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VIRTUAL ONE-DAY **CONFERENCE**

VENUE: ZOOM (ONLINE)

FRIDAY
15
MARCH 2024
09:30-15:40

Working together – bursars and boarding

Course outline

BSA and ISBA are pleased to offer delegates the opportunity to hear from expert speakers from independent consultancies as well as BSA and ISBA schools, who aim to inform and inspire new ways of thinking around common challenges and issues facing boarding schools. There will be a focus on the interrelationship between the bursar's operational role and the head of boarding's pastoral role, with delegates having the opportunity to better understand the pressures and challenges of their respective roles in boarding schools.

BSA and ISBA will facilitate questions directly from members to our experts throughout the day and encourage delegates to come prepared with questions for our panels.

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Friday, March **15** 2024

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SESSION

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09.30 – 09.45 **Introduction to the Conference**

Chairs: David Woodgate, CEO ISBA and David Walker, Director, BSA

09:45 – 10:45 **Attraction and retention of boarders/ Trends in parent behaviour (school selection and expectation)**

Trends in parent behaviour – what do parents want from boarding schools? Best practice in communicating that your school can meet these expectations.

Chair: Helen Woods, Director of Learning and Professional Development, ISBA

- Rachel Hadley Leonard, Independent Consultant
- Rachel Richards, Host, Parenting Teenagers Untangled

10:45 – 11:00 **BREAK**

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11:00 – 11:45 **Recruiting and retaining high quality staff in boarding**

Strategies for attracting and retaining boarding staff (teaching and non-teaching)

Chair: David Walker, Director, BSA

- Jon Mutton, Deputy Head Pastoral and Wellbeing, Ampleforth
- Giles Brand, Bursar, St Mary's, Ascot
- Lucy Wyatt, ISBA Recruitment
- Ed Poynter, Deputy Head Pastoral, Charterhouse School

11:45 – 12:15 **BREAK**

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12:15 – 13:00 **How to get the best commercial return on your assets**

Why enterprise initiatives are right for schools of all shapes and sizes. How to understand the potential impact of commercial activities. The opportunity presented by a well-conceived strategic co-commercial programme.

Chair: Helen Woods, Director of Learning and Professional Development, ISBA

- Dorothy McLaren, CEO, Schools' Enterprise Association

13:00 – 13:45 **LUNCH**

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13:45 – 14:30 **Panel discussion: The future of boarding schools, 2030 and beyond**

It has never been more important to participate in horizon-scanning activities. Schools will often produce 5-year plans but it is the responsibility of current leaders to look further into the future to ensure their school is prepared for the challenges ahead. This session will examine trends in pastoral care, parental expectation, and the political landscape to look at what schools should be considering now to be ready for 2030 and beyond.

Chair: David Woodgate, CEO ISBA

- David Walker, Director, BSA
- Ali Harber, Deputy Head Pastoral, Winchester College
- Rob Pizii, Head of Advice and Guidance, ISBA

14:30 – 14:45 **BREAK**

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14:45 – 15:25 **Open session for break out discussions**

Option 1: Development of the school's boarding houses. How can you ensure they are safe and appealing spaces on a limited budget.

- David Walker, Director, BSA
- Denise Osterwald, Legal Director, Birketts LLP

Option 2: Immigration update

- Abbey Gough, COO, Eastbourne College

Option 3: Managing a boarding school budget

15:25– 15:40 **Summary and close**

- David Woodgate, CEO, ISBA
- David Walker, Director, BSA

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