

ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2026

Wednesday 13 – Friday 15 May | The Grand, Bristol

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Wednesday

07.15	The ISA Annual Golf Challenge
from 10.00	Registration
10.45	Tea and Coffee with Exhibitors, The Carriage 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
11.35	Welcome from Headline Sponsor, VERACROSS
Keynote 1: 11.45	Sheridan Voysey: The Power of Friendship
12.30	Lunch with Exhibitors
Keynote 2: 13.30	Dai Preston: Inspection
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
Keynote 3: 15.55	James Elder, Atrium: 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 Reception</i>
18.30	ISA Area Drinks Reception areas will be signposted in The Grand
19.30	Evening dinner in The Ballroom, The Grand

Thursday

from 07.00	Breakfast (for those with accommodation booked)
08.30	Tea and Coffee with Exhibitors
Keynote 4: 09.00	Miriam Rich: Crisis-ready: leading with confidence in challenging times
Table discussions:	
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10.40	Tea and Coffee with Exhibitors and SEND School Networking
Keynote 5: 11.15	Faith Hagerty: Harnessing Authenticity
12.45	Lunch with Exhibitors
Keynote 6: 13.45	SEND Panel: Gemma Woodhouse, Hannah Lovegrove Champion
14.15	Hemisphere
14.40	Tea and Coffee with Exhibitors
Keynote 7: 15:15	Rhiannon Cutler: The changing landscape in Independent Schools; ensuring your school thrives in turbulent times
Keynote 8: 16.00	Ben Whitaker: How to thrive as humans in the age of AI
16.50	Closing Remarks and Prize Draw: Exhibitors provide delegates with the opportunity to pick up prizes, including the draw for the ISA Exhibitor Sticker Challenge
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

Friday

07.30	Breakfast (for those with accommodation booked)
Recreational Activity	Meet in Reception to join ISA colleagues for a trip
12.00	Join colleagues and friends for lunch