

Practical Strategies

21 September 2023
The Royal Society

VWV's
Independent Schools Conference



Programme

9.30 Arrival & Registration

9.50 Chairman's Introduction & Welcome

Barney Northover - VWV

10.00 Keynote 1: Preparing for political change

Julie Robinson - ISC

10.25 Keynote 2: Stronger together: a case study in school mergers

Antony Spencer, Mill Hill Schools Foundation

11.00 Breakout Session 1

AM1 Models of Best Practice

Barney Northover and Sian Champkin, VWV

AM2 Digital Governance in the AI age

Mark Steed, Steed Consulting

AM3 Trade Union Recognition and what it might mean for your School?

Chloe Grobler, HR Director at Cheltenham Ladies College and Alice Reeve, VWV

11.40 Refreshment Break

12.00 Breakout Session 2

AM4 Understanding the risks to schools in a changing market and embracing opportunities for growth

Arun Kanwar and Ali Hinds, Cairneagle

AM5 How to oversee on line safety effectively

David Wright, CEO of the South West Grid for Learning & Director of the UK Safer Internet Centre

12.40 Lunch

1.30 Keynote 3: The Good, Bad and Ugly of AI in Schools

Tom Thacker (Chief Education Officer at Century Tech)

2.00 Keynote 4: Getting the balance right - panel session on neurodiversity in schools

Leo Davidson, barrister at 11KBW, Jake Runacres, author of the National Autistic Society's Education Report 2023 and Dr Dinah Aitken from the Salvesen Mindroom Centre. Chaired by Tabitha Cave, VWV

2.50 Breakout Session 3

PM6 The cost performance challenge: how to run schools more efficiently without compromising pupil outcomes or the school brand

Nikki Miller and Simon Bevan VWV and John Murphie, ISBA

PM7 What does AI mean for the future of teaching and how should this shape your School's strategy?

Gary Henderson, IT Director, Millfield & member of the ISC's Digital Strategy Group and Naseem Nabi, VWV

3.30 Move into main room

3.35 Questions for the Panel and Chair's closing remarks

4.00 Tea & Close / Drop in session - Members of the VWV team will be available to answer any questions delegates may have on topics covered in the day or beyond.