

Professional Learning in Schools Conference hosted by COBIS Training Schools

Draft Programme

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	Thursday 26 November 2026
UK Time (GMT) 08:00-08:20	Welcome
08:25-09:10	Session 1 1) Leading from the Middle: Turning Subject Leaders into Developers of People <i>Omar Murtaza, Deputy Head, The British School in Tokyo, Tokyo, Japan</i> 2) Connecting Professional Learning and Teacher Development with New/Local Teacher Recruitment and Our International Learning Mentor Scheme <i>Matt Topliss, Head of School, Kyoto International School, Kyoto, Japan</i> 3) What Makes Professional Learning Stick? Designing Relational, Classroom-Focused Professional Learning <i>Phil May, Assistant Head of Senior School for Colleague Development, Jerudong International School, Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam</i>
09:10-09:30	Break
09:30-10:30	Keynote Speaker <i>Tom Sherrington</i>
10:35-11:20	Panel <i>Sarah Dore, St Julians, Carcavelos, Portugal</i> <i>NITE representative</i> <i>Matt Topliss, Kyoto International School, Kyoto, Japan</i> <i>Rebecca Ekpenyong, St. Saviour's School, Ikoyi, Lagos, Nigeria</i>
11:20-11:30	Break
11:30-12:15	Session 2 1) Professional Development for All: An Inclusive Approach to Whole-School Professional Learning <i>Kholood Alturky, Deputy Director, Misk Schools, Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia</i> 2) Creating and Sustaining a Culture of Teaching Consistency <i>Andrew Thompson, Deputy Headteacher Academic, Epsom College, Bandar Enstek, Malaysia</i> 3) Team Inquiry: How to Generate Meaningful Professional Development and Encourage Evidence Informed Development

	<i>Paul Ryan and Nicola Howard, Secondary Principal / Vice Principal Learning, Alice Smith School, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia</i>
12:15-13:15	Lunch

13:15-14:00	Session 3 1) Building Future Leaders: Developing High-Impact Practice Through COBIS Qualifications <i>Naim Shabir and Jacquelyn La France, Deputy Head Teacher / Vice Principal Academic, British International School Riyadh, Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia</i> 2) Creating a Culture of Excellence in Learning <i>Lorna Mallory, Helen Olds and Dean El-Hoss, Deputy Head of Primary / Director / Secondary Deputy, The British International School of Jeddah, Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia</i> 3) Coaching as the Bedrock of Professional Learning <i>Jemima Rhys-Evans, Head of Junior School and Strategic Lead for Professional Development, Uppingham Cairo, New Giza, Egypt</i>
14:00-14:15	Break
14:15-15:00	Session 4 1) Effective facilitation: From Presentation to Participation <i>Claire Nuttall & Michael Neumann, European Hub Chief Managing Officer / DEI Coordinator, St George's International School, Luxembourg City, Luxembourg</i> 2) Leading Professional Learning: From Management to Stewardship <i>Emma Adams, Professional Learning Partner and Research Lead, The British School of Brussels, Tervuren, Belgium</i> 3) Collaborative Enquiry: Building a Community of Trust, Innovation and Belonging Together <i>James Lloyd and Victoria van Assendelft, Deputy Headteacher (secondary) / Headteacher (Primary), The British School in The Netherlands, The Hague, the Netherlands</i>
15:00-15:15	Break
15:15-16:00	Session 5 1) Context Is the Intervention <i>Megan Hickman, Andreea Lazar and Rachel Slater, Head of Primary / Deputy</i>

	<i>Head of Primary / Head of HR, British International School of Timisoara, Timisoara, Romania</i> 2) SEND in an International School: Building Teacher Expertise When Every Learner Comes from Somewhere Different <i>Abiola Kudumi, Additional Needs Coordinator, The Regent School Abuja, Abuja, Nigeria</i> 3) Implementing a Purposeful Oracy Pedagogy in Our Prep School <i>Catherine Calver and Jane Scott, Primary Learning Support Specialist and Designated Safeguarding Lead / Head of EAL in Primary, St Julians, Carcavelos, Portugal</i>
16:00-16:15	Closing Remarks