

**Westminster Education Forum policy conference:
Next steps for raising attainment in England's schools**

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- 12.30 Registration
- 13.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 13.05 **Priorities for reducing the attainment gap and for improving the academic attainment of disadvantaged learners**
Professor Becky Francis, CEO, Education Endowment Foundation
Questions and comments from the floor
- 13.25 **Next steps for tutoring**
assessing the National Tutoring Programme | optimising pupil premium funding | increasing access to extra-curricular support for learners | the effectiveness of tutoring as a tool for raising attainment | alternative options for schools
Glyn Potts, Headteacher, Newman Catholic College, Oldham
Ed Marsh, CEO, The Tutor Trust
Senior representative, primary school
Senior commentator
Questions and comments from the floor
- 14:10 **Improving attainment in primary school**
assessing the effectiveness of early intervention measures | transitioning from early years settings | maintaining progress and building upon literacy | improving attainment in numeracy | tackling disparities in learning experiences
Jonathan Broadbery, Director, Policy and Communications, National Day Nurseries Association
Dr Jo Van Herwegen, Professor, Developmental Psychology and Education, University College London
Senior representative, primary school
Questions and comments from the floor
- 14:50 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 14:55 Break
- 15:05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 15.10 **Raising attainment in secondary schools**
options for reducing absenteeism and tackling increases in exclusions | GCSE attainment | pastoral support | increasing engagement with parents and carers
Frank Young, Director of Policy and Research, Parentkind
Senior representative, secondary school
Senior representative, pastoral care
Questions and comments from the floor
- 15.45 **Student progression from secondary education and improving outcomes**
improving pass rates in English and maths GCSE retakes | boosting social mobility | progression to further education, higher education, and employment
Dr Lauren Bellaera, Chief Impact and Strategy Officer, The Brilliant Club
Senior representative, secondary school
Senior representative, FE
Senior representative, employer
Questions and comments from the floor
- 16.30 **Raising attainment in England's schools - priorities for policy**
Senior representative, policy
Questions and comments from the floor
- 16.55 **Chair's and Westminster Education Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Sean Cudmore, Westminster Education Forum