

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)

17.30 – 18.15 **Drinks Reception and Departure**

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12.20 - 13.05 Breakout Session 1

Report Launch: The Changing Role of the Chair

Breakout A: Mountbatten, Level 6

Veronique Jochum, Leila Baker and Heather Styche-Patel

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

Breakout B: The Rutherford, Level 4

Ali Henderson, Royal National Children's SpringBoard Foundation

ISI Update

Breakout C: The Abbey, Level 4

International Governance

Breakout D: Moore, Level 4

Alex Mitchell

15.05 - 15.50 Breakout Session 2

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Legal Update – SEND/Safeguarding

Breakout B: The Rutherford, Level 4

Charlotte Melhuish and Adam McRae-Taylor

School as a Business – Mergers and Acquisitions

Breakout C: The Abbey, Level 4

Tom Beardmore Gray (Bradfield College), Suzie Longstaff (Dukes Education) Sue Roxby (ISBA) Anthony Spencer (The Mill Hill School Foundation)

Chair: Barney Northover, VWV

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Breakout D: The Moore Room, Level 4

Laura Knight, Sapio

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