

COBIS Conference on University and Careers Advising

The British School in The Netherlands, The Netherlands
13-14 March 2026

Time	Friday 13 th March
09:00-09:30	Arrival, Registration, Welcome Coffee, Tea and Pastries
09:30-10:00	Welcome Address (Main Hall) <i>Louise Simpson, CEO, The British School in The Netherlands</i>
10:00-10:45	From Early Years through to Careers (Main Hall) <i>Siri Minsaas, UniFrog</i>
10:45-11:15	Morning Coffee Break (Exhibition Space) <i>sponsored by Millie Group</i> <i>Opportunity to browse Exhibitor stands</i>
11:15-12:00	Designed for Independence: Understanding the Dutch Higher Education Landscape and Student Experience (Main Hall) <i>Carolyn Barr, Leiden University</i>
12:00-12:45	Breakout Sessions (choose one): 1) Navigating the future: Preparing learners to thrive in a changing world (Main Hall) <i>Roshan Walkerley, Cambridge International Education, Anne Kuijs, Leiden University College</i> 2) Oxbridge admissions in a changing landscape: How advisers can add real value (Breakout Room 1) <i>Luke Ellmers</i>
12:45-13:45	Lunch (Main Hall)
13:45-14:30	Breakout Sessions (choose one): 1) Liberal Arts Education in The Netherlands (Main Hall) <i>Kim Zwitserloot, UCU; Denise Nijhuis, UCR; Anne Kuijs, LUC</i> 2) The Power of Studying Animation, VFX, Games and Motion Graphics (Breakout Room 1) <i>Charlotte Watson, Escape Studios</i>
14:30-15:15	Afternoon Coffee Break and University Networking Fair (Exhibition Space) <i>sponsored by Millie Group</i> <i>Opportunity to browse Exhibitor stands and network</i>
15:15-16:00	Breakout Sessions (choose one): 1) Student Best Fit: Dutch Universities of Applied Sciences vs Research Universities (Main Hall) <i>Manuel Avila, HotelSchool The Hague</i> 2) The importance of super curricular learning for UK university applications (Breakout Room 1) <i>Ed Richardson, Keystone Tutors</i>
16:00-16:45	Vibe coding vs. hard-core engineering: course choices in the AI age for Class of 2027 and beyond (Main Hall) <i>Jenna Ahn, MILLIE; Emily Ferris, University of Cambridge; Harry Stuurman, The British School in The Netherlands</i>
17:45-22:00	Conference Dinner (Het Prentenkabinet, Leiden) <i>Sponsored by UK Study Option</i>