



Independent  
Association of  
Prep Schools

## Q01: Annual Conference – 'Venture Out'

**Date** Monday 25 to Wednesday 27 September 2023

**Venue** ACC King's Dock, Liverpool L3 4FP

**Cost** IAPS member heads £649 (full partners £649, social guests £90)  
(cost inclusive of all applicable taxes)

IAPS Chair Andrew Nott notes, "This is our annual opportunity to enjoy the fellowship of colleagues, to be inspired and educated by speakers and to build new connections in our sector."

William Goldsmith, Conference Director, and Head at St George's Windsor, adds, "The theme, 'Venture Out', is particularly salient as we grapple with the opportunities and challenges of the next two to three years. A meeting of minds between the fellowship of IAPS Heads has never been more important. With so much to gain clarity on, I hope we can come together with the aim to venture out with purpose and confidence as we lead our schools and sector through the next few years."

This will also be a chance for everyone to meet and hear from our new CEO, Dominic Norrish, who joins IAPS in the summer. Dominic adds, "I am enormously pleased to be joining hundreds of IAPS Heads at the Liverpool conference and look forward to meeting as many of you as possible. I am determined that the Association continues to develop in the service of its members, and your views on any aspect of its work are very welcome".

<b>Audience</b>	IAPS Member Heads
<b>Course Director</b>	William Goldsmith, Head at St George's Windsor
<b>Presenters</b>	Julie Robinson, ISC CEO David Woodgate, ISBA Chief Executive Sarah Horrocks, Digital Learning Consultant The Scary Guy James Garside, Partner at VWV Law Firm Paul Main, Founder at Structural Learning Indira Warwick, Director of Inspection Quality at ISI Julia Martin, ISEB CEO Katie Paynter, Head of EYFS and Pre-prep at Lochinver House School David Walker, Director at BSA Bennie Kara, Director at Adhara Education Ben Edmonds, Principal Engineer at Dyson Professor Ger Graus, Global Education Adviser

<b>Monday 25 September 2023</b>	
<b>1000</b>	Registration, refreshments, and exhibition
<b>1115</b>	New members' welcome
<b>1200</b>	Lunch and exhibition
<b>1300</b>	Conference welcome - <i>Andrew Nott, IAPS Chair</i>
<b>1320</b>	Welcome to new IAPS CEO and CEO address - <i>Dominic Norrish, IAPS CEO</i>
<b>1345</b>	What is the political and financial outlook? How can the sector help itself? - <i>Julie Robinson, ISC CEO and David Woodgate, ISBA Chief Executive</i>
<b>1435</b>	Refreshments and exhibition
<b>1530</b>	Digital strategy and transformation - <i>Sarah Horrocks, Digital Learning Consultant</i>
<b>1615</b>	District meetings
<b>1900</b>	Optional evening at The Cavern Club

<b>Tuesday 26 September 2023</b>			
<b>0800</b>	Morning prayers – <i>Reverend Jonathan Coore, Chaplain at St George's Windsor</i>		
<b>0830</b>	AGM		
<b>0915</b>	Awareness ~ Understanding ~ Acceptance ~ Love - <i>The Scary Guy</i>		
<b>1100</b>	Refreshments and exhibition		
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<b>1230</b>	Lunch and exhibition		
<b>1340</b>	Artificial intelligence: being prepared for the near future – predictions, ethics and planning <i>Sarah Horrocks, Digital Learning Consultant, and an IAPS schools panel</i>		
<b>1435</b>	Seminar session 2: repeat of seminar session 1		
<b>1520</b>	Refreshments and exhibition		
<b>1600</b>	Leading into DEI: A personal journey – <i>Bennie Kara, Director at Adhara Education</i>		
<b>1900</b>	Gala Dinner – Liverpool Cathedral After dinner speaker – <i>Richard Gerver, speaker, author and world-renowned thinker</i>		

Wednesday 27 September 2023	
0830	Morning prayers – <i>Reverend Jonathan Coore, Chaplain at St George’s Windsor</i>
0900	Innovating for the future - <i>Ben Edmonds, Principal Engineer at Dyson</i>
1100	Refreshments and exhibition
1140	“Whatever the question, education is always the answer” - <i>Professor Ger Graus, Global Education Adviser</i>
1240	Closing remarks and conference closes - <i>William Goldsmith, Head at St George’s Windsor</i>
1300	Lunch and departure



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