

SEMINAR and REGIONAL EVENT PROGRAMME

SPRING TERM 2019

IT'S ALL ABOUT STRATEGY

**Tuesday 22 January
(10.00-16.00)**

This seminar run in conjunction with Harrison Clark Rickerbys will look at all aspects of Governors' core responsibilities in establishing a sound strategic plan for their school.

(The Tower Suite, New Broad Street House, 35 New Broad Street, London, EC2M 1NH)

- ***The Bigger Picture – an overview of the current political, social and economic landscape and the impact on the independent schools sector?***
Richard Harman, Chief Executive AGBIS and Kristine Scott, Partner Harrison Clark Rickerbys
- ***Why Educational Factors Should be at the Heart of Strategy***
Cheryl Giovannoni, Chief Executive Girls' Day School Trust
- ***Setting Effective Business Strategy – the key to a school's future prosperity***
David Woodgate, Chief Executive, ISBA
- ***Open Forum Discussion – on issues raised during the morning sessions***
- ***Estate and Facilities Planning – why this needs to be a core element of your overall strategy***
Jonathan Webster, Bursar, King Edward's School Bath, Sandra Tuck, Consultant Planner PlanningSphere and Rosalind Andrews, Partner Harrison Clark Rickerbys
- ***Panel Led Discussion: Governors' Role in Strategy and Mechanisms for Effective Strategy Setting:***
Panel Members: Richard Harman; David Woodgate; Richard Levinge, Director, Ease Training; Kate Hickey, Senior Legal Counsel, Harrison Clark Rickerbys

Members' rate - £175

REGIONAL EVENT – HAMPSHIRE

**Monday 28 January
(18.00-21.00)**

This AGBIS regional event is designed to allow governors to meet and exchange best practice.

King Edward VI School Wellington Sports Ground, Stoneham Lane, Eastleigh, Hants, SO50 9HT

- ***AGBIS Update - on the latest changes affecting independent schools***
Andy Robinson, Director of Training, AGBIS
- ***Legal Updates:***
 - Managing the Dismissal Process – when and how to deploy settlement options***
David Roath, Partner Paris Smith Solicitors
 - Employee Appeals – how to manage them successfully***
Clive Dobbin, Partner Paris Smith Solicitors
- ***Regulatory Compliance – what checks should governors make?***
An open forum discussion on how governors can ensure that their schools are compliant

Free to member schools

REGIONAL EVENT – KENT

**Tuesday 5 February
(18.30-21.00)**

This AGBIS regional event is designed to allow governors to meet and exchange best practice.

The New Beacon, Brittain's Lane, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN13 2PB

- ***AGBIS Update - on the latest changes affecting independent schools***
Andy Robinson, Director of Training, AGBIS
- ***Governors Legal Responsibilities – a reminder of governors' core legal responsibilities and an update on recent legislative changes (including safeguarding, data protection and employment law)***
Charlotte Melhuish, Senior Associate, Stone King
- ***Committee Structures – what committees do your school need and are they doing what they should? - a reminder on the AGBIS best practice guidance followed by open forum discussion***

Free to member schools

FOCUS ON SAFEGUARDING

**Wednesday 27 February
(10.00-16.00)**

With the help of the experts from Farrer & Co, this seminar will look at all elements of Governors' safeguarding responsibilities

(Offices of Farrer & Co, London)

- ***The Context – a reminder of governors' core responsibilities***
Richard Harman, Chief Executive AGBIS
- ***The Issues – the nature of abuse, organisation culture and the context of those who are the subject of abuse (including lessons learned from IICSA)***
David Smellie, Partner Farrer & Co.
- ***The Responsibilities – of school staff and school governors (including the nominated safeguarding governor) and what the inspectors will be checking***
Durell Barnes, Head of Governance and Compliance, RSAcademics and former Director of Communication, ISI
- ***The Practicalities - case study scenarios:***
 - Pupil in Distress – what would you do?***
 - Tricky Allegation – about a member of staff***
- ***The Current Focus – emerging themes from KCSIE 2018, including peer on peer abuse, gender identity and pupils with SEND***
Jonathan Eley, Partner Farrer & Co.
- ***Online Safety's Role in Effective Safeguarding Provision - what governors need to know'***
Charlotte Aynsley (Independent Online Safety Consultant, E-safety Training and Consultancy)
- ***Open Questions, summary, tea and depart***

Members' rate - £175

The annual conference is not only a chance to hear some great presentation about current topics of interest, but it is also provides an opportunity to meet with fellow governors and old friends and to speak with the exhibitors who are our key business partners that support good governance in the independent sector.

Queen Elizabeth II Centre, Westminster, London SW1P 3EE

*Already more than
60% 70% booked*

Keynote Speakers

- **Social Mobility - Why Independent Schools Should do More**
Lord Andrew Adonis
- **Sector Challenges and the ISC Response**
Julie Robinson, General Secretary, Independent Schools Council
- **The Post Brexit Economy and the Likely Impact on Independent Schools**
Professor Joe Nellis, Professor of Global Economy, Cranfield University
- **AGBIS Priorities**
Richard Harman, Chief Executive AGBIS

Breakout Sessions

- **A Risky Business – how to monitor risk and manage it effectively and legally**
Penny Chapman, Partner Bircham Dyson Bell and Tracey Young, Partner haysmacintyre
- **Effective Collaboration with the Maintained Sector**
Julie Robinson, General Secretary ISC, Jane Lunnon, Head of Wimbledon High School and Alison Jerrard, Headteacher Ricards Lodge High School
- **How to Approach Your Next Major Building Project – a panel discussion on the advantages of different approaches to key infrastructure projects**
 - Chair – Philip Waite (Aitchison Raffety Group) with
 - Brian Donnelly, Partner, Oxford Architects
 - Charles Pierce, Group Director, Darwin Group
 - John Wilder, Bursar Moultsford School
- **Maximising Your School's Development Fundraising - how to tell if your well established or newly formed development office is working to its full potential**
Elisabeth Anderson, Director of Development at Bryanston School and Jo Beckett, CEO, Institute of Development Professionals in Education (IDPE)
- **Reasons to be Cheerful - why we should be optimistic about the future of independent education**
William Richardson, former General Secretary, HMC
- **Best Practice in the Governance of Charitable School - lessons learnt from reviews of governance**
Richard Green, former Chair of AGBIS and Pam Edmonds, AGBIS Board Member and Head of The Hampshire School Chelsea
- **Effective Cost Control - the importance of benchmarking costs in order to remain competitive**
Tim Baines and Rhiannon Cutler, Baines Cutler Solutions
- **Why Your School Always Needs to be Inspection Ready - and how to check that it is**
Durell Barnes, Head of Governance and Compliance, RSAcademics

SEMINAR FOR NEWLY APPOINTED GOVERNORS

Wednesday 27 March
(10.00-16.00)

This seminar is the essential introduction to governance for new governors

Victory Services Club, Seymour Street, London

- **Governance from the Head's Perspective**
Charlotte Avery, Headmistress of St Mary's School, Cambridge
- **Discussion Groups – a chance to discuss some typical issues facing school governors**
- **Governors' Roles and Responsibilities**
Stuart Westley, former AGBIS General Secretary and Chair of Governors
- **The School as a Business**
David Woodgate, Chief Executive, ISBA
- **The Joys of Governorship**
Andy Robinson, Director of Training AGBIS

Members' rate - £175

Cancellations and Refunds

Our full terms and conditions can be viewed on the AGBIS Website at: <http://www.agbis.org.uk/payment-terms-and-conditions/>. Our policy on refunds is shown in the table below. 'Days' refers to the number of days before the date of event that notice of cancellation is received.

Days	Remedy
30 or more	100% refund
15 – 29	You will be allowed to transfer your seminar booking to another AGBIS organised seminar in the same Academic Year. You will be required to pay the difference if the rearranged seminar costs more than the cancelled seminar.
Less than 15	We regret that no refund or transfer of booking can be made.