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Tuesday, 28th January 2025

10:30 AM - 1:00 PM	Partner Registration & Exhibition Set-Up Location: Exhibition Area
12:30 PM - 2:00 PM	BSME Executive Committee Meeting Location: Al Futaisi
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Open Exhibition & Lunch/Refreshments Location: Exhibition Area
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Preparing to Run ECT Induction Following BSO Accreditation Location: Yas Meeting Room Host: Mark Bignell
2:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Leadership Speed Coaching Location: Saadiyat Room Sponsored by Widgit Host: Dr. Helen Wright
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM	BSME Country Reps Meeting Location: Al Futaisi
5:30 PM - 6:00 PM	School Registration & Exhibition Viewing Location: Exhibition Reception
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Sunset Sips and Beach Bites Welcome Reception Location: Grand Staircase

Wednesday, 29th January 2025

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

11:00 AM - 11:45 AM

Session 3 | Workshops

Authentic and Resilient Leadership

Location: Main Ballroom

Speaker: Diana Osagie

Navigating Generative AI: Consensus, Strategy and Transformative Action

Location: Al Reem | Room Sponsored by Research Box

Speaker: Michael Torrington

Beyond Doughnuts: Strategies for Fuelling Staff Wellbeing and Retention

Location: Sir Baniyas | Room Sponsored by Finalsite

Speaker: Gaynor Dale, Megha Jootla

Belonging in the Anxious Generation: The Foundation of Learning

Location: Saadiyat | Room Sponsored by Widgit

Speaker: Emma Pickering

11:45 AM - 12:30 PM

Session 4 | Keynote | BSME Safeguarding and Best Practice

Location: Main Ballroom

Speaker: Fiona Cottam

11:45 PM - 12:30 PM

Partner Clinic

Location: Al Reem

12:30 PM - 1:30 PM

Lunch Sponsored by Zaks & Exhibition Viewing

Location: Exhibition Area

12:30 PM - 1:30 PM

New Heads Lunch

Location: Al Reem | Room Sponsored by Research Box

1:30 PM - 1:45 PM

BSME Annual Photograph

Location: Main Ballroom

1:45 PM - 3:00 PM

Session 5 | Round Table Discussions

Location: Main Ballroom

Host: Alison Lloyd

3:00 PM - 3:45 PM

Session 6 | Workshops

The Perfect Fit: Reimagining the National Curriculum for the Future

Location: Main Ballroom

Speaker: Dr. Neil Hopkin

Redefining School Leadership | Why We Should Be Paying More Attention To Complexity

Location: Al Reem | Room Sponsored by Research Box

Speaker: Nick Hart

Are We Doing Enough to Prepare Young People for Life Beyond School?

Location: Sir Baniyas | Room Sponsored by Finalsite

Speakers: Michael Connor, John Bishop

Redefining Education Through Connections

Location: Saadiyat | Room Sponsored by Widgit

Speakers: Grant Van Der Kruk, Lee Hole

3:45 PM - 4:15 PM

Exhibition Viewing & Refreshments

Location: Exhibition Area

4:15 PM - 5:15 PM

Session 7 | Business Session, BSME AGM & UK Updates (School Members Only)

Location: Main Ballroom

Speakers: Margaret Garrad, David Tongue

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Clink and Connect Drinks | Sponsored by Zenda

Location: Organic Garden

8:00 PM - 10:00 PM

BSME Grill and Groove | Sponsored by UBIQ

Location: Falcon Lawn

Thursday, 30th January 2025

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

12:30 PM - 1:30 PM	<p>'Green Gourmet' Meat Free Lunch Sponsored by Zerogram & Exhibition Viewing Location: Exhibition Area</p>
1:30 PM - 2:15 PM	<p>Session 5 Keynote Bridging the Gap Between Education and the 'Real World' Location: Main Ballroom Speakers: Jan Stipek, Simon O'Connor, Alex Gray, Nat Dickinson, Jon Ford</p>
1:30 PM - 2:15 PM	<p>Partner Business Session Location: Al Reem Room Sponsored by Research Box</p>
2:15 PM - 3:00 PM	<p>Session 6 Workshops</p> <div> <p>Learning Design for Challenge Based Learning Location: Main Ballroom Speaker: Raya Bidshari</p> <p>CEAR (Centre for Education Action Research) Highlights Location: Al Reem Room Sponsored by Research Box Speaker: Simon O'Connor, Abigail Gardiner, Rob McCall</p> <p>Redefining School Leadership Location: Sir Baniyas Room Sponsored by Finals site Speaker: Sajid Gulzar OBE</p> <p>Creating an Exceptional Learning Culture in a Changing Education Landscape Location: Saadiyat Room Sponsored by Widgit Speakers: Doug Pettitt</p> </div>
3:00 PM - 3:30 PM	<p>Exhibition Viewing & Refreshments Location: Exhibition Area</p>
3:30 PM - 4:15 PM	<p>Session 7 Keynote Leading an Innovative School Location: Main Ballroom Speaker: Raya Bidshari</p>
4:15 PM - 4:30 PM	<p>Awards and Conference Closing Location: Main Ballroom Speakers: Debra Forsyth, Mark Leppard MBE</p>



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