

National Assessment Conference

London 2016

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solutions and
practical guidance
for schools**



**The Royal Garden Hotel, London
22nd April 2016**

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The National Assessment Conference is where headteachers, senior leaders and trusts can go for guidance, advice and best practice from some of the leading lights in UK assessment.

The conference will offer policy updates and best practice sessions on issues such as preparing for the new progress measures, making the most out of assessment data, and identifying and supporting ‘hard to spot’ children and children with SEND. It will also provide informative and interactive sessions on how schools are using assessment data effectively in a life after levels.

As well as keynote sessions, the conference will provide dedicated break-out sessions for primary schools, secondary schools and Multi Academy Trusts. Our speakers include Daisy Christodoulou (Research and Development Manager, ARK Schools), Lisa Crausby (Senior Academy Improvement Director, Academy Transformation Trust), David Crossley (Executive Director, Whole Education), Gareth D Morewood (Director of Curriculum Support at Priestnall School in Stockport) and Phil Hart (Headteacher, Westhoughton High School, Bolton).

Who should attend?

- Headteachers, senior leaders and assessment leads from primary, secondary and independent schools
- Multi Academy Trusts
- Teaching schools

Why attend?

- Gain inspiration from specialists in assessment
- Take away practical strategies for current assessment challenges
- Learn about assessment best practice through practitioner case studies
- Network and share experiences with other school leaders



Programme

Time	Session	Speakers
9am	Registration & refreshments	
9.30am	Welcome	Greg Watson – Chief Executive, GL Assessment
9.40am	What does smart data look like?	Daisy Christodoulou – Research and Development Manager, ARK Schools
10.30am	Being data informed: Knowing every learner and enabling all learners to achieve	David Crossley – Executive Director, Whole Education
	The new performance measures: how to prepare for Progress 8	Phil Hart – Headteacher, and Andy Dalton-Bunker – Assistant Headteacher, Westhoughton High School, Bolton
	Managing assessment across Academy trusts	Lisa Crausby – Senior Academy Improvement Director (Secondary), Academy Transformation Trust, and Claire Leitheiser – Vice Principal at The Dukeries Academy
11.30am	Refreshments	
12pm	Life after levels: Accountability from a primary and Trust perspective	Kelvin Hornsby – Education Consultant
	Life after levels: A secondary school perspective	James Lissaman – Assistant Headteacher, De Lisle College
1pm	Lunch and networking	
2pm	Matters of the moment	Russell Hobby – General Secretary, NAHT
2.30pm	Assessing children with SEND	Gareth D Morewood – Director of Curriculum Support, Priestnall School
	Assessing on transition	Ryan Hibbard – Assistant Headteacher, St Bede’s Catholic Academy
3.15pm	Closing Keynote	Helen Arney – Science presenter, comedian and songstress
3.45pm	Close	Greg Watson – Chief Executive, GL Assessment

Speaking at the National Assessment Conference



Helen Arney

Presenter and comedian Helen Arney thought she'd left her scientific past behind after graduating in Physics from Imperial College, but it wasn't long before she found herself writing quirky stand-up and songs inspired by her days in the lab.

Since then she's performed everywhere from Hammersmith Apollo to CERN in Geneva, toured the UK in "Uncaged Monkeys" with Robin Ince and Brian Cox, and taken her own award-winning solo show "Voice of an Angle" to the Edinburgh Fringe. Helen frequently pops up on our television and airwaves, including BBC2 "Coast", Comedy Central "Stewart Lee's Alternative Comedy Experience", BBC Radio 5Live "Bacon's Theory" and as a lead presenter in "You Have Been Warned" on Discovery Channel. Helen also makes up one third of science comedy phenomenon Festival of the Spoken Nerd.

Also a classically trained musician, she holds grade 8 in both piano and oboe. After graduating, Helen joined the start-up team that founded UK charity Teach First, recruiting some of the very first science and maths teachers to join their nationally successful graduate programme.



Lisa Crausby

Lisa is the Principal Improvement Director for a large multi-academy trust: Academy Transformation Trust. Lisa leads on the processes and systems to support the 'Outstanding' journey so that academies improve rapidly and sustainably. Lisa is also an Ofsted inspector.

David Crossley

David Crossley is an independent education consultant. His proven, yet innovative ideas derive from his own four Headships and work with many other outstanding school leaders. One of his main current roles is as Executive Director of the not for profit Whole Education Network that works with schools to ensure that all young people develop the skills, qualities and knowledge to thrive in life and work. He is also an Educational Specialist for the Department for Education.



Daisy Christodoulou

Daisy is the Research and Development Manager at ARK Schools. Her book, Seven Myths about Education, was published in March 2014.



Andy Dalton-Bunker

Andy has been an Assistant Headteacher and Director of Standards, Attainment and Achievement at Westhoughton High School for 11 years. He has 17 years' experience as Teacher/Head of mathematics and 16 years' experience as an Assessment Associate for Edexcel-Pearson where he is currently a Principal Examiner. He recently secured the Excellence in Assessment (Examiners) award and is a member of the Chartered Institute of Educational Assessors (CIEA). He also helped Westhoughton High School to achieve the Excellence in Assessment (Schools) award in 2015.

Phil Hart

Phil is the Headteacher of Westhoughton High School in Bolton. He began his career as a maths teacher at Sutton High School in St Helens, quickly progressing into a sixth form leadership role there and consequently at Cowley High School as a member of the senior leadership team. He has also worked as an Ofsted Additional Inspector undertaking post-16 area wide reviews.



Ryan Hibbard

Ryan Hibbard is the Assistant Headteacher for Assessment and Curriculum at St Bede's Catholic Voluntary Academy in Scunthorpe.

Russell Hobby

Russell is the General Secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers. Russell is also a trustee of the Brilliant Club, Teaching Ladders and the Teacher Development Trust. He is a member of the advisory board of Future Leaders, the management board for NAHT Edge and the Independent State School Partnership forum.





Claire Leitheiser

Claire is the Vice Principal at The Dukeries Academy. Claire is responsible for leading the academy on assessment and teaching and learning. The academy is part of Academy Transformation Trust and is currently on the journey to ‘Outstanding’.

James Lissaman

James has been an Assistant Headteacher at De Lisle College, a Catholic 11 to 18 Secondary School in Leicestershire, for 5 years. His responsibilities are to lead on Attainment and Achievement across the 3 Key Stages as well as line managing Key Stage 5. He is charged with managing data systems to analyse performance, using it to strategically plan for the future to ensure students are able to make continued progress.



Gareth D Morewood

Gareth is Director of Curriculum Support (SENCo) & Specialist Leader of Education at Priestnall School, Stockport and Honorary Research Fellow in Education at the University of Manchester. He has authored a number of articles, books, academic papers and publications which can be found on his website www.gdmorewood.com.

Greg Watson

Greg is the Chief Executive of GL Assessment. He has been involved in the education sector since 1998, having spent his early career in marketing and IT in the oil industry. Prior to GL Assessment, Greg was the Chief Executive of OCR, the UK public examinations and qualifications division of Cambridge Assessment. He then led Bell, a leading, internationally recognised provider of English language learning and teaching, particularly to children of school age from around the world.



The venue

The Royal Garden Hotel
2-24 Kensington High Street, Kensington
London W8 4PT



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The Royal Garden Hotel is located next to Kensington Gardens.

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By Car:

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Gatwick Airport – ☎ 0870 000 2468
30 miles/50 km south of London off the M23 motorway, approximately 60 minutes taxi ride away. The Gatwick Express train from Victoria Station is the fastest and easiest service to Gatwick. The journey takes about 30 minutes and trains run every 15 minutes.

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Our assessments are developed in collaboration with a global community of experts from leading universities and research teams, and have been used by education, health and psychology professionals for over 30 years. We believe in a 'whole pupil' approach to assessment and our integrated portfolio helps to reveal students' potential, track their progress and identify any barriers and learning difficulties they might have.

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