

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)
- 10.25 – 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, Julie Robinson, CEO ISC
Chair: TBC
(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 **Keynote Session (TBC)**
- 17.25 – 17.30 **Chair’s Concluding Remarks** (Mountbatten Suite – Level 6)
- 17.30 – 18.15 **Drinks Reception and Departure**

12.20 – 13.05 Breakout Session 1

Report Launch: The Changing Role of the Chair

Breakout A: Mountbatten, Level 6

Veronique Jochum and Leila Baker

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, VVV

AI in Governance

Breakout D: The Moore Room, Level 4

Laura Knight, Sapio