

Invite your MP to English UK's parliamentary reception

The <u>English UK Parliamentary Reception</u> will take place in the Terrace Pavilion of the House of Commons on Thursday 11 May from 13:30 - 15:30.

We encourage members to invite their MPs at the earliest opportunity - you can invite both the MP that represents where your centres is located, and where you live. **Please include the relevant address in your email.**

This is a valuable opportunity for English UK members to meet and network with MPs, Lords and other stakeholders to raise the profile of UK ELT and our need for policy support from government. We'll be launching our new position paper at the event.

English UK members are invited to <u>register for the parliamentary reception</u> and also our <u>Members' Conference</u>, which takes place the following day on Friday 12 May.

You can use the template below to email your MP or customise as you wish:

Dear <School constituency MP>,

Parliamentary Reception: Thursday 11 May 2023, 13.30 -15.30, Terrace Pavilion, House of Commons

English UK, the national association for accredited English language teaching centres, will be holding a Parliamentary Reception on Thursday 11 May in the Terrace Pavilion, House of Commons.

The reception will give you an opportunity to meet me, the <mark>owner/principal</mark> of <centre, address> and some of the 300 English UK members to discuss the challenges facing the English Language Teaching sector. Stephen Hammond, MP for Wimbledon, will be our host.

English UK will be launching its position paper, 'Help us become the world's premier ELT destination again' at the event. English language teaching is a significant UK sector which deserves government support. Until 2020, over 500,000 students came to the UK each year to learn English, generating around £2.5 billion in foreign earnings. Since the pandemic and the end of freedom of movement, the sector has struggled to recover to pre-pandemic levels. The paper will set out steps the government can take to help the sector thrive again.

As my/our constituency MP I hope you are able to join us there.

Yours sincerely,