

AGBIS AGM and Annual Conference

QEII Conference Centre, Westminster, London, SW1P 3EE
Thursday, 19 March 2026

'Leading in a New Era'

- 09.00 – 10.20 **Registration, Coffee & Exhibition Opening** (Cambridge/Windsor Suite – Level 5)
- 10.00 – 10.20 **AGBIS AGM** - Members only (Mountbatten Suite – Level 6)
- 10.25 – 10.35 **Introduction to the Annual Conference** (Mountbatten Suite – Level 6)
Charlotte Marten, Chair, AGBIS
- 10.35 – 11.05 **Stewardship, Purpose and Moral Challenge of Independent Education** (Mountbatten Suite – Level 6)
Professor Mona Siddiqui
- 11.05 – 11.20 **AGBIS Update** (Mountbatten Suite – Level 6)
Richard Harman, CEO, AGBIS
- 11.20 – 11.50 **England – A Case Study** (Mountbatten Suite – Level 6)
Rt Hon Sir Nick Gibb
- 11.50 – 12.20 **Coffee** (Cambridge/Windsor Suite – Level 5)
- 12.20 – 13.05 **Breakout Session 1** (see below for more details)
- 13.05 – 13.55 **Lunch and Networking** (Cambridge/Windsor Suite – Level 5)
- 13.55 – 14.15 **Awards Ceremony** (Mountbatten Suite – Level 6)
- 14.15 – 15.00 **Panel Discussion: Brave New World – The Shape of the Sector for the Next Decade**
Emma Balchin, CEO, NGA; David Woodgate, CEO, ISBA; Lorraine Davidson, CEO, SCIS;
Philip Britton, Chair, HMC
Chair: Julie Robinson, CEO, ISC
(Mountbatten Suite – Level 6)
- 15.00 – 15.05 *Move to breakout rooms*
- 15.05 – 15.50 **Breakout Session 2** (see below for more details)
- 15.50 – 16.05 **Coffee and move back to Mountbatten Suite**
- 16.05 – 16.50 **What Really Matters: A human perspective on responsibility, resilience and leading in a new era**
Mystery Guest Speaker
- 16.50 – 17.15 **Chair's Concluding Remarks** (Mountbatten Suite – Level 6)
- 17.15 – 18.15 **Drinks Reception and Departure**

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Report Launch: The Changing Role of the Chair

Breakout A: Mountbatten, Level 6

Veronique Jochum, Centre for Charity Effectiveness (Bayes); Leila Baker, Centre for Charity Effectiveness (Bayes) and Heather Styche-Patel, CEO, RS Academics

Inclusivity & Access: The Role of Transformational Bursary Award Schemes in a Post-VAT Landscape

Breakout B: The Rutherford, Level 4

Ali Henderson, CEO, Royal National Children's SpringBoard Foundation

The Proprietor Must Ensure... Governance and Inspection

Breakout C: The Abbey, Level 4

Joanna Lawton, Director of Legal, Regulation and Complaints, ISI

The Governance Landscape in British International Schools

Breakout D: Moore, Level 4

Alex Mitchell, Head of AGBIS International and Consultancy, AGBIS

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The new era for SEND and safeguarding

A review of the Government's landmark SEND reform proposals and their implications for independent schools, together with an update on the significant changes being made to *Keeping Children Safe in Education* for September 2026.

Breakout B: The Rutherford, Level 4

Adam McRae-Taylor, Senior Associate, Stone King and Charlotte Melhuish, Partner, Stone King

School as a Business – Mergers and Acquisitions

Breakout C: The Abbey, Level 4

Tom Beardmore Gray, Warden, Bradfield College; Suzie Longstaff, Principal of the London Park School, Dukes Education; Sue Roxby, Director of Advice and Guidance ISBA; Antony Spencer, CEO, The Mill Hill School Foundation

Chair: Barney Northover, Partner, VVV

AI in Governance

Breakout D: The Moore Room, Level 4

Laura Knight, Founder and CEO, Sapio