



Laura McInerney

Education Journalist | Former teacher | Keynote Speaker



Laura McInerney is an education journalist, former teacher, and co-founder of Teacher Tapp, the app uncovering teachers' secret lives.

She regularly appears on TV and radio as an authority on schools, including *BBC News*, *Today on Radio 4*, *Sky News*, and *Newsnight*

She taught for six years in challenging secondary schools before being taken to court by Michael Gove for asking a difficult question about free schools. (She won the answer, eventually).

After this, Laura became a journalist, writing a monthly column in *The Guardian* and editing *Schools Week*, where her team won national awards for their hard-hitting scoops, and she profiled over 50 names in education, including Dylan Wiliam, Carol Dweck & David Blunkett

As co-founder of Teacher Tapp, the daily survey of teachers, she is on the pulse of teachers' deepest wants, needs and thoughts.

Laura is known for being **blunt**, **bold**, but **fair**. She holds to account politicians across the spectrum and is widely respected across the sector.



What Laura can bring to your event:

Laura is an **experienced event host, chair, and keynote speaker**. Known for being:

- ✓ **Dynamic and inspiring** - Laura delivers in a passionate, enthusiastic way, using stories from her classroom and the media frontline.
- ✓ **Well-known** - As a *Guardian* and *Schools Week* columnist, teachers recognise Laura's sharp commentary (and her yellow jackets!)
- ✓ **Adapts materials to audience** - All keynotes are customised to your audience, depending on school types, job roles, or business needs.
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Testimonials:

'Steely, fearless, evidence-based and on firm ground even when some else would have delighted in dismissing or denying'

– **Maggie Atkinson, former Children's Commissioner**

'Fascinating and perceptive... a grade 9 for satisfaction' – **Sally Collier, Ofqual**

'Your lecture was completely brilliant'

– **Marc Rowland, convener of the Mike Baker Annual Lecture**

'Overwhelmingly positive feedback... come back next year?' – **Educate Norfolk**

'A good mix of human interest, policy and the authority of research, data, and personal experience, without it overwhelming the audience' – **University of the Arts London**



Keynote Speaking Topics:

- **Education Trends: What to watch on the horizon**
Using the latest news stories and data, Laura explain the future schools policies hidden on the horizon and their implications for pupils, staff and school leaders
- **The Secret Life Of Teachers**
Daily survey tool Teacher Tapp tracks thousands of teachers every day. Laura reveals the latest findings showing why teachers work so much and what drives them to leave.
- **Great Education Secretaries: Their best lessons?**
Education secretaries take people's children and taxes. But who succeeds? Who fails? And why? This talk reveals how great leaders secure long-term success.
- **Your Bespoke Keynote Topic**
Laura has delivered customised talks on many topics including: free schools, the role of academies, the history of education policy, and Ofqual's future (through the medium of postcards). She'd love to hear your ideas and create something special for your audience.

Fees differ by location, event type and level of customisation required, but typically range from £800 to £4,000.

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