Westminster Education Forum policy conference
Computing in England's schools - the curriculum, access and participation,
and the teaching workforce
Timing: Morning, Friday, 8th July 2022
Taking Place Online

Agenda subject to change

8.30   Registration

9.00   **Chair's opening remarks**
            Baroness Verma, Officer, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Digital Skills

9.05   **Next steps for computing in England's schools**
            Mark Smith, Chief Executive Officer, Ada. National College for Digital Skills
            Questions and comments from the floor

9.35   **Priorities for the computing curriculum - quality and standards, curriculum design, qualification choice, and improving pupils**
            digital literacy levels
            Giles Booth, Educational Content Manager, Micro:bit Educational Foundation
            Ceredig Cattanach-Chell, Computer Science Subject Adviser, OCR
            Manny Athwal, CEO, School of Coding
            Hannah Dickinson, Head of Computer Science, Blackheath High School, London

9.55   Questions and comments from the floor

10.20   Break

10.25   **Support for schools and the computing workforce - teacher recruitment and retention, training and professional**
            development, adequate resources for teaching, and keeping digital infrastructure up to date
            Darren Northcott, National Official, Education, NASUWT
            Steven Spence, Teaching and Learning Innovator, The Sheffield College
            Rachel Arthur, Head of Computing, Teach First
            Questions and comments from the floor

11.15   **Chair's closing remarks**
            Baroness Verma, Officer, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Digital Skills

11.20   Break

            Refocusing computing provision in England's schools - encouraging uptake from under-represented groups, teaching
            children to code, and using esports to develop pupils transferable skills

11.25   **Carrie Anne Philbin**, Director of Educator Support, Raspberry Pi Foundation
            Questions and comments from the floor

11.45   **Tom Dore**, Education Director, British Esports Federation
            Questions and comments from the floor

12.05   Break

12.15   **Educating the future IT and computing workforce - encouraging uptake at GCSE and A-Level, pathways to HE and**
            employment, and creating a future digital talent pipeline
            Maxine Bulmer, Vice President, Cyber Security, CGI Space, Defence & Intelligence
            Jennifer King, Executive Industry Advisor, Education, Microsoft
            Dr Salah Al-Majeed, Deputy Head, School of Computer Science, University of Lincoln
            Questions and comments from the floor

12.55   **Chair's and Westminster Education Forum closing remarks**
            Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Westminster Education Forum