

# ACCELERATING THE ROLLOUT OF T LEVELS: SHAPING THE FUTURE OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Online Live Conference

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2024



## Overview

In September 2020, the phased introduction of T Levels began for students in England, offering a rigorous technical alternative to A Levels. Four years on, 16,000 students have now studied all or a part of a T Level since their launch. From September 2024, eighteen T Level courses will be available to students at over 160 schools and colleges in a wide range of subjects, including health and science, agriculture, digital, and legal services.

Signalling its commitment to improving technical education in the UK, the Government announced plans to develop the *Advanced British Standard* for 16 to 18-year-olds, to bring together A levels and T levels into a new single qualification framework. The Government underpinned this commitment to improving technical education with significant investment, including £3.8bn in further education and skills across this Parliament, £1.6bn of which will be used for T Levels delivery. Furthermore, at least £150m has been earmarked for providers to improve buildings and facilities, as well a 10% funding boost to support the scaling up of T Levels in this next academic year. Whilst policy commitments and funding will help deliver T Levels, there are still significant challenges facing providers in the near term, including concerns over the recruitment and retention of both students and teachers, industry placements, assessment, and overall course quality.

This Policy Foresight online live conference offers a timely opportunity for key partners from schools, FE providers, local authorities, awarding bodies, training providers and employers to examine the lessons learned from the first four years of T Levels, discuss what has worked well and explore how to tackle the latest implementation challenges and improve the design, delivery and student experience of T Levels. The webinar provides a key platform to look ahead to the next T Levels Action Plan, and the potential impact of the proposed *Advanced British Standard (ASB)* on T Level delivery. Participants will have an invaluable chance to learn from best practice and explore how to improve the recruitment of students and teachers, enhance course content and strengthen collaboration with employers to deliver successful industry placements that can ensure that T Levels delivers on the Government's aim for it to become 'the gold standard' in technical qualification.



## Why Attend?

- Live webinar featuring presentations and panel discussions with a wide range of policymakers and key officials
- Hear the latest policy updates, look ahead to the next *T Levels Action Plan* and analyse the potential impact of the *Advanced British Standard (ASB)*
- Gather knowledge from experts on successfully designing, developing and delivering T Levels
- Explore how to overcome T Level implementation challenges, including the recruitment and retention of teachers and students, ensuring high-quality course content and improving progression routes into apprenticeships, higher education and employment
- Examine how to strengthen collaboration & engagement with employers to ensure successful placements for students
- Learn best practice from experts developing and delivering T Levels nationally
- Interactive *Question Time* sessions with opportunities to engage with all speakers
- Share ideas with fellow participants from further education, employers, industry, awarding bodies, local government and other key statutory agencies
- On demand – Exclusive access to speaker presentations and post-event resources



## Who Should Attend?

- Representatives from FE Colleges
- Representatives from Schools
- Headteachers
- Deputy Headteachers
- Local Education Authority Officers
- Central Government Departments
- Principals
- Assistant & Vice Principals
- Directors of Curriculum
- Curriculum Managers
- Directors of Studies
- Directors of Quality
- Heads of Vocational Education
- Quality Assurance Practitioners
- Standards Leads
- Further Education Lecturers
- Heads of Teaching & Learning
- Registrars & Academic Registrars
- Heads of Employment & Skills
- Heads of Work-based Learning
- Qualifications Managers
- Teaching & Learning Specialists
- Business Development Managers
- Heads of Strategic Partnerships
- Heads of Career Pathways
- Strategic Partnership Managers
- Neighbourhood Co-ordinators
- Local Authority 14-19 Managers
- Local Authority 14-19 Officers
- Members of Local Chambers of Commerce
- Key Delivery Partners from Education & Childcare, Construction & Digital Sectors
- Training Providers
- Academics & Researchers
- Industry & Private Sector
- Awarding Bodies

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**Programme**



09:30 AM	<b>Delegate Online Login</b>
10:00 AM	<b>Introduction by Webinar Organiser</b>
10:05 AM	<b>Chair's Welcome and Opening Remarks</b>
10:10 AM	<p><b>Keynote Session: Transforming Technical Education through T Levels – The National Picture</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Exploring the latest policy updates on T Levels – Examining the impact of the <i>T Levels Action Plan</i></li> <li>➤ Examine the impact of the proposed <i>Advanced British Standard (ABS)</i> on T Levels</li> <li>➤ Lessons Learned – Exploring the successes and challenges from the first four waves of T Levels</li> <li>➤ Bridging the skills gap – Ensuring FE provision responds to local and national skills needs</li> <li>➤ Looking to the future – Preparing for the wider rollout of T Levels</li> </ul>
10:30 AM	<b>Keynote Session: Questions and Discussion</b>
10:50 AM	<b>Comfort Break</b>
11:00 AM	<p><b>Panel Session One: Better Preparing Students, Teachers and Providers for T Levels</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Raising the profile – Improving awareness of what T Levels offer students, providers and employers</li> <li>➤ Supporting students to successfully progress from <i>T Level Transition Programmes</i> to their T Levels study</li> <li>➤ Adapting and improving curriculum planning, content and delivery to meet industry standards</li> <li>➤ Upgrading facilities – Using the <i>T Levels Capital Fund (TLCF)</i> to modernise facilities and ensure students have access to industry-standard specialist equipment</li> <li>➤ Upskilling staff – Enhancing professional development to advance teaching skills, subject knowledge and industry links</li> </ul>
11:50 AM	<b>Panel Session One: Questions and Discussion</b>
12:05 PM	<b>Comfort Break</b>
12:35 PM	<p><b>Panel Session Two: T Levels Delivery – Overcoming Obstacles and Challenges</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Delivering consistently high-quality provision – Addressing shortcomings in T Level course content</li> <li>➤ Enhancing progression pathways – Delivering clear routes into higher education, apprenticeships or employment</li> <li>➤ Tackling assessment and qualification challenges</li> <li>➤ Keeping student experience at the heart of T Levels – Ensuring courses meet the needs of all learners, including those with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)</li> <li>➤ Overcoming the difficulty of recruiting and retaining industry specialist teachers</li> </ul>
1:35 PM	<b>Panel Session Two: Questions and Discussion</b>
1:50 PM	<b>Comfort Break</b>
2:05 PM	<p><b>Panel Session Three: Strengthening Collaboration with Employers to Deliver Successful Placements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Closing the skills gap - Ensuring T Levels meets the needs of employers and the local, regional and national economy</li> <li>➤ Improving local partnerships – Enhancing relationships with employers to help students secure placements</li> <li>➤ Delivering high-quality course content that adequately prepares students for industry placements</li> <li>➤ Addressing geographical challenges – Ensuring students in every area have access to appropriate placements, including in rural settings</li> <li>➤ Utilising the <i>Employer Placement Fund</i> for set-up expenses, equipment and staff training</li> </ul>
3:05 PM	<b>Panel Session Three: Questions and Discussion</b>
3:25 PM	<b>Final Questions and Chair's Summary &amp; Closing Comments</b>
3:30 PM	<b>End of Online Seminar</b>

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