

## HFL Education Sixth Form Conference

### Change in Challenging Times: Leading a Successful Sixth Form

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2025, 9:00am to 3:30pm

Venue: The Fielder Centre, Hatfield, Herts AL10 9TP

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| Time                             | Details   |                   | Location             |
| 8:30 – 9:00am                    | Registration, exhibitors and networking   |                   |                      |
| 9:00 – 9:05am                    | <b>Conference welcome and introductions</b><br><b>Suki Gill</b> , 16-19 Curriculum and Funding Adviser and<br><b>Becky Cox</b> , Senior Secondary School Effectiveness Adviser, <b>HFL Education</b> .  |                   | Main Conference Room |
| 9:05 – 10:00am                   | <b>Post-16 curriculum &amp; policy update from ASCL</b><br><b>Dr Anne Murdoch OBE</b> , Senior Advisor, College Leadership, <b>Association of School and College Leaders (ASCL)</b>   |                   | Main Conference Room |
| 10:00 – 10:40am                  | <b>Looking ahead at the UCAS 2025/26 cycle</b><br><b>Ross Sanger</b> , Schools and Colleges Success Partner, Digital Learning & Business Readiness Team, <b>UCAS</b>  |                   | Main Conference Room |
| 10:40 – 10:50am                  | <b>Exhibitor announcements</b>  |                   | Main Conference Room |
| 10:50 – 11:10am                  | <b>Refreshments, exhibitors and networking</b>  |                   |                      |
| 11:10am – 12:00pm                | <b>Assessing the current HE landscape to support access and participation with:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Mike Nicholson</b>, Director of Recruitment, Admissions and Participation, <b>University of Cambridge</b></li> <li><b>Nick Howell</b>, Senior Widening Access Manager, <b>University of Hertfordshire</b></li> <li><b>Louise Banahene</b>, Director of Educational Engagement, <b>University of Leeds</b></li> <li><b>Nick Elliott</b>, Widening Participation Officer, <b>University of Lincoln</b></li> </ul> |                   | Main Conference Room |
| 12:00 – 12:45pm                  | <b>Workshops</b>  |                   |                      |
|                                  | <b>Workshop A</b>   | <b>Workshop B</b> | <b>Workshop C</b>    |

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|                 | <p>Mismatch in university destinations – why do some students “undershoot” their potential and what can we do about it?</p> <p><b>Sam Holmes,</b><br/>CEO, <b>Causeway Education</b></p>               | <p>VAWG prevention and digital literacy awareness</p> <p><b>Tracey Harper,</b><br/>Wellbeing Adviser &amp; RSHE/PSHE Lead<br/><b>HFL Education</b></p>        | <p>Establishing the culture of your Sixth Form</p> <p><b>Sally-Ann Taylor,</b><br/>Assistant Headteacher,<br/><b>St Albans Girls’ School</b></p>  |                      |
| 12:45 – 1:30pm  | <b>Lunch, exhibitors and networking</b>  |   |   |                      |
| 1:30pm – 2:15pm | <b>Workshops</b>   |   |   |                      |
|                 | <p><b>Workshop D</b></p> <p>Unifrog Insights: overcoming barriers to work experience for all students</p> <p><b>Kai Feltham,</b><br/>Senior Account Manager, <b>Unifrog</b></p>                        | <p><b>Workshop E</b></p> <p>How to make apprenticeships work for young people</p> <p><b>Sorah Gluck,</b><br/>Senior Policy Advisor, <b>Edge Education</b></p> | <p><b>Workshop F</b></p> <p>Optimising Post-16 funding</p> <p><b>Suki Gill,</b> 16-19 Curriculum and Funding Adviser<br/><b>HFL Education</b></p> |                      |
| 2:15 – 2:35pm   | <b>Refreshments, exhibitors and networking</b>   |   |   |                      |
| 2:35 – 3:30pm   | <p><b>Equity in Action: Raising outcomes for all</b><br/><b>Julie Kettlewell</b><br/>Content Lead for Learning Behaviours (Alumni Content Specialist), <b>Education Endowment Foundation (EEF)</b></p> |   |   | Main Conference Room |
| 3:30pm          | <p><b>Conference evaluation and close</b><br/><b>Suki Gill and Becky Cox, HFL Education.</b></p>   |   |   | Main Conference Room |