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IAPS Annual Conference 2024
Wednesday 18 – Friday 20 September
Celtic Manor Resort, Newport, NP18 1HQ



Wednesday 18 September 2024

1030	Registration opens & exhibition opens
1115	New members' welcome
1200	Lunch and exhibition
1245	Conference opens Conference welcome – <i>Dominic Norrish and Tania Botting</i>
1315	What could the next 5 years look like for independent schools under this government? <i>Julie Robinson chairs a discussion with expert politicians and commentators (Ed Dorrell, Public First, Lord David Hacking and Alex Chalk, Former Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State and Justice)</i>
1415	Refreshments and exhibition
1500	The future of education in a world of artificial intelligence and augmented reality - <i>Ian Symmonds</i>
1645	District meetings
1900	Informal dining
2030	Quiz night



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0730	Optional exercise sessions – Yoga and running
0830	Prayer room available for delegate-led/self-reflection Exhibition opens
0930	AGM
1010	Handling a crisis: Managing your school and your reputation in the toughest of times - <i>chaired by Justin McLaren and a panel of IAPS Heads (Marc Broughton, formerly of Belmont School, Sophie Banks, Pembridge Hall, and Clare Bradbury, Oakwood School)</i>
1110	Refreshments and exhibition
1200	Seminar sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ian Symmonds' seminar 1: the practical implementation and next steps with AI in your school (Explorers) • How to manage the complexities of SEND and reasonable adjustments: an overview for Heads – <i>James Garside</i> • What have we learned about the new ISI framework one year in? – <i>Emilie Darwin and Neil Chippington, Head at St John's College School (3-13, day and boarding)</i> • The Quiet Revolution: Unleashing the potential of introverted children and staff in our schools – <i>David Brown</i> • Empowering every student: Integrating elite wellbeing practices into everyday education– <i>Laura Kay and Lewis Bevil</i> • Strategies for success in a challenging business environment – <i>David Woodgate</i> • Relationships education in an era of extremes - how to prepare your pupils for a complex adolescence and adulthood – <i>Daisy Douglas</i> • Building partnerships for stronger schools and stronger communities – <i>Oliver Blond</i>
1300	Lunch and exhibition
1410	Seminar session 2 – repeat of session 1 except <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ian Symmonds' seminar 2: the practical implementation and next steps with AI in your school (Progressors) • What have we learned about the new ISI framework one year in? – <i>Emilie Darwin and Sam Bagshaw, Head at Carrdus School (3-11, day)</i>
1510	Refreshments and exhibition
1600	Seminar session 3 – repeat of session 2 except <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ian Symmonds' seminar 3: the practical implementation and next steps with AI in your school (Trailblazers) • What have we learned about the new ISI framework one year in? – <i>Emilie Darwin and Charlotte Johnston, Head at St Peter's School (3-13, day and boarding)</i>
1700	Close of day 2



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1900	Drinks reception
1930	Dinner <i>(followed by after dinner entertainment by Electric Kicks)</i>

Friday 20 September 2024

0800	Prayer room available for delegate-led/self-reflection
0830	Refreshments and exhibition
0930	School-type networks round-table events (4x15mins to discuss pre-arranged topics within the school networks) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Standalone 11+• Through schools/charitable foundation• Proprietorial/part of school group• Small schools• 13+ and/or boarding
1050	Refreshments and exhibition
1130	Not just surviving but thriving in Headship – <i>Dr Rangan Chatterjee in conversation with Emilie Darwin</i>
1240	Closing remarks and conference close followed by lunch and departure