

# Unlocking Talent, Fulfilling Potential

A plan for improving social mobility through education

## Overarching Ambition

**No community left behind.** Putting real emphasis on the range of places where resources and additional targeting are needed the most, with our Opportunity Areas at the sharp end to tackle the most entrenched disadvantage.



## Life Stage Ambitions

### Ambition 1. Close the word gap in the early years.



Children with strong foundations start school in a position to progress, but too many children fall behind early. We need to tackle development gaps, especially key early language and literacy skills.

### Ambition 2. Close the attainment gap in school while continuing to raise standards for all.



The attainment gap between disadvantaged children and their more affluent peers at school is closing. But, these pupils still remain behind. We will build on recent reforms, and raise standards in the areas where it is now most needed.

### Ambition 3. High quality post-16 education choices for all young people.

We need a skills revolution with business to make technical education world class. More people go to university than ever before, including more disadvantaged young people, but we need to expand access further to the best universities.



### Ambition 4. Everyone achieving their full potential in rewarding careers.

We need to improve access for young people from lower income backgrounds to networks of advice, information and experiences of work. Working with employers, we will support adults to retrain/upskill during their careers.



## Ways of Working

### Identifying and spreading what works



Putting evidence at the heart of our approach; embedding and extending successful reforms; developing our evidence base further; and spreading best practice to where it is needed.

### Building lasting success through partnership



Asking key partners - whether employers, business, educators, or civil society - to step up and join a united coalition which will rally behind this plan and these ambitions to unlock potential for all.