



Draft Programme

Saturday 12 May 2018

- 12:45-13:45 UK Education and Assessment Update – GL Education (optional pre-conference seminar)
- 13:45-14:45 EdTech Trends for Primary Schools / EdTech Trends for Secondary Schools – two speed dating sessions run by InnovateMySchool (optional pre-conference session)

15:00-15:20	COBIS Annual Conference Opens – Welcome
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- 15:20-16:10 **Opening Plenary – Think Like An Artist**
Will Gompertz, BBC Arts Editor
- 16:15-17:15 COBIS UK Ltd Annual General Meeting
- 18:30-22:30 Welcome Reception and Dinner – sponsored by ManageBac

Sunday 13 May 2018

- 7:30-8:15 **Early Morning Session – Bliss for Breakfast – Hypnotherapy and deep relaxation for teachers and learners**
Desmond O'Connor, Educational Psychologist
- 8:15 Exhibition opens
- 9:00-9:20 Welcome and COBIS Briefing
- 9:20-10:20 **Plenary Session – Youth Mental Health**
Natasha Devon MBE, Body Image and Mental Health Campaigner
Dick Moore, The Charlie Waller Memorial Trust
- 9:30-10:10 Exhibitor and Supporting Member Workshop
Networking 101
Mike Southon, Business Development Director, Schoolwear International Ltd
- 10:20-11:00 Exhibition and Break
- 11:00-12:10 Morning Break-Out Sessions
- What Does a Mentally Healthy School Look Like?*
Dick Moore, The Charlie Waller Memorial Trust
 - Relevant and Meaningful Early Years Assessment in the 21st Century*
Jan Dubiel, International Development Manager, Early Excellence
 - Preparing for COBIS Patron's Accreditation and Compliance*
Peter Simpson, Director of Accreditation, COBIS
 - Challenge without conflict. How Governors can challenge school leaders positively to achieve best outcomes for learners*
Judith Green, International Leadership and Governance Consultant, Veema Education
 - Women in Leadership*
Pauline O'Brien, Director of Career & Recruitment Services, CIS and Emily Rankin, Deputy

Head Teaching & Learning and Upper School, The English College in Prague, and Regional Lead @WomenEdCzech

6. *How Virtual Reality is transforming how children learn*

Mark Steed, Director, JESS Dubai

7. *Live and Real-Time! You Have Seven Seconds for Your Website to Deliver. Find out if it does.*

Max Eisl, Director Sales International, and Red Abbott, Manager of Consulting Services Finalsite

12:10-13:10 Lunch with Exhibitors

13:10-13:55 **Plenary Session – Personalisation of Learning – An inevitability or a superficial fad?**

Tim Oates CBE, Group Director of Assessment Research and Development, Cambridge Assessment

13:15-14:00 Exhibitor and Supporting Member Development Workshop

Jamie Ralph, Communications Officer and Natalie Williams, Membership Officer, COBIS

14:00-14:10 **Plenary Session – COBIS Safeguarding Update**

COBIS Safeguarding Committee

14:15-15:15 Afternoon Break-Out Sessions

1. *Best practice in school safeguarding*

COBIS Safeguarding Committee

2. *Pathways to Excellence: Rethinking professional learning networks (PLNs) to recruit, develop and retain outstanding staff for outstanding schools*

Liz Free, Director, International Leadership Academy; Paul Topping, Head Teacher, Senior School Voorschoten; Sue Aspinall, Head Teacher, Junior School Vlaskamp, The British School in The Netherlands

3. *Future Directions: Where next for schools and teaching?*

Jonathan Noakes, Dragonfly Trainer and Director of the Tony Little Centre for Innovation and Research in Learning

4. *The BRIT School: Pioneering arts education and nurturing talent*

Kirsty Mehta, Deputy Principal, The BRIT School for Performing Arts and Technology

5. *Leading for world class learning: What successful school leaders do to maximise pupil learning and progress*

Karen Ardley, Lead Consultant, Karen Ardley Associates

6. *Improve learning outcomes with engaging and immersive educational experiences*

Michael Donck, HP EMEA Immersive Computing Lead

7. *How to build a school culture to support positive mental health and wellbeing in young people*

Nicola Lambros, Deputy Head, King's College Madrid

15:15-15:50 Exhibition and Break

15:50-16:50 **Plenary Session – Leading Learning Beyond the Classroom**

Short presentations on a range of opportunities for students beyond the classroom. Claire Lynch, Senior Global Business Manager, The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award Foundation; Rukayyah Yussuf, former Outward Bound participant; Kerensa Jennings, Director, Office of HRH The Duke of York, KG (iDEA – Inspiring Digital Enterprise Award); COBIS Science Awards; COBIS Student Events.

16:50-17:00 Round-Up, Thank You and Close

17:00-17:45 Wine Reception with Exhibitors

Monday 14 May 2018

7:30 **Early Morning Exhibitor Session – ISC Research: Data-driven solutions to support strategic marketing to British international schools**
Diane Glass, Nalini Cook, Richard Gaskell, ISC Research

8:15 Exhibition Opens

9:00-9:10 Welcome, COBIS Briefing, Presentations

9:10-9:40 **Plenary Session – COBIS Teacher Supply Research Update**
Presentation of the initial findings from the COBIS Teacher Supply Research

9:45-10:30 **Plenary Session – A Coaching Approach to Leadership**
Prof Christian van Nieuwerburgh, Professor of Coaching and Positive Psychology, University of East London

9:50-10:25 **Exhibitor and Supporting Member Workshop**
Education: The UK's Most Valuable Export?
Geoff Gladding, Sector Lead, Education Team, Department for International Trade

10:30-11:10 Exhibition and Break

11:10-12:15 Morning Break-Out Sessions

1. *Coaching in Islamic Culture*
Prof Christian van Nieuwerburgh, Professor of Coaching and Positive Psychology, University of East London
2. *How can international schools identify and respond to adults who pose a risk of harm to students?*
Katie Rigg, Associate and Jane Foster, Consultant, Safeguarding Unit, Farrer & Co
3. *Assessment data for leadership: How school leaders are driving improvement through effective use of assessment data*
Panel chaired by James Neill, International Director, GL Education Group
4. *Leading International Learning with the British Council*
Robert Ford, Principal, Wyedean School and Sixth Form Centre
5. *The Changing Face of SEN in the International Sector*
Samantha Garner, Director, Garner Education Services Ltd
6. *Rethinking Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2: Redesigning Education from the Foundations Up*
Kai Vacher, Principal, British School Muscat
7. *Challenging Assumptions and Perceived Wisdoms in Leadership*
Paul Seedhouse, Academic Director, The British Schools Foundation

12:15-13:15 Lunch with Exhibitors

13:15-13:45 **Plenary Session – International Excellence**
Graham Stuart MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Department for International Trade
COBIS Patron's Accreditation Update

13:45-14:00 **Plenary Session – International Schools Market Update**
Richard Gaskell, Director of International Schools, ISC Research

- 14:10-15:00 COBIS Conversations – Regional Discussion Groups
- 15:00-15:30 Exhibition and Break
- 15:30-16:20 **Plenary Session – The Secrets Behind the Success of the World’s Education Superpowers**
*Lucy Crehan, International Education Consultant and Author of *Cleverlands**
- 16:20-16:45 Thank You and Conference Close
- 18:30-19:30 37th COBIS Annual Reception
- 19:30-22:30 37th COBIS Annual Dinner – sponsored by CENTURY Tech