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LEADERS' CONFERENCE 2025

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# Event Agenda

BSME Annual School Leaders' Conference 2025

## Tuesday, 28th January 2025

10:30 AM - 1:00 PM	Partner Registration & Exhibition Set-Up Location: <a href="#">Exhibition Area</a>
12:30 PM - 2:00 PM	BSME Executive Committee Meeting Location: <a href="#">Al Futaisi</a>
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Open Exhibition & Lunch/Refreshments Location: <a href="#">Exhibition Area</a>
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Preparing to Run ECT Induction Following BSO Accreditation Location: <a href="#">Yas Meeting Room</a>
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM	BSME Country Reps Meeting Location: <a href="#">Al Futaisi</a>
5:30 PM - 6:00 PM	School Registration & Exhibition Viewing Location: <a href="#">Exhibition Reception</a>
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Sunset Sips and Beach Bites   Welcome Reception Location: <a href="#">Grand Staircase</a>

## Wednesday, 29th January 2025

7:00 AM - 7:30 AM	Rise and Shine Yoga Location: <a href="#">Organic Garden Lawn</a> Host: <a href="#">Deniece Wheeler</a>
8:00 AM - 8:30 AM	School Registration & Exhibition Viewing
8:30 AM - 9:00 AM	Conference Opening   Welcome & Introductions Location: <a href="#">Main Ballroom</a> Speakers: <a href="#">Debra Forsyth</a> , <a href="#">Mark Leppard MBE</a> , <a href="#">Grant van der Kruk - Schoolbox   Platinum Sponsor</a> , <a href="#">Ed Hobart CMG - HM Ambassador to the UAE</a>
9:00 AM - 9:45 AM	Session 1   Keynote   Juggernaut Thinking Location: <a href="#">Main Ballroom</a> Speaker: <a href="#">Diana Osagie</a>
9:45 AM - 10:30 AM	Session 2   Workshops <div><div>Juggernaut Thinking - A Deeper Dive Location: <a href="#">Main Ballroom</a> Speaker: <a href="#">Diana Osagie</a></div><div>Bridging the Gap Between Research and Classroom Practice Location: <a href="#">Al Reem   Room Sponsored by Research Box</a> Speakers: <a href="#">Emily Ellington</a>, <a href="#">Sally Franklin</a></div><div>Crafting Your School Brand Location: <a href="#">Sir Baniyas   Room Sponsored by Finalsite</a> Speaker: <a href="#">Elizabeth Allen</a></div><div>Strategies for EAL Learner Success Location: <a href="#">Saadiyat   Room Sponsored by Widgit</a> Speaker: <a href="#">Sue White</a></div></div>
10:30 AM - 11:00 AM	Exhibition Viewing & Refreshments Location: <a href="#">Exhibition Area</a>



11:00 AM - 11:45 AM	<p>Session 3   Workshops</p> <p>Authentic and Resilient Leadership Location: Main Ballroom Speaker: Diana Osagie</p> <p>Navigating Generative AI: Consensus, Strategy and Transformative Action Location: Al Reem   Room Sponsored by Research Box Speakers: Michael Torrington</p> <p>Beyond Doughnuts: Strategies for Fuelling Staff Wellbeing and Retention Location: Sir Baniyas   Room Sponsored by Finals site Speaker: Gaynor Dale, Megha Jootla</p> <p>Belonging in the Anxious Generation: The Foundation of Learning Location: Saadiyat   Room Sponsored by Widgit Speaker: Emma Pickering</p>
11:45 AM - 12:30 PM	<p>Session 4   Keynote   BSME Safeguarding and Best Practice Location: Main Ballroom Speaker: Fiona Cottam</p>
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM	<p>Lunch Sponsored by Zaks &amp; Exhibition Viewing Location: Exhibition Area</p>
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM	<p>New Heads Lunch Location: Al Reem   Room Sponsored by Research Box</p>
1:30 PM - 1:45 PM	<p>BSME Annual Photograph Location: Main Ballroom</p>
1:45 PM - 3:00 PM	<p>Session 5   Round Table Discussions Location: Main Ballroom</p>
3:00 PM - 3:45 PM	<p>Session 6   Workshops</p> <p>To Be Confirmed Location: Main Ballroom Speaker: Dr. Neil Hopkin</p> <p>Redefining School Leadership   Why We Should Be Paying More Attention To Complexity Location: Al Reem   Room Sponsored by Research Box Speaker: Nick Hart</p> <p>To Be Confirmed Location: Sir Baniyas   Room Sponsored by Finals site Speaker: To Be Confirmed</p> <p>Redefining Education Through Connections Location: Saadiyat   Room Sponsored by Widgit Speaker: Grant Van Der Kruk, Lee Hole</p>
3:45 PM - 4:15 PM	<p>Exhibition Viewing &amp; Refreshments Location: Exhibition Area</p>
4:15 PM - 5:15 PM	<p>Session 7   Business Session, BSME AGM &amp; UK Updates (School Members Only) Location: Main Ballroom</p>
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	<p>Clink and Connect Drinks   Sponsored by Zenda Location: Organic Garden</p>
8:00 PM - 10:00 PM	<p>BSME Grill and Groove   Sponsored by UBIQ Location: Falcon Lawn</p>



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## Thursday, 30th January 2025

7:00 AM - 7:30 AM	<p>Rise and Shine Yoga Location: Organic Garden Lawn Host: Emma Shanahan</p>
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	<p>Workplace Wellness Breakfast</p> <p>What Everyone Needs To Know About Menopause: Supporting Women, Empowering Schools Location: Al Reem   Room Sponsored by Research Box Speaker: Helen Wales</p> <p>The Myth That Kills Men Location: Sir Baniyas   Room Sponsored by Finals site Speaker: Ryan Parke</p>
8:30 AM - 9:00 AM	<p>Exhibition Viewing &amp; Refreshments Location: Exhibition Area</p>
9:00 AM - 9:45 AM	<p>Session 1   Keynote   Futures-Focused Leadership for International Schools Location: Main Ballroom Speaker: Matt Hall</p>
9:45 AM - 10:30 AM	<p>Session 2   Workshops</p> <p>Title To Be Confirmed Location: Main Ballroom Speaker: Matt Hall</p> <p>Transformational Leadership: How to Motivate and Inspire Location: Al Reem   Room Sponsored by Research Box Speaker: Matt Hire</p> <p>Unlocking Potential: Values Driven Goals for Student Success Location: Sir Baniyas   Room Sponsored by Finals site Speaker: Jon Ford</p> <p>Reforming Professional Growth and Pathways Location: Saadiyat   Room Sponsored by Widgit Speaker: Mark Ryan</p>
10:30 AM - 11:00 AM	<p>Exhibition Viewing &amp; Refreshments Location: Exhibition Area</p>
11:00 AM - 11:45 AM	<p>Session 3   Panel Discussion Location: Main Ballroom</p>
11:45 AM - 12:30 PM	<p>Session 4   Workshops</p> <p>Envisioning the Teaching Workforce of Tomorrow Location: Main Ballroom Speakers: Mark Leppard MBE, Ed Richardson, Ian Hunter, Gaynor Dale</p> <p>A Future Ready Curriculum Location: Al Reem   Room Sponsored by Research Box Speaker: Nat Dickinson</p> <p>Transforming Leadership with AI Location: Sir Baniyas   Room Sponsored by Finals site Speaker: Alex Gray</p> <p>Suicide and Schools - Myths, Support and Interventions Location: Saadiyat   Room Sponsored by Widgit Speaker: George Peterkin</p>



<b>12:30 PM - 1:30 PM</b>	Meat Free Lunch Sponsored by Zerogram & Exhibition Viewing <a href="#">Location: Exhibition Area</a>
<b>1:30 PM - 2:15 PM</b>	Session 5   Keynote   Bridging the Gap Between Education and the 'Real World' <a href="#">Location: Main Ballroom</a> Speakers: Jan Stipek, Simon O'Connor, Alex Gray, Nat Dickinson, Jon Ford
<b>1:30 PM - 2:15 PM</b>	Partner Business Session <a href="#">Location: Al Reem   Room Sponsored by Research Box</a>
<b>2:15 PM - 3:00 PM</b>	Session 6   Workshops <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Learning Design for Challenge Based Learning <a href="#">Location: Main Ballroom</a> Speaker: Raya Bidshari</li> <li>Redefining School Leadership <a href="#">Location: Al Reem   Room Sponsored by Research Box</a> Speaker: Sajid Gulzar OBE</li> <li>Creating an Exceptional Learning Culture in a Changing Education Landscape <a href="#">Location: Sir Baniyas   Room Sponsored by Finals site</a> Speaker: Doug Pettitt</li> <li>CEAR (Centre for Education Action Research) Highlights <a href="#">Location: Saadiyat   Room Sponsored by Widgit</a> Speakers: Simon O'Connor, Abigail Gardiner, Rob McCall</li> </ul>
<b>3:00 PM - 3:30 PM</b>	Exhibition Viewing & Refreshments <a href="#">Location: Exhibition Area</a>
<b>3:30 PM - 4:15 PM</b>	Session 7   Keynote   Lessons from Leading an Innovative School <a href="#">Location: Main Ballroom</a> Speaker: Raya Bidshari
<b>4:15 PM - 4:30 PM</b>	Awards and Conference Closing <a href="#">Location: Main Ballroom</a> Speakers: Debra Forsyth, Mark Leppard MBE





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