

## AGBIS/HMC/ISBA

# Heads, Governors and Bursars' Conference

Thursday 23 November 2023 09.00 – 16.30

BMA House, London

Conference theme: School leadership and governance, and the political and economic challenges facing schools

### Conference Programme

09.00 -10.00	Registration and refreshments
10.00 – 10.05	<p><b>Welcome and opening remarks</b></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b> Mark Taylor, Bursar at the King's School, Canterbury, Chair of AGBIS and Vice Chair of the ISC</p>
10.05 – 10.35	<p><b>School leadership and governance: Where we are now?</b></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b> Richard Harman, CEO, AGBIS Simon Hyde, General Secretary, HMC David Woodgate, Chief Executive, ISBA</p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Julie Robinson, CEO, Independent Schools Council</p>
10.35 – 11.20	<p><b>Overview of the current political and economic headwinds – panel discussion</b></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b> Professor Catarina Figueira, Professor of Applied Economics and Policy, Cranfield University Jonathan Simons, Partner and Head of the Education Practice, Public First Chris Fairbank, Director of Communications, HMC</p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Sue Woodroffe, HMC Chair 2023-2024 and Principal of The Grammar School at Leeds</p>
11.20 – 11.50	Refreshment break among the exhibitors

<p><b>11.50 – 12.30</b></p>	<p><b>School governance and leadership – the future</b></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b>  Ben Vessey, Head, Canford School  Arun Kanwar, Partner, Cairneagle Limited and HMC Board member  Barney Northover, Education Law Partner, Veale Wasbrough Vizards  Cheryl Connelly, Director of Training &amp; Membership (Deputy CEO), AGBIS</p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Simon Hyde, General Secretary, HMC</p>
<p><b>12.30 – 12.40</b></p>	<p><b>Move to the next session</b></p>
<p><b>12.40 – 13.30</b></p>	<p><b>Workshop Sessions (1)</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>School structures and governance frameworks</b>  Richard Harman, CEO, AGBIS; Simon Hyde, General Secretary, HMC  <b>Council Chamber</b></li> <li>2. <b>Economic models for schools</b>  John Murphie, Chief Operating Officer, ISBA and Mark Taylor, Bursar at the King's School, Canterbury, Chair of AGBIS and Vice Chair of the ISC  <b>The Great Hall</b></li> <li>3. <b>Sustainability and moving towards carbon net-zero</b>  Cheryl Connelly, Director of Training &amp; Membership (Deputy CEO), AGBIS; Jack Harty, Earth Centre Manager, Kingsley School, Bideford  <b>Worcester Room</b></li> <li>4. <b>Public affairs and key messages</b>  Chris Fairbank, Director of Communications, HMC; Jonathan Simons, Partner and Head of the Education Practice, Public First  <b>Anderson Barnes Suite</b></li> <li>5. <b>Mergers and acquisitions</b>  David Woodgate, Chief Executive, ISBA  <b>Princes Room</b></li> </ol>
<p><b>13.30 – 14.30</b></p>	<p><b>Lunch</b></p>

<p><b>14.30 – 15.20</b></p>	<p><b>Workshop Sessions (2)</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Building and maintaining effective relationships between the Board and Executive</b> Richard Harman, CEO, AGBIS; Simon Hyde, General Secretary, HMC Council Chamber</li> <li>2. <b>Leadership and governance in foundations and/or groups of schools</b> Fiona Boulton OBE, Director of Independent Schools, United Learning and Sue Roxby, Business Director, Methodist Independent Schools Trust <b>Anderson Barnes Suite</b></li> <li>3. <b>Managing risk at an organisational level</b> Sam Coutinho, Consultant <b>Worcester Room</b></li> <li>4. <b>Generative AI one year on - time to get practical</b> Darren Coxon, Senior AI Product Lead, Study Hall <b>The Great Hall</b></li> <li>5. <b>International opportunities, including opening franchise schools abroad</b> Alex McGrath, Founder &amp; Managing Director, Castlegate Education and Jay Piggot, former HMC Head Chair: Howard Blackett, Head of International Member Services, HMC <b>Princes Room</b></li> </ol>
<p><b>15.20 – 15.50</b></p>	<p><b>Refreshment break among the exhibitors</b></p>
<p><b>15.50 – 16.25</b></p>	<p><b>Plenary Q&amp;A session: What are the key lessons that ISC and the Associations have learned over the last year? How can we survive and thrive, and what do schools need to do next?</b></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b> Richard Harman, CEO, AGBIS Simon Hyde, General Secretary, HMC Neil Cufley, Director of Operations/Finance, Royal Russell School and Chair of ISBA Julie Robinson, CEO, ISC</p>
<p><b>16.25 – 16.30</b></p>	<p><b>Closing remarks and depart</b></p> <p><b>Speaker:</b> Neil Cufley, Director of Operations/Finance, Royal Russell School and Chair of ISBA</p>