: grammar and faith schools, the role of universities and the independent sector, and priorities for multi-academy trusts 12th September 2017

CONDITIONS FOR USE OF TRANSCRIPTS:

This document is intended to provide a timely reference for interested parties who are unable to attend the event to which it refers. Some portions are based on transcripts of proceedings and others consist of text submitted by speakers or authors, and are clearly marked as such. As such, apart from where it is indicated that the text was supplied by the speaker, it has not been possible for the transcript to be checked by speakers and so this portion of the document does not represent a formal record of proceedings. Despite best endeavours by Westminster Forum Projects and its suppliers to ensure accuracy, text based on transcription may contain errors which could alter the intended meaning of any portion of the reported content. Anyone who intends to publicly use or refer to any text based on the transcript should make clear that speakers have not had the opportunity for any corrections, or check first with the speaker in question. If in doubt please contact the forum first.

Contents

<u>About this Publication</u>	3
<u>Agenda</u>	4
<u>Session Chair's opening remarks</u>	
Lord Griffiths of Burry Port (<i>transcript</i>)	6
<u>The school system in England post <i>Schools that work for everyone</i></u>	
Sean Coughlan, Education Correspondent, BBC News (<i>transcript</i>)	7
Toby Young, Director, New Schools Network (<i>transcript</i>)	10
Questions and comments from the floor (<i>transcript</i>)	13
<u>The future shape of England's school system: the position of grammar and faith schools, and the role of the independent sector and universities</u>	
Mike Buchanan, Chair, Headmasters' and Headmistresses' Conference and Headteacher, Ashford School, Kent (<i>transcript</i>)	19
Jim Skinner, Chief Executive, Grammar School Heads' Association (<i>text submitted by speaker</i>)	21
Peter Taylor, Assistant Director (Education), Catholic Education Service (<i>transcript</i>)	22
Geoff Barton, General Secretary, ASCL (<i>transcript</i>)	24
Questions and comments from the floor (<i>transcript</i>)	25
<u>Session Chair's closing remarks</u>	
Lord Griffiths of Burry Port (<i>transcript</i>)	36
<u>Session Chair's opening remarks</u>	
Lee Coley, Partner, Stone King (<i>transcript</i>)	37
<u>Next steps for the National Schools Commissioner</u>	
Sir David Carter, National Schools Commissioner, Department for Education (<i>transcript</i>)	38
Questions and comments from the floor (<i>transcript</i>)	42
<u>Priorities for multi-academy trusts - accountability, expansion and improvement</u>	
Lee Coley, Partner, Stone King (<i>transcript</i>)	52
Maggie Kalnins, Head of Governance Services, Hackney Learning Trust (<i>transcript</i>)	54
Julie Deville, Executive Headteacher and Chief Executive Officer, Extol Academy Trust (<i>transcript</i>)	56
Ian Hartwright, Senior Policy Advisor, NAHT (<i>transcript</i>)	58
Questions and comments from the floor (<i>transcript</i>)	60
<u>Session Chair's and Westminster Education Forum closing remarks</u>	
Lee Coley, Partner, Stone King (<i>transcript</i>)	63
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Westminster Education Forum (<i>transcript</i>)	64
<u>Press Links</u>	65
<u>List of Delegates Registered for Seminar</u>	66
<u>Contributor Biographies</u>	72
<u>About the Core Sponsors of the Westminster Education Forum</u>	75

Please be advised that speakers' PowerPoint presentations are included within the transcript itself, just beneath the relevant speaker's text. Please note that not all speakers are able to grant permission for us to include their slides.

About this Publication

This publication reflects proceedings at the Westminster Education Forum Keynote Seminar: The future of England's school system: grammar and faith schools, the role of universities and the independent sector, and priorities for multi-academy trusts on 12th September 2017. The views expressed in the articles are those of the named authors, not those of the Forum or the sponsors, apart from their own articles.

Although Westminster Education Forum is grateful to all sponsors for the funding on which we depend, participation in events and publications is never conditional on being a sponsor. As well as funding ongoing operations, sponsorship enables the Forum to distribute complimentary copies of publications, and offer complimentary tickets for events, to Government ministers, parliamentarians and officials most involved in policy.

This publication is copyright. Its copying, in whole or in part, is not permitted without the prior written consent of the publishers. However, extracts of the text may be reproduced for academic or review purposes, subject to the conditions of use outlined in the previous page, providing they are accurate, are not used in a misleading context and the author, their organisation and the Westminster Education Forum are acknowledged. We would also appreciate being informed.

Westminster Education Forum

UK Headquarters
4 Bracknell Beeches
Old Bracknell Lane West
Bracknell
Berkshire RG12 7BW

T: 01344 864796
F: 01344 420121
publications@westminsterforumprojects.co.uk

Directors

Peter van Gelder
Chris Whitehouse