



Excellence in Education

The Independent Association
of Prep Schools

Annual Conference

Emerging with ambition

Wednesday 22 – Friday 24 September 2021

Annual Conference for IAPS member heads



One would be right in assuming that COVID-19 has monopolised our thinking as heads and teachers in schools. However, it is wrong that any ambition to move our schools and the educational landscape forwards has simply halted. COVID-19 has, indeed, brought challenges to heads as well as tremendous fellowship within districts and across the entire membership.

What has not been halted, though, is the tremendous ambition that our sector has, and the last 12 months have seen our schools lead the way with innovation.

Pre-COVID, this decade was set to be a defining one for education and now, as we look to emerge from the grip of the pandemic, that ambition for our pupils, schools and educational development - in its broadest sense - is stronger than ever.

Our conference this year brings a diverse group of speakers to afford the opportunity to reflect on your leadership, your schools and, above all else, how the sector is truly 'emerging with ambition'.

I look forward to welcoming you to this year's conference.

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Programme: Wednesday 22 September

1000 onwards	Registration, refreshments and exhibition
1115	New members' welcome
1200	Lunch and exhibition
1300	Emerging with ambition
1305	Vice Chairman's address
1320	Inflating balloons of self-belief - <i>James Shone</i>
1410	IAPS update and state of the nation – <i>Christopher King</i>
1430	Tea and exhibition
1515	Leading in turbulent times: the challenges and opportunities – <i>Baroness Helena Morrissey, DBE</i>
1605	Home issues
1700	Council photo
1715	District time
2000	Evening at own leisure

Programme: Thursday 23 September

0815	Morning prayers, coffee and exhibition
0845	AGM
0935	Remarkable leadership: give yourself the permission to be courageous - <i>Diana Osagie</i>
1035	Subject seminar sessions <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) The sixteen group: risk and reward – <i>Duncan Murphy</i>2) Computing, online safety and education technology – <i>Dave Presky</i>3) Pre-prep and early years: roots to grow and wings to fly – <i>Katie Paynter</i>4) Achieving an 'excellent' learning success department - <i>Claire Wellington Smith</i>
1115	Coffee and exhibition
1200	Seminar session 1 <ol style="list-style-type: none">A) What does ISEB stand for? – <i>Durell Barnes and Julia Martin, ISEB</i>B) Prep boarding update – <i>Robin Fletcher, BSA</i>

- C) **Strategic opportunities: mergers, acquisitions and sales** – *Kate Hickey, Harrison Clark Rickerbys*
- D) **Beyond the Classroom (Benefits, Barriers and Best Practice)** – *Andy Carley, School Outdoor Learning*
- E) **Inspections: now and the future** – *ISI*
- F) **Developing coaching cultures in schools** – *Julie Keyes, Educational Consultant*
- G) **Providing opportunities for excellence: fulfilling the potential of ‘children in care’ through bursaries** – *John Towers*
- H) **Building impactful partnerships** – *Christina Astin, Education Consultant*

1240	Lunch and exhibition
1345	Beyond the book: leading in times of change - <i>Clarissa Farr</i>
1450	Seminar session 2
1530	Tea and exhibition
1615	Staff, pupil resilience and mental health across IAPS schools - <i>Dr Kathy Weston</i>
1915	Drinks reception and conference dinner After-dinner entertainment: The Queen’s Six

Programme: Friday 24 September

0830	Morning prayers, coffee and exhibition
0900	Nigel Owens, MBE
0950	The mirror and the telescope: what might our post-Covid educational landscape look like? – <i>Geoff Barton</i>
1045	Coffee and exhibition
1125	The new playbook for leaders – <i>David Marquet</i>
1215	The future of learning and the future of assessment - <i>Professor Bill Lucas</i>
1305	Chairman closes conference
1315	Lunch and depart

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