

ESBC – List of Leading Speakers

Jeremy Hunt – Foreign Secretary, former Secretary of State for Health, Culture Secretary and MP for Southwest Surrey.

Amber Rudd – Former Home Secretary since 2016. The fastest rising politician to a great Office of State since the Second World War.

Boris Johnson – Former Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs. Previously Mayor of London.

Dr Liam Fox - Secretary of State for International Trade and the President of the Board of Trade. Previously Secretary of State for Defence.

Andrew Lloyd Webber - Composer and impresario of musical theatre.

Sir Malcolm Rifkind – Former Secretary of State for Scotland, Defence Secretary and Foreign Secretary.

Andy Ripley - played rugby for England and was a member of the British Lions team that was unbeaten during their tour of South Africa in 1974.

Lord Archer of Weston-super-Mare - English novelist and politician. Previously Deputy Chairman of the Conservative Party.

Sir William Castel - Chairman of the Wellcome Trust, Director of General Electric and former Director of BP.

Lloyd Grossman - American-British television presenter, gastronome and musician.

John Bercow - Speaker of the House of Commons since June 2009.

Davina McCall - television presenter possibly best known for her role as the host of Big Brother from 2000 to 2010.

Ken Clarke - currently Father of the House and previously served in various cabinets as Chancellor of the Exchequer, Home Secretary, Education Secretary and Health Secretary.

Michael Howard - served as Leader of the Conservative Party and Leader of the Opposition from 2003 to 2005. Previous roles include Secretary of State for Employment, Secretary of State for the Environment and Home Secretary.

Nicholas Some - Conservative MP for mid Sussex and grandson of Sir Winston Churchill. Previously Minister of State for the Armed Forces.

Ann Widdecombe - former Conservative Party politician. She is a Privy Counsellor and was the MP for Maidstone from 1987 to 1997.

Lord Tebbit - served in the Cabinet as Secretary of State for Employment, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, and Chairman of the Conservative party. Life Peer.

Sir Richard Stilgoe - songwriter, lyricist and musician, best known for his humorous songs and frequent television appearances. Founder of the Orpheus Trust.

Andrew Mitchell - previous Secretary of State for International Development and Chief Whip. Widely known as the MP who was involved in "Plebgate".

Archie Norman - the only person to have been a FTSE 100 Chairman and a Member of the House of Commons at the same time. Previously Chairman of Asda and currently Chairman of Marks & Spencer.