

40th COBIS Annual Conference Programme

Connect, Reflect, and Explore

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All recorded sessions will be available to all attendees (both in person and virtual) via the conference platform.

Saturday 7 May 2022

Time (UK time)	IN PERSON PROGRAMME	VIRTUAL PROGRAMME
13:30-14:30	What's Happened with Learning and Grades? Recent Trends and Implications for 2022 <i>(optional pre-conference seminar)</i> <i>Hosted by GL Education</i>	
15:00-15:20	COBIS Annual Conference Opens – WELCOME	
15:20-16:10	PLENARY SESSION – Connectedness in Leadership: Courage in moving forward <i>Diana Osagie, Founder of Courageous Leadership and The Academy of Women's Leadership</i>	
18:30-21:30	Welcome Reception and Dinner – Sponsored by Tes	

Sunday 8 May 2022

Time (UK time)	IN PERSON PROGRAMME	VIRTUAL PROGRAMME
07:30-08:30		ONLINE BREAK-OUT SESSIONS
		A New Model for Talent Management in Schools <i>Mark Steed, Principal and CEO, Kellett School, Hong Kong</i>
		Listening to the Future: Empowering Bilingual Voices <i>Helen McCann, Assistant Head of Junior High, Wellington College Hangzhou</i>
08:15	EXHIBITION OPENS	
09:00-09:15	Welcome and COBIS Briefing	
09:15-09:35	PLENARY SESSION – Future of Education: Interim Findings from The Times Education Commission <i>Rachel Sylvester, Chair, The Times Education Commission</i>	
09:35-10:30	PLENARY SESSION – Panel: Where Next for Education? <i>Panel chaired by Jim Knight, The Rt Hon Lord Knight of Weymouth</i>	

09:35-10:10	Exhibitor and Supporting Associate Workshop – The International School Market Data that Matters <i>Kim Lynch, Business Development Manager, ISC Research</i>	
10:30-11:05	Exhibition and Break Informal meet-up: New School Members, New Heads, and First-Time Conference Attendees from schools are invited to an informal meet-up with members of the COBIS Board	
11:05-12:10	MORNING BREAK OUT SESSIONS	
	Being 10% Braver: Harnessing the Potential of Women in International Education <i>Liz Free, Vivienne Porritt OBE, Keziah Featherstone, Parmjeet Plummer, #WomenED Global Strategic Leads</i>	
	Reinventing Strategic Planning for Schools <i>Ewan McIntosh, CEO, NoTosh</i>	
	The Future of Assessment and Qualifications: Bridges and Ladders, not Rigid Tracks <i>Hayley White, Director of Assessment, Pearson Schools Qualifications</i>	
	Combating Perceptions of Elitism through Community Integration <i>Jonathan Warner, Headmaster, British School of Ulaanbaatar</i>	Educational Excellence: The Importance of School Culture <i>Dr Ahmed Hussain, Chief Education Officer, AISL Harrow International</i>
	How to Create a Coaching Culture in your School <i>Nicholas McKie, Director and Associate Professor, Persyou Ltd;</i> Learning Talk: Exploring Five Steps to Create a Coaching Culture to Support Professional Growth in your School <i>Kai Vacher, Principal, British School Muscat and British School Salalah</i>	Connect, Reflect, and Explore – Three School Case Studies: Enhancing Student Achievement through Deep Learning <i>Dr Kehinde Nwani, Founder/CEO, Meadow Hall School;</i> Reflections on the Impacts of COVID-19 on SEND Pupils in International Schools <i>Sarah Sener, Student Support Coordinator, The British Embassy School Ankara;</i> A Whole School Culture of Care <i>Dan Batson, Deputy Head Teacher Curriculum, British School of Bucharest</i>
	Digital Tools to Drive School Enrolment, Engagement and Retention <i>Max Eisl, Director of Sales International, Finalsite</i>	Building a Bulletproof Careers & Higher Education Programme at your School <i>Greg Brown, Area Manager for the Middle East and Nick Weir, Head of International School Partnerships, Unifrog; Ross Marshall, Year 12 Leader, British School Muscat</i>
12:10-13:10	LUNCH WITH EXHIBITORS	VIRTUAL PRODUCT SHOWCASES
13:10-13:45	PLENARY SESSION – Climate Change: the Science, Impacts and Urgency <i>Professor Martin Siegert, Co-Director, The Grantham Institute for Climate Change, Imperial College London</i>	
13:45-14:15	PLENARY SESSION – If, Despite, Regardless, Because: Conditionality and the Transinclusive School <i>Matthew Savage, International Education Consultant, Savage Education</i>	

13:15-14:00	ConnectED for Exhibitors and Supporting Associates	
14:20-15:20	AFTERNOON BREAK OUT SESSIONS	
	Contextual Safeguarding Mapping <i>Emily Konstantas, CEO, The Safeguarding Alliance</i>	
	Grow, Perform, Succeed - Redefining Staff Development <i>Jan Steel, Principal – Outcomes and Standards, and Joanne Standing, Deputy Head Teacher – Learning & Teaching, Gems Wellington International School; Developing Inspirational Middle Leaders to Promote Continuous School Improvement</i> <i>David Tongue, Principal/CEO, St George’s British International School, Rome</i>	
	Climate Change Education: Food for Thought <i>Verity Jones, Associate Professor, University of the West of England, Bristol</i>	
	“Sometimes You’re Robert Duvall”.... and Other Aphorisms for Leadership <i>Facilitated by Patrick Horne, Principal, The British International School Abu Dhabi</i>	Community Wellbeing is Central to School Life, not a Bolt-On Extra: Innovative Approaches to Wellbeing in COBIS Schools. <i>Panel of COBIS schools chaired by Gary Minnitt, Director of Accreditation, COBIS</i>
ConnectED – Supporting Transition to Higher Education	Student Showcase Debate: This House believes that summative assessment is more beneficial than formative assessment for student learning. <i>Finalists from the COBIS Virtual Debate Competition in association with Debate Mate; English International College, Marbella; GEMS Wellington International School, Dubai</i>	
		The Impact of Covid-19: Reflections and Aspects of the School Experience <i>Alison Rodrigues, Head of Cambridge International Research Hub</i>
15:20-15:50	EXHIBITION AND BREAK	
15:50-16:50	PLENARY SESSION – Panel: Future of Assessment <i>Panel chaired by Priya Lakhani OBE, Founder CEO, CENTURY Tech</i>	
16:50-17:00	Student Showcase: Virtual Music Competition Winners	
17:00-17:10	Round-Up, Thank You and Close	
17:10-18:00	Wine Reception with Exhibitors	

Monday 9 May 2022

Time (UK time)	IN PERSON PROGRAMME	VIRTUAL PROGRAMME
07:30-08:30		ONLINE BREAK OUT SESSIONS
		'Connecting to Increase Reflection and Explore Best-Practice'. A Relationship-Based Approach to Team Improvement <i>Cam Maunder, Head of Junior School, Rong Qiao Sedbergh School</i>
		Inclusive Leadership: How to Benefit from all the Voices

		<i>Naima Charlier, Director of Teaching and Learning, Nord Anglia International School Hong Kong and Kate Erricker, Assistant Director of Curriculum, Nord Anglia Education</i>
08:15	EXHIBITION OPENS	
09:00-09:40	WELCOME AND PLENARY SESSION – COBIS Research and Strategic Updates	
09:40-10:15	PLENARY SESSION – Leadership With A Bang <i>Katharine Birbalsingh CBE, Headmistress and co-founder, Michaela Community School and Chair, Social Mobility Commission</i>	
09:25-10:00	Exhibitor and Supporting Associate Workshop – International Export Update <i>Vipul Bhargava, International Schools, Early Years and Education Technology Specialist, Department for International Trade</i>	
10:20-10:55	EXHIBITION AND BREAK Informal meet-up: An informal meet-up with members of the COBIS Accreditation team (for schools that have been through, are working towards, or are considering Patron’s Accreditation, Peer Accreditors, and Lead Improvement Partners).	VIRTUAL ROUNDTABLE – Student Wellbeing
11:00-12:10	MORNING BREAK OUT SESSIONS	
	Has There Ever Been a Better Time to Review How and What you Assess? <i>Rachel Rogers, International Manager and Bernadetta Brzyska, Head of Research, GL Education; Stuart Kime, Co-founder & Director, Evidence Based Education</i>	
	Upwards and Onwards: Working Effectively with your Board <i>Keith Clark, Head of International Appointments and Chris Edwards, Senior Advisor, RSAcademics</i>	
	Building a Resilient, Adaptable Community <i>Brian Cooklin, Managing Director, Nord Anglia Education, India; Three Enduring Lessons about Learning From the Pandemic</i> <i>Daniel Cowan, Head of Site, The British School of Rio de Janeiro</i>	
	CARE Coaching: Connecting, Affirming, Reflecting, Exploring <i>Dr David Porritt, Director, Karen Ardley Associates and Principal, Budapest British International School.</i>	How to Set up an Effective Early Help Service in International Schools <i>Nina Hartley, Child Protection & Safer Recruitment Advisor and Peter Lynch, Head of Wellbeing & DSL, Rugby School Thailand</i>
	Keeping Children Safe Online <i>James Lloyd, Deputy Headteacher and Heath Monk, CEO, The British School in The Netherlands</i>	Creating the Cultural Conditions for Belonging in your School <i>Hannah Wilson and Angie Browne, Diverse Educators</i>
Current Issues in University Admissions <i>Panel chaired by David Hawkins, Director/Founder, The University Guys</i>	How Can Teacher Training Meet the Needs of Post-Pandemic Education? <i>Panel chaired by Dan Worth, Tes international editor</i>	
12:10-13:10	LUNCH WITH EXHIBITORS	VIRTUAL PRODUCT SHOWCASES

13:10-13:30	PLENARY SESSION – Pandemic to Endemic: Data, Trends and Best Practice in British International Schools <i>Nalini Cook, Head of EMEA Research, ISC Research</i>	
13:35-14:00	PLENARY SESSION – Global Growth and Influence: The British International Education Sector <i>Graham Stuart, MP, COBIS Honorary Vice President</i>	
14:05-15:10	AFTERNOON BREAK OUT SESSIONS	
	Local to Global: Creating Engagement Pathways for an Inclusive School Culture <i>Dr Robert Power, Trainer, Dragonfly Training</i>	
	How We Can All Embrace a World Class Mentality <i>David Harkin, CEO, 8billionideas</i>	
	Inclusive by Design: from Aspiration to Reality <i>Kamal Bodhanker, Head of International Development, nasen</i>	
	International QTS - Opportunities for British International Schools to Support Development of High-Quality Teachers <i>Emma Hollis, Executive Director, NASBTT, Professor Lynne McKenna, Dean of the Faculty of Education and Society, University of Sunderland</i>	Connecting Learning: Exploring the Learning Journey from Early Years across the Curriculum <i>Phil Armstrong, Head of Regional Development South, East and International, Early Excellence</i>
	Be a Game Changer with DICE <i>Elfyn Jones, Innovation Lead, Daniel O'Hara, STEAM Coordinator, and Aimee Middleton, Primary Leader of Innovation, Nord Anglia International School Dubai</i> Divers versus Thrivers – What do Successful Students do Differently? <i>Steven Oakes, Head of Sixth Form, Hartland International School</i>	Student Agency & Making a Difference <i>Barry Dequanne, School Director, International School of Zug and Luzern</i>
	ConnectED – Wellbeing of School Leaders	Developments, Trends and Insights in the International Education Sector <i>MacKenzie Murray, SVP, Systems, Faria Education Group</i>
15:10-15:35	EXHIBITION AND BREAK	
15:35-16:20	PLENARY SESSION – Connect, Reflect, and Explore: The Power of Professional Learning Cultures <i>Tom Sherrington, education consultant and author</i>	
16:20-16:30	THANK YOU AND CONFERENCE CLOSE	
18:30-19:15	40th COBIS Annual Reception	
19:15-22:00	40th COBIS Annual Dinner, sponsored by Unifrog <i>Formal dress: Black tie and national dress optional</i>	