

Independent Schools SEND Conference in association with



Date Friday 22 November 2024
Venue Park Plaza Victoria, London, SW1V 1EQ
Cost Standard £260

This prestigious and practical conference is aimed at SENCo's, Directors of Learning, Learning Support teachers, Governors, Heads and members of Senior Leadership Teams who wish to better understand the changes which may soon be affecting SEND support in our sector and/or to explore the development of SEND provision in their schools, be they specialist or inclusive.

The experienced speakers are all well known in their fields and will be offering presentations on topics which will be specific to either Prep or Senior settings as well as topics that span the whole age range. At a time of turbulence within the independent sector, it is hoped that all those attending this conference will be able to return to their schools, full of ideas which will help schools to develop their SEND provision in the most efficient and effective way .

There will also be opportunities for interaction and networking with colleagues, as well as benefitting from a wide range of organisations showcasing their products and services in an exhibition.

Audience SENCo's, Directors of Learning, Learning Support teachers, Heads and SLT members

Course Director **Barry Huggett OBE**, Chair ISC Advisory Group for SEND

Presenter(s) **Fintan O'Regan**, ADHD and neurodivergence consultant
Dr Katharine Sharpe, Assistant Head (Pastoral) and Head of Learning Support at Caterham Prep School
Meriel Davenport, Director of Assessment and Therapy at More House School
Eleanor Margesson, Assistant Head (Training and Outreach) and Teacher of English at More House School
Sarah McKimm, lawyer and author of *The Practical Guide to the Independent School Standards 2024*
Dave Presky, Head of Computing at York House School
Simon Nathan, Deputy Chief Executive and Head of Policy of ISC
Lucy Warren, Chartered Educational Psychologist
Gaëlle Sullivan, Inclusion Director, BSA Group and Director, IELA
Cathy Haysom, Executive Headteacher at Heartwood House
Professor Joni Holmes, Professor of Psychology at University of East Anglia and Senior Affiliated Scientist at MRC Cognition & Brain Sciences Unit, University of Cambridge

Programme – subject to change

0830	Registration, refreshments and exhibition		
0900	Conference Welcome – <i>Barry Huggett OBE</i>		
0910	Every student is unique: How to be a selective neuroinclusive school – <i>Fintan O'Regan</i>		
1020	Seminar sessions 1		
	High quality teaching for SEND in a mainstream classroom – <i>Dr Katharine Sharpe</i>	Executive Function and ADHD, strategies and support in the classroom – <i>Meriel Davenport and Eleanor Margesson</i>	How to pass your SEND inspection - policies, practice and reasonable adjustments – <i>Sarah McKimm</i>
1110	Refreshments and exhibition		
1155	Seminar sessions 2		
	AI and Assistive Technology for beginners – <i>Dave Presky</i>	VAT implications on SEND – <i>Barry Huggett OBE and Simon Nathan</i>	Attachment, trauma and improving emotional well-being – <i>Lucy Warren</i>
1245	Lunch, exhibition and networking		
1350	Seminar sessions 3		
	AI and Assistive Technology for more advanced users – <i>Dave Presky</i>	A holistic approach to autism-friendly practice – <i>Gaelle Sullivan</i>	School isn't for everyone - working with students with Emotionally Based School Avoidance – <i>Cathy Haysom</i>
1440	Refreshments and exhibition		
1525	Limitations of the diagnostic approach for identifying and supporting children with SEND – <i>Prof Joni Holmes</i>		
1625	Closing remarks – <i>Barry Huggett OBE</i>		
1630	Conference closes		