

41st COBIS Annual Conference Programme

Leading Learning for a New Paradigm

Draft Programme – Subject to change

Saturday 6 May 2023

Time (UK time)	
18:30-21:30	Welcome Reception and Dinner – Sponsored by Making Stuff Better Trafalgar Tavern

Sunday 7 May 2023

Time (UK time)	
08:15	EXHIBITION OPENS
09:00-09:25	Welcome and Opening Remarks * <i>Colin Bell, CEO and Trevor Rowell, Chairman</i>
09:30-10:25	PLENARY SESSION – Empowering Students for their Future * <i>Jim Knight, The Rt Hon Lord Knight of Weymouth, Chair Elect, COBIS; Panel of students from COBIS Schools</i>
10:30-11:05	Exhibition and Break <i>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</i>
11:05-12:10	MORNING BREAK OUT SESSIONS
	Learning about Leading - Preparing our Students for life beyond school [interactive] <i>Dr Rona Mackenzie, Director of Youth Leadership, IDG</i>
	A new kind of dialogue [interactive] <i>Nicholas McKie, Director, Persyou Ltd.</i>
	Navigating Safeguarding and Child Protection [interactive] <i>Rebekah Russell, Head of Senior School, British International School Riyadh</i>
	Disruption, disengagement and distraction: identifying and supporting the ‘at risk’ student [panel] * <i>Chair: Bernadetta Brzyska, Head of Research, GL Education</i>
	Upwards, Onwards & Beyond [facilitated discussion] <i>Chris Edwards, Senior Advisor, Keith Clark, Head of International Leadership Appointments, RSAcademics</i>
	The Power of Diversity [presentation] <i>Naima Charlier, Director of Equality, Diversity, Inclusion and Social Responsibility, Wellington College</i>
	No more seats at empty tables - voice, choice, belonging and wellbeing [presentation] <i>Kamal Bodhanker, Head of International Development, nasen</i>
	COBIS Accreditation: How the process can support and enhance your school development [panel] <i>Chair: Gary Minnitt, Director of Accreditation, COBIS</i>
12:10-13:10	LUNCH WITH EXHIBITORS
13:10-14:10	PLENARY SESSION – Education for the 21st Century, in an age of A.I. * <i>Charles Fadel, Founder & Chairman, Center for Curriculum Redesign</i>
13:15-14:00	Connected for Exhibitors and Supporting Associates
14:20-15:20	AFTERNOON BREAK OUT SESSIONS
	Human Learning + Machine Learning = Intelligence Augmentation [facilitated discussion] <i>Charles Fadel, Founder & Chairman, Center for Curriculum Redesign</i>

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	The Wellbeing Conundrum [interactive] <i>Stephen Priest, Principal, British International School of Tbilisi</i>
	How are pedagogical decisions being made at international schools? [panel] * <i>Chair: Olivia Roth, Director of School Evaluation & Development, Council of International Schools</i>
	Nurturing Belonging – A Systemic View [interactive] <i>Naomi Ward, Head of Learning, Making Stuff Better</i>
	The Spirit Curriculum [presentation] <i>Tom Duckling, Deputy School Director, Aiglon College</i>
	Pastoral Care and Lifeskills/PSHE provision in our rapidly changing world [interactive] <i>Sarah Samanyika, Headteacher, St Andrew's International School, Malawi</i>
	They made it through high school, so now what? [presentation] <i>Ciara Newby, Director of University Engagement, CIALFO; Eleanor Parker, Head of Learning Development, King's College London</i>
	What School leaders need to know and do to protect their schools from a Cyberattack [presentation] <i>Mark Steed, Principal and CEO, Kellett School, Hong Kong</i>
	2023 EdTech Trends and what they mean for you [presentation] <i>Glaucia Rosas, Director, The EduTec Alliance</i>
15:20-15:50	EXHIBITION AND BREAK
15:50-16:45	PLENARY SESSION – Positive Strategies to Support Student Mental Health and Wellbeing – Panel * <i>Matthew Savage (Chair), International Education Consultant, Savage Education; Dr Sadie Hollins, Creator and Editor, Wellbeing in International Schools Magazine; Dr Kathy Weston, Head of Research, Tooled Up Education, John Maguire, Executive Headmaster, The British School of Bahrain</i>
16:45-17:00	Round-Up, Thank You and Close
17:00-18:00	Wine Reception with Exhibitors

Monday 8 May 2023

Time (UK time)	
07:30-08:10	Rise n Shine Yoga Flow <i>Led by Deniece Wheeler (suitable for all ability levels)</i>
08:15	EXHIBITION OPENS
09:00-09:20	WELCOME
09:20-10:20	PLENARY SESSION – Turning Adversity to Your Advantage ** <i>Frank Gardner, BBC Security Correspondent</i>
10:20-10:55	EXHIBITION AND BREAK Informal meet-up: <i>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).</i>
11:00-12:10	MORNING BREAK OUT SESSIONS
	An innovative and successful approach to address online safety and wellbeing [performance] <i>Dr Sharon Williams, Artistic Director, N-Act Theatre in Schools CIC</i>
	Recognising Student Social-Emotional Skills using Digital Badges [interactive] <i>Dr Leila Khouja Walker, Co-Founder and Chief Product Officer, Persona Education and Meredith Reeve, Head of Next Generation Assessment, Pearson</i>
	Initial Teacher Training, iQTS, and mentor development in the international market [panel]

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	<p><i>Ian Hunter, Global Director, Tes Institute (Chair); Professor Samantha Twiselton, Director, Sheffield Institute of Education; Kirsty Perry, iQTS, International Teacher Recruitment Unit, Department for Education; Dionne Ross, Associate Head of School, University of Sunderland</i></p> <p>Leading Learning about Governance – lessons learned in the move to a new paradigm through the pandemic [panel] <i>Dr Helen Wright, Chair, The British School of Amsterdam; Taheer Saiyad, Governor, St Julian's School; Eni Ogon, Proprietor and Governor, Broadoaks British School, Nigeria; Dominic Myers, former Chair of Governors, British School Muscat</i></p> <p>Time to drop extra curricular – time to talk critical curriculum [presentation] * <i>David Harkin, Founder & CEO, 8billionideas</i></p> <p>Nurturing Adaptable Learners: A Biophilic Approach [presentation] <i>Angela L Fubler, Founder, CEO, Chatmore British International School and Rosina Dorelli, Co-founder and Director at Biophilic Education Institute & Da Vinci Life-Skills Curriculum</i></p> <p>Innovating Through Being – a spiral of discovery and curriculum for wisdom and wellbeing [presentation] <i>Dave Strudwick, Head of Education, Lab of Misfits, founder of School for Inspiring Talents, author and former school leader</i></p> <p>Building Quality Assurance Systems from the ground up [interactive] <i>Claire Waller, Head of School, and Gioia Wagener, Assistant Head, British School in The Netherlands</i></p>
12:10-13:10	LUNCH WITH EXHIBITORS
13:10-13:30	<p>PLENARY SESSION – The British Educational Brand Abroad: What's Driving Today's Growth * <i>Leigh Webb, CEO, ISC Research</i></p>
13:30-14:10	<p>PLENARY SESSION – New Paradigm Approaches to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion * <i>Angela Browne, Director, Being Luminary</i></p>
14:15-15:15	<p>AFTERNOON BREAK OUT SESSIONS</p> <p>COBIS versus the rest of the world: using big data to see how COBIS schools stack up against the rest and answer the big questions in education [presentation] * <i>Priya Lakhani, Founder CEO, CENTURY Tech</i></p> <p>Empathy is now the most vital skill we can develop in our students - here's how to do it! [presentation] <i>Ed Kirwan, CEO and Founder, Empathy Week</i></p> <p>Leading Ethically in Times of Change [presentation] <i>Sajid Gulzar, CEO, Prince Albert Community Trust</i></p> <p>'Finders, keepers!' - Identifying the best school leaders in a challenging world, and even more importantly - retaining them [presentation] <i>Anthony Millard, Chair, Anthony Millard Consulting</i></p> <p>Creating Connections, Developing the Climate & Curriculum for the Emerging World [interactive] <i>Claire Nuttall, Headteacher, Primary, Dr Christian Barkei, Principal, Ludmilla Pillay, Deputy Headteacher, St George's International School, Luxembourg</i></p> <p>Generation Z have arrived. Are you ready? [presentation] <i>Simon O'Connor, Chief of Education, Deira International School</i></p> <p>Future Proof Your School - Digital Tools to Recruit Families and Faculty [presentation] <i>Liz Allen, Sales Consultant, Global, Finalsite</i></p> <p>Does the EYFS framework suitably prepare our students for a rapidly changing future? [presentation] <i>Samantha Steed, Head of School, Kowloon Bay Prep, Kellett School, Hong Kong</i></p> <p>Brain Building in the Early Years [interactive]</p>

	<p><i>Matthew Silvester, Head of the International Early Years Curriculum, The International Curriculum Association</i></p> <p>Hybrid Learning and the Future of Global Education [presentation] <i>Ruxandra Mercea, Director, Transylvania College; Daniel Emmerson, Head of School, Spark</i></p> <p>Demystifying the Science of Learning [interactive] <i>Javier Arguello, Executive Director, COGx</i></p>
15:15-15:40	EXHIBITION AND BREAK
15:40-16:30	<p>PLENARY SESSION – Redesigning International Education for a New Paradigm <i>Interactive discussion facilitated by: Priya Lakhani, Founder CEO, CENTURY Tech; Kai Vacher, Principal, British School Muscat</i></p>
16:30-16:40	THANK YOU AND CONFERENCE CLOSE
18:30-19:15	41st COBIS Annual Reception
19:15-22:00	<p>41st COBIS Annual Dinner, sponsored by Tes <i>In special recognition of Trevor Rowell, for his years of service to COBIS</i> <i>Formal dress: Black tie and national dress optional</i></p>