



Independent
Association of
Prep Schools

Director of Sport Conference 2022

For Directors/Heads of sport

Wyboston Lakes, Bedfordshire, MK44 3AL
Monday 14 – Tuesday 15 November 2022

Develop your leadership game plan

The inaugural Director of Sport Conference will provide an opportunity to develop your leadership and management skills in a wide variety of areas. Whether you are new to your role, an aspiring senior leader or simply looking to run the best and most effective sports department that you can, the conference will provide guidance and strategies on areas such as inspection preparation, people management and strategic planning amongst many others. The programme is designed to share the experiences and ideas of contributors from a range of leadership areas as well as encouraging discussion, questions and contributions from attendees.

Conference Directors



Sean Price, IAPS sport committee chair



Emily Connell, IAPS sports event manager

Programme: Monday, 14 November

0900 onwards	Registration, refreshments and exhibition
1000	Welcome - <i>Sean Price</i>
1020	Keynote 1: Perfectionism in leadership roles – <i>Prof Andy Hill and Rob Lightfoot</i>
1110	Refreshments and exhibition
1150	Keynote 2: How to deal with difficult situations (role play) – <i>Helen Lowe</i>
1240	Lunch and exhibition
1350	Seminar sessions 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Coaching parents for better outcomes for young people</i> – Richard Shorter, non-perfect dad• <i>Managing difficult situations</i> – Helen Lowe• <i>Inclusion and diversity</i> – Jamie Hooper, Inclusive Cultures• <i>Inspection</i> – Christopher Sanderson, Amadeus Consulting and Training• <i>Goal setting and development planning</i> – tbc• <i>Staff appraisal</i> – Mike Crossley
1450	Refreshments and exhibition
1530	Seminar sessions 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Coaching parents for better outcomes for young people</i> – Richard Shorter, non-perfect dad• <i>Managing difficult situations</i> – Helen Lowe• <i>Inclusion and diversity</i> – Jamie Hooper, Inclusive Cultures• <i>Inspection</i> – Christopher Sanderson, Amadeus Consulting and Training• <i>Goal setting and development planning</i> – tbc• <i>Staff appraisal</i> – Mike Crossley
1630	District meetings
1900	Drinks reception
1930	Conference dinner After-dinner speaker – <i>Dr Suzie Imber</i>

Programme: Tuesday, 15 November

0830	Refreshments and exhibition
0900	Keynote 3: The Unsaid of L(I)leading – <i>Adie Shariff</i>
1000	Refreshments and exhibition
1040	Discussion panel: Hot topics within prep school sport – <i>chaired by Sean Price</i>
1140	Refreshments and exhibition
1210	Keynote 4: James Cracknell OBE
1250	Farewell
1300	Lunch

Session details

KEYNOTE SESSIONS

Perfectionism in leadership roles – *Professor Andy Hill & Rob Lightfoot*

How to deal with difficult situations – *Helen Lowe*

The Unsaid of L(I)leading – *Adie Shariff*

Ask “What’s it take to lead?” & you’ll very quickly hear about being good with people & having vision. There is an unsaid word though - “learning.” Closing the gap between vision & reality is a learnt journey that isn’t a linear path. A common sense statement but rarely explored or acted on. So in this interactive session we’ll look at the practical mechanics of how leaders create learning environments & develop tenacious mindsets in their teams.

Keynote 4 – *James Cracknell OBE*

SEMINAR SESSIONS

Coaching parents for better outcomes for young people – *Richard Shorter, non-perfect dad*

"Most of our parents are ok and supportive". Those 'ok' and supportive parents are some of best tools you have to supporting better outcomes for young people. In this session we will explore how to effectively coach those "ok" parents to ensure young people are getting the best chances to thrive and at the same time see how we can manage those parents who are 'not' ok. Richard will explore how to have effect parent communications and case studies in how to effectively coach parents.

Managing difficult situations – *Helen Lowe*

Inclusion and diversity – *Jamie Hooper, Inclusive Cultures*

Inspection – *Christopher Sanderson, Amadeus Consulting and Training*

Goal setting and development planning – tbc

Staff appraisal – *Mike Crossley*

Conference exhibition

As usual, there will be an exhibition at the conference. This offers a wealth of benefits to attendees, including the opportunity to chat face-to-face with exhibitors who are experts in our sector, and the chance for you to gain knowledge of new products and resources to take back to your school. We are always very grateful for the support of these companies, and it also reduces your cost to attend.