

ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2026

Wednesday 13 – Friday 15 May | The Grand, Bristol

Leading with Integrity

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Wednesday

07.15	The ISA Annual Golf Challenge St Pierre, Chepstow NP16 6YA
from 10.00	Registration
10.45	Tea and Coffee with Exhibitors, Wessex Suite
11.10	New Delegates Tea (<i>by invitation</i>)
11.25	Welcome from Rudi Elliott Lockhart, CEO of ISA, and Jonathan Hetherington, 2025/26 ISA National Chair, The Ballroom
11.35	Welcome from Headline Sponsor, VERACROSS
Keynote 1: 11.45	Sheridan Voysey: The Power of Friendship
12.30	Lunch with Exhibitors, Wessex Suite
Keynote 2: 13.30	Danielle Davis and Yasmina Koné: Building strategic responses to modern school challenges
13.55	SEND Fireside Chat: Gemma Woodhouse and Hannah Lovegrove Campion
14.30	ISA Sport Showcase: Inclusive opportunities with ISA
14.40	ISA Arts Showcase: A selection of winning performers from the National Performing Arts competitions
15.15	Tea and Coffee with Exhibitors, Wessex Suite
Keynote 3: 15.55	James Elder: Better Coping Strategies
16.45	Annual General Meeting of the Association, The Ballroom <i>Full and Honorary Members only</i>
17.00	Day session ends <i>Room keys available from ISA registration desk</i>
17.15	Optional trip to St Mary Redcliffe for Bellringing with your Chair
18.15	ISA Area Drinks Reception areas will be signposted in The Grand
19.00	Wifi Wars (please bring a mobile device which can connect to Wifi), The Ballroom
20.00	Evening dinner in The Ballroom, The Grand <i>Sponsored by Toddle</i>



Thursday

from 07.00	Breakfast (for those with accommodation booked)
08.30	Tea and Coffee with Exhibitors, Wessex Suite
Keynote 4: 09.00	Miriam Rich: Crisis-ready: leading with confidence in challenging times, The Ballroom
09.40	Round Table Discussions
10.40	Tea and Coffee with Exhibitors, Wessex Suite and SEND School Networking, The Ballroom
Keynote 5: 11.15	Faith Hagerty: Harnessing Authenticity
12.45	Lunch with Exhibitors, Wessex Suite
Keynote 6: 13.45	Rhiannon Cutler: The changing landscape in Independent Schools; ensuring your school thrives in turbulent times
Keynote 7: 14.30	Dai Preston: Inspection – patterns, trends & preparing for September 2026
15:25	Tea and Coffee with Exhibitors, Wessex Suite
Keynote 8: 16.00	Ben Whitaker: How to thrive as humans in the age of AI
16.50	Closing Remarks and Prize: Exhibitors provide delegates with the opportunity to pick up prizes, including the winner of the ISA Integrity Game
17.00	Day session ends
18.45	Annual Conference Photograph: ISA Members, Guests and Secretariat. Picture by Imago
19.15	Annual Dinner Drinks Reception <i>Sponsored by Miriam Rich</i>
20.00	Annual Dinner (Black Tie) in the Ballroom, The Grand, with Live Music from the New Stripes <i>Sponsored by Daigon Esports and Scan</i>



Friday

07.30	Breakfast (for those with accommodation booked)
09.30	Meet in Reception to join ISA colleagues for a guided walking tour around Bristol: Blackbeard to Banksy
12.00	Join colleagues and friends for lunch