



INDEPENDENT
SCHOOLS
ASSOCIATION

16-18 May 2019 at The Grand Hotel, Eastbourne

“Every Member Matters”

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Pre-Conference

7.00 *The ISA Annual Golf Challenge* **The Eastbourne Downs Golf Course**
East Dean Road, BN20 AES (Meet at the Clubhouse)
To register, email isasport@isaschools.org.uk

The ISA Annual Conference 2019

Thursday

11.30 *Registration*
Coffee with Exhibitors in the **Jevington** and **Silverdale Rooms** (main exhibition)

11.45 *New Delegates' Welcome Reception* in the **Great Hall** (by invitation)

12.15 **Every Member Matters** - Welcome to conference delegates from **Matthew Adshead, 2018-19 ISA National Chair**, in the **Compton Room** (main conference room)

12.45 *Drinks Reception and Lunch with Exhibitors* (**Jevington** and **Silverdale Rooms**)

This afternoon's sessions will be hosted by Matthew Adshead, ISA Chair

1.45 *Keynote* **Blueprint: How DNA Makes Us Who We Are**
Professor Robert Plomin, world-leading psychologist, geneticist and author argues that an understanding of behaviour genetics is vital if schools are to be truly effective. Among other important messages for schools, Professor Plomin shows how the genetic predictors of educational attainment now explain a greater proportion of the intelligence outcome than parental income.

2.45 *ISA Update* **ISA and United World Schools in Cambodia**
Alex Gear, 2017-18 ISA National Chair, and **Tracey Wilson**, ISA Trustee and Board Member, brief delegates on the Association's work with United World Schools in Cambodia, following their visit to Pong Tek school in December 2018.

3.00 **Keynote** **Why the Public Think that Britain's Private School System is Unfair**

Robert Verkaik, author of "Posh Boys: How the English Public Schools Ruin Britain", and **Professor Francis Green**, co-author of "Engines of Privilege: Britain's Private School Problem" (with David Kynaston), discuss the challenges that independent schools need to address to be politically and socially acceptable to the public.

3.45 **Coffee with Exhibitors**

4.15 **Room Keys** available from the ISA Registration Desk

5.00 **Conference Service** (30 minutes) in the **Princess Room**, with **choirs from Deepdene and Our Lady of Sion Schools**, readings from ISA's **Honorary Officers** and **Reflections on Leadership from a Spiritual Perspective** from ISA Trustee **Stephen McKernan**

6.15 **ISA Area Drinks Receptions** located throughout hotel (see Regional Officers)

7.00 **Evening Keynote** **Gordon's Alive! From Z-Cars to Peppa Pig, via Everest and the RSC...**

Brian Blessed, OBE, One of Britain's best loved actors and theatrical icons, Brian has climbed Everest, trekked to the North Pole and written numerous books. He is here to share his passion for adventure and his larger than life experience of what it takes to get to the top of the world. In the **Compton Room**.

8.00 **Thursday Dinner** in the **Compton Room** (optional 80s fancy dress)
Sponsored by: **Onvu Learning**
Special guest: **Mike Lindup from Level 42**

Followed by the **ISA 80's Disco**
with live music from **Doctor and the Medics**



Carriages at midnight; the Cocktail Bar remains open for delegates

Friday

8.00 **Breakfast** in the **Garden Room**

8.30 **Coffee with Exhibitors**

9.00 **Annual General Meeting of the Association** in the **Compton Room**
(Full & Honorary Members only)

This morning's sessions will be hosted by Jeff Shaw, ISA Trustee

9.30 **Keynote** **Becoming an Outstanding Communicator in the World of Education Or "How to Persuade Anyone to do Anything (well, almost)"**

Lee Warren is an expert in behavioural persuasion and influential communication, blending psychology, sales and magic to help headteachers to appreciate the secrets to becoming an outstanding communicator.

- 10.30 **Coffee with Exhibitors**
- 11.00 **Keynote** **Headteachers, Decision-making and Leadership: a Neuroscience Perspective**
- Araceli Camargo** is a cognitive neuroscientist who looks at the mechanics behind human behaviour for problem solving and innovative thinking. This interactive session reveals the tangible effects of one's biological and mental states on decision making and explores coping strategies for leaders.
- 12.00 **Comfort Break**
- 12.15 **Keynote** **The Future of Independent School Inspections**
- Kate Richards**, Chief Inspector at the Independent Schools Inspectorate, shares her vision for independent school inspections.
- Kate will kindly offer 15-minute, 1:1 inspection workshops with ISA Members from 1.45 PM to 3PM – to book, email: inspections@isaschools.org.uk
- 1.15 **Lunch with Exhibitors (Jevington and Silverdale Rooms)**
- This afternoon's sessions will be hosted by Claire Osborn, ISA Vice-Chair*
- 2.00 **Creative Keynote** **The ISA Arts Showcase**
- A selection of winning children from the National **Dance, Drama** and **Shakespeare Monologues** competitions showcase their talents.
- 3.00 **ISA Update** **ISA and Nepal: Educational Understanding and Co-operation**
- In 2018, ISA signed a memorandum of understanding with PABSON, Nepal, to promote international understanding and fellowship. Our special guest, **Niroj Maharjan** introduces us to the work of private schools in Nepal, their challenges and triumphs.
- 3.15 **Tea with Exhibitors**
- 3.45 **Keynote** **The Creative Imperative in Our Schools**
- Joe Nutt**, educational consultant and author, reminds us that creativity is the lifeblood of schools and we neglect this at huge cost to the country.
- 4.45 **Prize Draw** **ISA's Conference Exhibitors** provide delegates with the opportunity to pick up prizes, including the draw for the **ISA Exhibition Sweep**
- 6.15 **Conference Photograph** ISA Members, Guests and Secretariat on the **Western Lawn** (alternative venue to be announced in the case of inclement weather)

7.00 **Annual Dinner** in the **Drawing Room**
Drinks Reception Sponsored by: **MTM Consulting**



7.30 **The ISA** in the **Compton Room**
Annual Dinner Sponsored by: **Uni Admissions**
(black tie) Magic from **Steve Faulkner**

Followed by the **ISA Vegas Casino**
With **Live Music** from **Guy Phethean**
and **Jennifer Phillips**



Saturday

8.00 **Breakfast** in the **Garden Room**

9.15 **Local** **Meet in Reception** to join ISA colleagues for a choice of:
Activities 1. Tour of the **Towner Art Collection** at the Towner Art Gallery
2. Walk on **Beachy Head**, one of Britain's most iconic and important
landscapes
3. **Power boat trip** to Beachy Head from Sovereign Harbour

12.30 **Lunch** **The End of the Conference at the End of the Pier!**
Join colleagues and friends for Fish and Chips on Eastbourne Pier in the
Ocean Suite (1km walk, 15 minutes from *The Grand Hotel*)

Post-Conference

2.30 **Meeting** General Purposes Committee (ISA Committee Chairs and
Honorary Officers) in the **Great Hall**