

We are delighted to have [**Class Technology Solutions Limited**](https://www.class-technology.co.uk/) sponsor our programme this year! This sponsorship means we are able to provide more training to our member schools to ensure your governing body is the best it can be. The impact this will have on supporting schools is immense and will in turn help towards providing an excellent education to young people. Class Technology Solutions Limited (CTS) is an innovative Microsoft Gold Solutions Partner that provides managed IT support services and solutions exclusively to, and across the broad and complex terrain of, the UK education sector. [**You can find out more about them and their contribution to improving education in the UK here.**](https://www.class-technology.co.uk/who-we-are/)

We know how busy our members are in their governing roles, and we understand how important it is we launch our training events in advance so you can fit these into your tight schedules. We have listened to your feedback and have put together a programme for the academic year, Autumn 2023 – Summer 2024! As important sector updates arise, we will of course be adding events to this programme to help support you; any additions will be communicated to you by email.

Booking an AGBIS event is easy, simply [**click here to see all our upcoming events**](https://www.agbis.org.uk/training-development/ems-event-calendar.html). **You can also click on each event heading in this programme.** We welcome non-members to webinars (the cost is double) and seminars (the price of which is quoted on request). Look out for your joining instructions which will be sent 3-5 working days before the event; for webinars it will be a Zoom link and for seminars it will be location information and if required, pre-course materials.

Any Board member can book training and access our [**Member Resources**](https://www.agbis.org.uk/crm-member-homepage/member-resources.html?complete=7368FC02-4BA4-4144-82839CCEB13C46B9), you just need to log into the AGBIS website (please agree any costs with the school before booking). If someone on your Board needs an AGBIS login or a password reset, please email **enquiries@agbis.org.uk**, letting us know the person’s name, role, email address and school name.

You’ll notice that some of our events are run with **HMC**. These are shown in **green** in the listing, with bookings handled via the HMC website. We are also running some events with **BSA**, which are shown in **purple**, with bookings handled via the BSA website.

**Too busy to attend a live webinar? No problem!** Book with confidence as our webinars are recorded and sent to you within three working days of the event, together with the slides and other resources that are presented. This means you can watch at a time that suits you. You can also purchase recordings and presentation slides from previous events by simply finding the event [**on this page**](https://www.agbis.org.uk/webinar-recordings.html) and emailing **events@agbis.org.uk** with your purchase request.

**Please note:** By booking any of our events, you agree to [**AGBIS’ Event Terms and Conditions.**](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5CLaurenEveleigh%5CDownloads%5CAGBIS-Payment-Terms-and-Conditions-5%20%281%29.pdf)

[**About the AGBIS and HMC Good Governance Programme**](https://hmcpd.org.uk/agbis-hmc-good-governance-programme/)

This series has been jointly developed by AGBIS and HMC, providing support and recognition of high-quality governance in HMC member schools. It comprises a new Governor Training Framework (**events** **highlighted in green**) and an optional Good Governance Programme certificate. Certificates will be issued to Boards if it can be demonstrated that all governors have completed both the [**free overview webinar**](https://hmcpd.arlo.co/w/courses/756-agbis-hmc-good-governance-programme-an-overview-of-good-governance-monday-9-october-2023/842) which can either be live or by watching a recording, the [**AGBIS online Safeguarding module which you can register for here**](https://www.agbis.org.uk/training-development/e-learning-courses.html), and that between them, the governors have covered [**each of the additional eight webinars**.](https://www.hmc.org.uk/professional-development/hmc-agbis-good-governance-programme/) More information can be found on this dedicated web page: [**AGBIS/HMC Good Governance Programme.**](https://hmcpd.org.uk/agbis-hmc-good-governance-programme/)

[**AGBIS and BSA Good Governance in Boarding three-part box set – your boarding community needs you!**](https://www.boarding.org.uk/event/box-set-good-governance-in-boarding-your-boarding-community-needs-you-3/)

This three-part box set will address key areas of Governance that relate specifically to boarding schools and provision and are unlikely to feature in Governance of other education settings. These include oversight of boarding accommodation, boarding staff recruitment, residential staffing models, considering the National Minimum Standards for Boarding and UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) sponsor responsibilities that come with welcoming international students.

The three-part nature of this box set is designed to support delegates in accessing all three sessions alongside other commitments. Each session will provide 45 minutes of information relating to the core areas of consideration (recorded for reference) and then 30 minutes (unrecorded) for group discussion around any particular questions or cases you may have, to promote the sharing of experience and best practice.

**Audience:** Current boarding governors, governors aspiring to be responsible for boarding or governors on boarding school Boards.

**Cost:** The three-part box set is available to purchase for £225. Participants will be provided with follow up resources including presentation material and the recorded portion of each session after delivery.

Find out more about each of the three webinars in this programme!

We look forward to welcoming you online and in person.

Kind regards,



***Cheryl Connelly, Director of Training & Membership (Deputy CEO), AGBIS***

***Autumn 2023 Events***

[**AGBIS/Juliet Corbett Consulting | Building a resilient school that can react to future challenges (webinar)**](https://www.agbis.org.uk/training-development/ems-event-calendar/agbis-juliet-corbett-consulting-building-a-resilient-school-that-can-react-to-future-challenges-webinar.html)

**Wed 13 Sep 2023 | 11:00 – 12:00 | £55 per delegate**

***Speakers:*** *Juliet Corbett, Founder, Juliet Corbett Consulting; Nigel Hall, Chair of Governors, Blundell's School; and Bart Wielenga, Head, Blundell's School*

In this webinar, we will explore how schools can build resilience in the face of external pressures, using Blundell's School as a case study.

**Learning outcomes:**

* The importance of scanning the external environment for opportunities and threats that may impact the school over the next 5-10 years, and how Blundell's engages governors and staff in this process
* Strategies for building financial resilience, including levers for increasing revenue and decreasing costs, and how Blundell's has focused on these areas
* How schools can develop an agile strategy that allows them to react to changing environments

Join us for this insightful webinar and learn how to build a resilient school that can adapt to the challenges of the future.

[**AGBIS/Stone King LLP | Governor safeguarding refresher training: KCSIE update September 2023 (webinar)**](https://www.agbis.org.uk/training-development/ems-event-calendar/agbis-stone-king-llp-governor-safeguarding-refresher-training-kcsie-update-september-2023-webinar.html)

**Wed 13 Sep 2023 | 14:00 – 15:00 | £55 per delegate**

***Speakers:*** *Cheryl Connelly, Director of Training & Membership (Deputy CEO), AGBIS; Helen Tucker, Partner, Stone King LLP; Harriet Broughton, Partner, Stone King LLP; and Charlotte Melhuish, Partner, Stone King LLP*

Following the annual update of Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE), Stone King will be providing governors will a clear strategic oversight of their safeguarding responsibilities. This webinar will outline how governors can hold their senior leaders to account through a whole school culture, pupil voice and effective policy implementation.

**[AGBIS/HMC/VWV | Member briefing on school structures and charity law (FREE webinar)](https://www.agbis.org.uk/training-development/ems-event-calendar/agbis-hmc-member-briefing-on-school-structures-and-charity-law-free-webinar.html)**

**Mon 18 Sep 2023 | 16:00 – 17:00 | Included in your AGBIS Membership**

***Speakers:*** *Cheryl Connelly, Director of Training & Membership (Deputy CEO), AGBIS; and Barney Northover, Partner at VWV*

We are offering a free member briefing, led by Barney Northover, Partner at VWV, looking at the options available to charities in terms of governance and organisational structures. Barney will cover how an optimised legal structure, and model of governance and management, can future-proof your charity and its school to be resilient to political and economic headwinds.

Bookings for this event are via HMC. Please register for the webinar **here:** <https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=VHOyth9i7ku-Fk-X6i77lFBFVA0S4xNGnsLNNQeV3kRUOTMxSTg3NEQ3VTY3TkxQRjdSU1FCSFgySS4u> **,** and contact HMC at **pd@hmc.org.uk**if you have any queries. The recording will be available afterwards for those who are unable to join us live.

[**AGBIS/Ecclesiastical | The changing built environment – Contemporary construction & building insurance implications (webinar)**](https://www.agbis.org.uk/training-development/ems-event-calendar/agbis-ecclesiastical-the-changing-built-environment-contemporary-construction-building-insurance-implications-webinar.html)

**Tue 19 Sep 2023 | 10:00 – 11:00 | £55 per delegate**

***Speakers:*** *Cheryl Connelly, Director of Training & Membership (Deputy CEO), AGBIS; and Faith Kitchen, ACII Chartered Insurer and Customer Segment Director, Ecclesiastical*

**Learning outcomes:**

* Gain a technical understanding of contemporary construction materials
* Learn what some of the pros and cons are of different materials
* Learn more about the impact your material choice for capital projects might have on your insurance and from a risk perspective
* Gain an ability to make informed decisions when agreeing new constructions within the school site

[**AGBIS/BSA | Safeguarding highlights for boarding governors (webinar)**](https://www.boarding.org.uk/event/bsa-agbis-safeguarding-highlights-for-boarding-governors/)

**Tue 19 Sep 2023 | 17:00 – 18:00 | £65 per delegate**

***Speakers:*** *Cheryl Connelly, Director of Training & Membership (Deputy CEO), AGBIS; and Dale Wilkins, Senior Director, BSA and BSA Group*

This webinar will give governors an overview regarding their safeguarding responsibilities and will focus on recent updates relevant to the sector. For those in England this will also cover any updates to KCSIE (Keeping Children Safe in Education).

**Training topics will include:**

* KCSIE
* The latest safeguarding headlines
* Safeguarding responsibilities of governors
* Oversight and self-audit

**Learning outcomes:**

* Increased awareness of current safeguarding issues
* Increased understanding of the responsibilities of all governors for safeguarding
* Recommendations of best practice management relating to safeguarding

Bookings for this event are via BSA. Please book via the following link: <https://www.boarding.org.uk/event/bsa-agbis-safeguarding-highlights-for-boarding-governors/>

[**AGBIS/SEA (School’s Enterprise Association) | Enterprise: What the Governing Body should look for in a school’s commercial or enterprise strategy (webinar)**](https://www.agbis.org.uk/training-development/ems-event-calendar/agbis-sea-school-s-enterprise-association-enterprise-what-the-governing-body-should-look-for-in-a-school-s-commercial-or-enterprise-strategy-webinar.html)

**Fri 22 Sep 2023 | 10:00 – 11:00 | £55 per delegate**

***Speakers:*** *Cheryl Connelly, Director of Training & Membership (Deputy CEO), AGBIS; and Dorothy McLaren, Chief Executive Officer, SEA*

Generating additional non-fee revenue has never been more important than in today’s economic and political climate. What sort of commercial and enterprise revenues can be expected, what does a good commercial strategy look like and how should the governing body review the school’s enterprise activities, regardless of the organisational structure(s) supporting such endeavours?

**Learning outcomes:**

* What do we mean by enterprise in schools?
	+ The historical context
	+ Best practice in 2023
* Why now?
* Pressure on school’s resources
* Economic environment
* Why enterprise initiatives are right for schools of all shapes and sizes
* Opportunities for the smaller schools
* Potential for the larger schools
* Punching above your size
* How to understand the potential impact of commercial activities
* Financial
* Operational
* The opportunity presented by a well-conceived strategic co-commercial programme
* The 5 pillars of a co-commercial strategy
* Impact on the school’s brand

[**AGBIS/ReEnergise | Green strategy Q&A session – Ensuring you have the tools you need to be your school’s net-zero savvy governor (webinar)**](https://www.agbis.org.uk/training-development/ems-event-calendar/agbis-reenergise-green-strategy-q-a-session-ensuring-you-have-the-tools-you-need-to-be-your-school-s-net-zero-savvy-governor-webinar.html)

**Tue 26 Sep 2023 | 10:00 – 12:00 | £110 per delegate**

***Speakers:*** *Cheryl Connelly, Director of Training & Membership (Deputy CEO), AGBIS; and Nigel Aylwin-Foster, Business Development Director, ReEnergise*

In the final part of this series, Nigel Aylwin-Foster will host an online Q&A session to answer any questions you may have to enhance your school’s green strategy. Starting with a recap on net-zero, the session will provide an opportunity to address any outstanding questions and discuss additional insights or any lessons that attendees wish to share.

[**AGBIS/haysmacintyre | Finance for the Non-Financial Governor (webinar)**](https://www.agbis.org.uk/training-development/ems-event-calendar/agbis-haysmacintyre-finance-for-the-non-financial-governor-webinar.html)

**Wed 27 Sep 2023 | 10:00 – 13:00 | £110 per delegate**

***Speakers:*** *Cheryl Connelly, Director of Training & Membership (Deputy CEO), AGBIS; and Tracey Young, Partner, Head of Education, haysmacintyre*

In association with haysmacintyre, this webinar will cover financial responsibilities of a Governor, what are the Management Accounts for and what are you looking for? Tracey Young will provide detail regarding the statutory accounts including the governors’ Report and the key numbers, explaining governors’ responsibilities in respect of preparing the accounts on a Going Concern basis and staying alert to financial risks. This webinar will use breakout rooms to support practical application. **Please note that this webinar will have breakout sessions, and these will not be included in the recording of the session.**

[**AGBIS/Fragomen |** **Maintaining safe and compliant practices to uphold the sponsorship of your international students (webinar)**](https://www.agbis.org.uk/training-development/ems-event-calendar/agbis-fragomen-maintaining-safe-and-compliant-practices-to-uphold-the-sponsorship-of-your-international-students-webinar.html)

**Wed 04 Oct 2023 | 10:00 – 11:00 | £55 per delegate**

***Speakers:*** *Cheryl Connelly, Director of Training & Membership (Deputy CEO), AGBIS; and Naomi Goldshtein, Director, Fragomen*

This webinar is aimed at school’s who hold a UK licence to sponsor international students or are considering this market. Following on from our previous webinar, Naomi Goldshtein, Director of Fragomen’s Immigration Compliance and Education practices will discuss the importance of immigration compliance and mechanisms schools should have in place to ensure the protection of a school’s sponsor licence and sponsored international student community.

**Learning outcomes:**

* Current trends
* Key considerations to safeguard your licence
* Looking forwards - Immigration outlook

[**AGBIS/RHL Consulting | Weathering the Storm – Using Marketing Tactics to Futureproof your School (webinar)**](https://www.agbis.org.uk/training-development/ems-event-calendar/agbis-rhl-consulting-weathering-the-storm-using-marketing-tactics-to-futureproof-your-school.html)

**Wed 04 Oct 2023 | 14:00 – 15:00 | £55 per delegate**

***Speakers:*** *Cheryl Connelly, Director of Training & Membership (Deputy CEO), AGBIS; and Rachel Hadley-Leonard, Independent Schools' Marketing and Development Consultant, RHL Consulting*

This engaging and topical webinar will consider the potential threats on the horizon for all independent schools, and then guide Governors through a toolbox of marketing tactics to ensure that their schools are doing all they can to weather the current and future political and financial storms. The webinar will consider the threats that lay ahead for independent schools and a futureproof marketing toolbox, including tactics and marketing activities to get ahead of the storm.

**Learning outcomes:**

* Understanding of key threats on the horizon
* Six ways to mitigate for these threats *in advance* of the storm
* How to carry out research with current, prospective and leaving parents
* Creating your USP
* Demonstrating value for money
* A futureproofing checklist for your school

[**AGBIS/BSA |Foundations for boarding school governors - roles, responsibilities and collective governance (webinar)**](https://www.boarding.org.uk/event/bsa-agbis-foundations-for-boarding-school-governors-roles-responsibilities-and-collective-governance/)

**Wed 04 Oct 2023 | 16:30 – 17:30 | £65 per delegate**

***Speaker:*** *Cheryl Connelly, Director of Training & Membership (Deputy CEO), AGBIS; and Dale Wilkins, Senior Director, BSA and BSA Group*

**Training topics will include:**

* Roles and responsibilities of a boarding school Governor
* Collective governance
* Developing the role
* Understanding the boarding sector
* Demonstrating collective governance and working with SLT

**Learning outcomes:**

* Increased confidence in understanding the remit of the role of a Governor
* Increased confidence in asking questions of the wider board
* Best practice recommendations for ensuring collective governance

Bookings for this event are via BSA. Please book via the following link:

<https://www.boarding.org.uk/event/bsa-agbis-foundations-for-boarding-school-governors-roles-responsibilities-and-collective-governance/>

[**AGBIS/Ecclesiastical | The Big Picture to Your Picture – the need to innovate and maximise opportunities in a riskier landscape using Enterprise Risk Management (webinar)**](https://www.agbis.org.uk/training-development/ems-event-calendar/agbis-ecclesiastical-the-big-picture-to-your-picture-the-need-to-innovate-and-maximise-opportunities-in-a-riskier-landscape-using-enterprise-risk-management-webinar.html) **Fri 06 Oct 2023 | 10:00 – 11:00 | £55 per delegate
*Speakers:*** *Cheryl Connelly, Director of Training & Membership (Deputy CEO), AGBIS; Sarah Pearson, Head of Enterprise Risk Management, Ecclesiastical; and Faith Kitchen, ACII Chartered Insurer and Customer Segment Director, Ecclesiastical*

**Learning outcomes:**

* Gain an understanding of the key global risks at this time
* Gain an understanding of how these might impact your School
* Gain an understanding of an enterprise risk management approach (and how this differs to a traditional risk management approach)
* Focus on horizon scanning and learn a strategic approach to managing risk

[**AGBIS/HMC | Good Governance Programme: An Overview of Good Governance - cohort 4 (FREE webinar)**](https://hmcpd.arlo.co/w/courses/756-agbis-hmc-good-governance-programme-an-overview-of-good-governance-monday-9-october-2023/842)

**Mon 09 Oct 2023 |16:00 – 17:00 | Included in your AGBIS Membership**

***Speakers:*** *Richard Harman, Chief Executive, AGBIS; and Simon Hyde, General Secretary and Membership Secretary, HMC*

This webinar launches the Good Governance Programme jointly developed by AGBIS and HMC to support and provide recognition of high-quality governance in HMC member schools. It comprises of a Governor Training Framework (eight webinars) and optional Good Governance Programme certificate.

Bookings for this event are via HMC. Please book via the following link:

<https://hmcpd.arlo.co/w/courses/756-agbis-hmc-good-governance-programme-an-overview-of-good-governance-monday-9-october-2023/842>

[**AGBIS/GSA | Governing in a Girls’ School (webinar)**](https://www.agbis.org.uk/training-development/ems-event-calendar/agbis-gsa-governing-in-a-girls-school-webinar.html)

**Tue 10 Oct 2023 | 10:00 – 13:00 | £145 per delegate**

***Speakers:*** *Richard Harman, Chief Executive, AGBIS; Cheryl Connelly, Director of Training & Membership (Deputy CEO), AGBIS; Imogen Van Der Pump, Operations Director, GSA; Donna Stevens, Chief Executive, GSA; and**Sue Hincks, Membership Director, GSA*

Supporting the empowerment of young women by governing in an all-girls’ environment, where the interests of girls are paramount, is an extraordinary privilege. In the current climate, such privilege brings particular challenges, which this webinar will seek to address, enabling governors of all girls’ schools to collaborate and develop their understanding of the current scene.

**Learning outcomes:**

1. Financial Sustainability and School strategy in a girls’ school: In a cost of living crisis, how can you ensure affordability for parents whilst delivering a rich and exciting offering for girls and young women? If financial waters become even choppier, what strategies might you adopt and where can you turn for help and expertise?
2. Governing in a girls' school: Why is it so important to maintain a single-sex ethos? What are the unique opportunities and challenges for girls' schools and their governors?
3. Leadership in an all- girls’ school: How do governors work most effectively with the Executive Team to ensure a suitable balance between challenge and support?

[**Clerks' Coffee and Catch-up Session (FREE webinar)**](https://www.agbis.org.uk/training-development/ems-event-calendar/clerks-coffee-and-catch-up-session-oct23.html)

**Wed 11 Oct 2023 | 10:00 – 11:00 | Included in your AGBIS Membership**

***Speaker:*** *Cheryl Connelly, Director of Training & Membership (Deputy CEO), AGBIS*

This will be an informal online session held via zoom, giving clerks the opportunity to stay connected. You will be invited to put forward any questions or topics that you would like to discuss or find out more about. We will aim to address as many of these as we can through the meeting and help you build and strengthen your networks to make sure you have the support you need. **This session will be held via zoom and will not be recorded.**

[**New Governors (seminar)**](https://www.agbis.org.uk/training-development/ems-event-calendar/agbis-isba-newly-appointed-governors-seminar.html)

**Mon 16 Oct 2023 | 10:00 – 16:00 | Cazenove Capital, 1 London Wall Place, London Wall, Barbican, London EC2Y 5AU | £195 per delegate**

***Speakers:****Richard Harman, Chief Executive, AGBIS; Cheryl Connelly, Director of Training & Membership (Deputy CEO), AGBIS; David Woodgate, Chief Executive, ISBA; and Rosie Allen, Head, The Paragon School*

This seminar is the essential introduction to governance for new governors and will include governance from the Head’s perspective, governors’ role and responsibilities and allow discussion groups on typical issues facing school governors.

 [**AGBIS Briefing (FREE webinar)**](https://www.agbis.org.uk/training-development/ems-event-calendar/agbis-briefing-free-webinar-oct23.html)

**Tue 17 Oct 2023 | 17:00 – 18:00 | Included in your AGBIS Membership**

***Speakers:*** *Richard Harman, Chief Executive, AGBIS; and Cheryl Connelly, Director of Training & Membership (Deputy CEO), AGBIS*

Richard Harman and Cheryl Connelly will provide members with the latest updates from the sector.

[**Governors’ Coffee and Catch-up Session (FREE webinar)**](https://www.agbis.org.uk/training-development/ems-event-calendar/governors-coffee-and-catch-up-session-free-webinar-oct23.html)

**Thur 19 Oct 2023 | 10:00 – 11:00 | Included in your AGBIS Membership**

***Speaker:*** *Cheryl Connelly, Director of Training & Membership (Deputy CEO), AGBIS*

This will be an informal online session held via zoom, giving all governors the opportunity to stay connected.  You will be invited to put forward any questions or topics that you would like to discuss or find out more about. We will aim to address as many of these as we can through the meeting and help you build and strengthen your networks to make sure you have the support you need. **This session will be held via zoom and will not be recorded.**

[**Chairs and Vice Chairs Coffee & Catch-up Session (FREE webinar)**](https://www.agbis.org.uk/training-development/ems-event-calendar/chairs-and-vice-chairs-coffee-catch-up-session-free-webinar-nov23.html)

**Tue 07 Nov 2023 | 10:00 – 11:00 | Included in your AGBIS Membership**

***Speakers:*** *Richard Harman, Chief Executive, AGBIS*

This informal online session will give chairs and vice chairs the opportunity to stay connected. You will be invited to put forward any questions or topics that you would like to discuss or find out more about. We will aim to address as many of these as we can through the meeting and help you build and strengthen your networks to make sure you have the support you need. **This session will be held via zoom and will not be recorded.**

[**AGBIS/BSA |Foundations for boarding school governors - how to question and challenge (webinar)**](https://www.agbis.org.uk/training-development/ems-event-calendar/agbis-bsa-foundations-for-boarding-school-governors-how-to-question-and-challenge-webinar.html)

**Tue 07 Nov 2023 | 16:30 – 17:30 | £65 per delegate**

***Speakers:*** *Cheryl Connelly, Director of Training & Membership (Deputy CEO), AGBIS; and Dale Wilkins, Senior Director, BSA and BSA Group*

This webinar will talk delegates through how individual governors and Governing bodies can provide schools with a robust degree of challenge and offer best practice suggestions for how to develop suitable audit models with school leadership teams.

Delegates will be able to put questions to the speakers and Chair to raise specific issues or challenges they are facing.

Bookings for this event are via BSA. Please book via the following link: <https://www.boarding.org.uk/event/bsa-agbis-foundations-for-boarding-school-governors-how-to-question-and-challenge/>

[**AGBIS/ISBA | Clerks Seminar**](https://www.agbis.org.uk/training-development/ems-event-calendar/agbis-isba-clerks-seminar.html)

**Wed 08 Nov 2023 | 10:00 – 15:30 | Cazenove Capital, 1 London Wall Place, London Wall, Barbican, London EC2Y 5AU | £195 per delegate**

***Speakers:*** *Cheryl Connelly, Director of Training & Membership (Deputy CEO), AGBIS; John Murphie, COO, ISBA; Natalie Cridland, Clerk to the Council of Governors, Clifton High School; and Tracy Beard, former Bursar/Clerk, Halstead Preparatory School for Girls*

AGBIS and ISBA will be running an in-person seminar for clerks to enable best practice to be shared as well as networking opportunities. Hear from a Clerk who has been supported by AGBIS/ISBA and the difference this has made to their work.

[**You can download the programme for the day here.**](file:///C%3A/Users/LaurenEveleigh/AGBIS/All%20Staff%20-%20Documents/Events/Webinars%20%26%20Seminars/23%20-%2024/Autumn%2023/16.%208%20Nov%2023%20Clerks%20Seminar/Clerk%27s%20Seminar%20Programme.pdf)

[**Chairs and Vice Chairs (seminar)**](https://www.agbis.org.uk/training-development/ems-event-calendar/chairs-and-vice-chairs-seminar-nov23.html)

**Tue 14 Nov 2023 | 10:00 – 15:30 |** **BDB Pitmans, One Bartholomew Close, London, EC1A 7BL | £195 per delegate**

***Speakers:*** *Richard Harman, Chief Executive, AGBIS; Cheryl Connelly, Director of Training & Membership (Deputy CEO), AGBIS; Penny Chapman, Partner BDB Pitmans; Alice Unwin, Legal Director, BDB Pitmans; Stuart Thomson, Public Affairs and Communications Consultant, CWE Communications; Oliver Willis, Legal Director, BDB Pitmans;* *Nicholas Le Riche, Partner, BDB Pitmans; and Jonathan Fewster, Partner, BDB Pitmans*

This seminar will cover the key skills chairs, vice chairs and chair of committees require to practically apply the seven core principles of the Charities Governance Code. [**You can find the programme for the day here.**](https://agbisorg.sharepoint.com/sites/All-Staff/Shared%20Documents/Events/Webinars%20%26%20Seminars/23%20-%2024/Autumn%2023/17.%2014%20Nov%2023%20Chairs%20and%20VCs%20Seminar/Chairs%20and%20Vice%20Chairs%20seminar%2014%20November%202023%20-%20Programme.docx)

[**AGBIS/BSA | Good Governance in Boarding box set (three-part webinar series)**](https://www.agbis.org.uk/training-development/ems-event-calendar/agbis-bsa-good-governance-in-boarding-box-set-three-part-webinar-series.html)

**Day 1 |November 22, 2023 |14:00 to 15:30**

**Day 2 | January 16, 2024 | 14:00 to 15:30**

**Day 3 | February 22, 2024 | 14:00 to 15:30**

**£225 per delegate**

***Speakers:*** Richard Harman, Chief Executive, AGBIS; Cheryl Connelly, Director of Training & Membership (Deputy CEO), AGBIS; and Dave Walker, Incoming Director, BSA

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**Day 1: The physical provision**

**Wed 22 Nov 2023 | 14:00 - 15:30**

This first part of the series will consider good governance practices relating to the physical provision of boarding: the house, facilities and staff. Boarding schools vary hugely but all provision must meet the standards set out in the National Minimum Standards for Boarding (NMS). This session will highlight areas for Boarding Governors to be particularly aware of in the NMS and share suggestions on engaging with the boarding community and scrutinising the offer, especially the boarding houses themselves. The session will also address boarding staffing and discuss reviewing the success of your staffing model and boarding staff recruitment, both of which are particularly prevalent topics since the pandemic.

**Training topics will include:**

* The National Minimum Standards for Boarding (NMS) and having strategic oversight
* Monitoring the boarding provision – boarding houses
* Boarding staffing considerations – recruitment, retention, staffing models.

**Learning outcomes:**

* Detailed awareness of the importance of having strategic oversight of the NMS, and applying this to your duties
* Recommendations on how to engage with the boarding community and physical boarding provision
* Best practice recommendations for monitoring and driving your school practice in boarding staffing.

**Day 2: The boarding community**

**Tue 16 Jan 2024 | 14:00 - 15:30**

Part two of this “good governance” box set will focus on your responsibilities relating to the boarding community, looking in particular at the legal and statutory requirements that come from being a UKVI sponsor in order to welcome international students to your school. In addition to these requirements, the session will also consider how Boarding Governors can drive important areas of progress including equity, diversity and inclusion, and delivering quality care to students that spend more time in boarding than others.

**Training topics will include:**

* Your sponsor duties
* Strategic implementation of EDI
* Strategic consideration of student induction, weekend activities and access to facilities

**Learning outcomes:**

* Clear understanding of the importance of knowing your sponsor duties and supporting the SLT in following UKVI process throughout admissions
* Signposting to additional resources and information relating to UKVI
* Recommended practice relating to the strategic implementation of EDI and fuller care of boarders.

**Day 3: Demystifying boarding governance**

**Thur 22 Feb | 14:00 - 15:30**

The final session in this series aims to demystify boarding and boarding governance! Whilst every boarding school is different, the role of the boarding governor is very similar. Our panel of experienced Boarding Governors will discuss what it means in their setting to keep focus on boarding, advocate for boarding within wider school strategic discussions and share updates with the wider group. They will discuss any hurdles to understanding or progress they’ve faced and share tips on how to do the best in the role.

**Training topics will include:**

* Boarding Governor role and responsibilities
* Strategic implementation of stashing effective constructive relationships with boarding staff
* Effective Governor reporting.

**Learning outcomes:**

* Clear understanding of Boarding Governor duties and collective responsibility
* Best practice examples of establishing effective strategic oversight
* Being able to answer…how do Governors know?

**Participants will be provided with follow up resources including presentation material and the recorded portion of each session after delivery.**

[**AGBIS/HMC/ISBA | Heads’, Governors’ and Bursars' Conference 2023 (in-person Conference)**](https://www.agbis.org.uk/training-development/ems-event-calendar/agbis-hmc-isba-heads-governors-and-bursars-conference-in-person-2023.html) **Thur 23 Nov 2023 | 09:00 – 16:30 | BMA House, Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9JP**

**£299 for first or single ticket, £269 for second delegate ticket, £259 for third delegate ticket**

***Speakers:*** *Richard Harman, CEO, AGBIS; Cheryl Connelly, Director of Training & Membership (Deputy CEO);  Mark Taylor, Bursar at the King's School, Canterbury, Chair of AGBIS and Vice Chair of the ISC; Simon Hyde, General Secretary, HMC; David Woodgate, Chief Executive, ISBA; Julie Robinson, CEO, Independent Schools Council; Professor Catarina Figueira, Professor of Applied Economics and Policy, Cranfield University; Jonathan Simons, Partner and Head of the Education Practice, Public First; Chris Fairbank, Director of Communications, HMC; Sue Woodroofe, HMC Chair 2023-2024 and Principal of The Grammar School at Leeds; Ben Vessey, Head, Canford School; Barney Northover, Education Law Partner, Veale Wasbrough Vizards; Arun Kanwar, Partner, Cairneagle Limited and HMC Board member; John Murphie, Chief Operating Officer, ISBA; Jack Harty, Earth Centre Manager, Kingsley School, Bideford; Fiona Boulton OBE, Director of Independent Schools, United Learning; Sue Roxby, Business Director, Methodist Independent Schools Trust; Sam Coutinho, Consultant; Darren Coxon, Senior AI Product Lead, Study Hall; Alex McGrath, Castlegate Education and Jay Piggot, former HMC Head; Howard Blackett, Head of International Member Services, HMC; and Neil Cufley, Director of Operations/Finance, Royal Russell School and Chair of ISBA*

This conference is for heads, governors and bursars, and provides the opportunity to listen to the UK's most experienced professionals with the chance to get involved in discussions and share best practice. The conference theme is ‘Sustainability’, including economic and financial sustainability, as well as a focus on the political context, staffing and the environment. [**You can find the programme for the day here.**](file:///C%3A/Users/LaurenEveleigh/AGBIS/All%20Staff%20-%20Documents/Events/Webinars%20%26%20Seminars/23%20-%2024/Autumn%2023/20.%20%2023%20Nov%202023%20%20AGBIS%20HMC%20ISBA%20Conference/AGBIS%20HMC%20ISBA%20Heads%20Governors%20and%20Bursars%20Conference%20programme.pdf)

**Discounts available for multiple bookings:**

* Your first ticket will be **£299**
* **£30** discount on second ticket - **£269**
* **£40** discount on third ticket - **£259**

**(Second and third tickets can be purchased for the discounted prices at any time, simply select these tickets in the booking process.)**

[**AGBIS/HMC | Good Governance Programme: The Work of the Education Committee – cohort 4 (webinar)**](https://www.agbis.org.uk/training-development/ems-event-calendar/agbis-hmc-good-governance-programme-the-work-of-the-education-committee-cohort-4-webinar.html)

**Mon 27 Nov 2023 |16:00 – 17:30 | £85 excl. VAT per delegate**

***Speakers:*** *Richard Harman, Chief Executive, AGBIS; and Simon Hyde, General Secretary and Membership Secretary, HMC*

This webinar will look at the mechanics of what makes an education committee deliver outcomes as well as educational issues, helping governors and Heads understand best practice in oversight and governance of education in their schools so that they can make sure the education committee is excellent.

Bookings for this event are via HMC. Please book via the following link: <https://hmcpd.arlo.co/w/courses/775-agbis-hmc-good-governance-programme-the-work-of-the-education-committee-monday-27-november-2023-online/861>

[**New Governors (webinar)**](https://www.agbis.org.uk/training-development/ems-event-calendar/agbis-isba-newly-appointed-governors-webinar.html)

**Tue 28 Nov 2023 | 10:15 – 12:30 | £125 per delegate**

***Speakers****: Richard Harman, Chief Executive, AGBIS; Cheryl Connelly, Director of Training & Membership (Deputy CEO), AGBIS; David Woodgate, Chief Executive, ISBA; and Rosie Allen, Head, The Paragon School*

This webinar is the essential introduction to governance for new governors and will include governance from the Head’s perspective, governors’ role and responsibilities and allow discussion groups on typical issues facing school governors.

[**Clerks' Coffee and Catch-up Session (FREE webinar)**](https://www.agbis.org.uk/training-development/ems-event-calendar/clerks-coffee-and-catch-up-session-free-webinar-nov23.html)

**Thur 30 Nov 2023 | 10:00 – 11:00 | Included in your AGBIS Membership**

***Speaker:*** *Cheryl Connelly, Director of Training & Membership (Deputy CEO), AGBIS*

This will be an informal online session held via zoom, giving clerks the opportunity to stay connected. You will be invited to put forward any questions or topics that you would like to discuss or find out more about. We will aim to address as many of these as we can through the meeting and help you build and strengthen your networks to make sure you have the support you need. **This session will be held via zoom and will not be recorded.**

[**AGBIS/HMC | Good Governance Programme: Strategic Development Planning -** **cohort 4 (webinar)**](https://www.agbis.org.uk/training-development/ems-event-calendar/agbis-hmc-good-governance-programme-strategic-development-planning-cohort-4-webinar.html)

**Mon 04 Dec 2023 |16:00 – 17:30 | £85 excl. VAT per delegate**

***Speakers:*** *Cheryl Connelly, Director of Training & Membership (Deputy CEO), AGBIS; and Simon Hyde, General Secretary and Membership Secretary, HMC*

In association with AGBIS, this webinar will look at how governors and heads understand their context to develop domestic and international strategy using a case study approach. Delegates will be invited to submit their key strategic issues in advance of the session to enable the presenters to deliver timely advice.

Bookings for this event are via HMC. Please book via the following link: <https://hmcpd.arlo.co/w/courses/778-agbis-hmc-good-governance-programme-strategic-development-planning-monday-4-december-2023-online/864>

[**AGBIS Briefing (FREE webinar)**](https://www.agbis.org.uk/training-development/ems-event-calendar/agbis-briefing-free-webinar-dec23.html)

**Wed 06 Dec 2023 | 17:00 – 18:00 | Included in your AGBIS Membership**

***Speakers:*** *Richard Harman, Chief Executive, AGBIS; and Cheryl Connelly, Director of Training & Membership (Deputy CEO), AGBIS*

Richard Harman and Cheryl Connelly will provide members with the latest updates from the sector.

[**AGBIS/BSA |** **Foundations for boarding school governors - Inclusion and support (webinar)**](https://www.agbis.org.uk/training-development/ems-event-calendar/agbis-bsa-foundations-for-boarding-school-governors-inclusion-and-support-webinar.html)

**Wed 13 Dec 2023 | 16:30 – 17:30 | £65 per delegate**

***Speakers:*** *Cheryl Connelly, Director of Training & Membership (Deputy CEO), AGBIS; and Gaelle Sullivan, Director of Research and Inclusion, BSA and Director, TIOB (The Institute of Boarding)*

This webinar will outline equality, diversity and inclusion and the relevant legal and regulatory frameworks for boarding schools, paying particular attention to how the role of the Governor fits within this. Ensuring EDI is embedded within the culture of the whole school, including pupils and staff, is an important part of the role of Governor. This webinar will consider how to implement change at strategic level, involve SLT and have effective oversight.

**Training topics will include:**

* What is equality, diversity and inclusion, and why is it important?
* How can Governors have effective strategic oversight?
* Linking EDI to SLT responsibilities.

**Learning outcomes:**

* Increased understanding of equality, diversity and inclusion and how the role of Governor must engage with these
* Suggested questions and activities to engage with the SLT in your school to review and develop an EDI culture
* Recommended next steps for improvement and increased strategic importance.

Bookings for this event are via BSA. Please book via the following link: <https://www.boarding.org.uk/event/foundations-for-boarding-school-governors-inclusion-and-support/>

***Spring 2024 Events***

[**AGBIS/HMC | Good Governance Programme: What Makes a Good Board? – cohort 4 (webinar)**](https://www.agbis.org.uk/training-development/ems-event-calendar/agbis-hmc-good-governance-programme-what-makes-a-good-board-cohort-4-webinar.html)

**Mon 15 Jan 2024 |16:00 – 17:30 | £85 excl. VAT per delegate**

***Speakers:*** *Richard Harman, Chief Executive, AGBIS; and Simon Hyde, General Secretary and Membership Secretary, HMC*

This webinar will explore the elements that make a Good Board. Areas that will be covered are: the role of the Chair, Head and Clerk; recruitment and succession planning, meetings and committees, safeguarding, self-evaluation – AGBIS Reviews, difficult conversations and the difference between governance and management.

Bookings for this event are via HMC. Please book via the following link:

<https://hmcpd.arlo.co/w/courses/725-agbis-hmc-good-governance-programme-what-makes-a-good-board-monday-15-january-2024-online/811>

[**AGBIS/HMC | Good Governance Programme: Sustainability - cohort 4 (webinar)**](https://www.agbis.org.uk/training-development/ems-event-calendar/agbis-hmc-good-governance-programme-sustainability-cohort-4-webinar.html)

**Mon 22 Jan 2024 |16:00 – 17:30 | £85 excl. VAT per delegate**

***Speakers:*** *Cheryl Connelly, Director of Training & Membership (Deputy CEO), AGBIS*

This webinar will explore the key questions school governors should be asking around sustainability and explain why it is of such importance.  A panel will provide examples of best practice and there will be the opportunity for you to ask questions.

Bookings for this event are via HMC. Please book via the following link: <https://hmcpd.arlo.co/w/courses/798-agbis-hmc-good-governance-programme-sustainability-monday-22-january-2024-online/884>

[**AGBIS/HCR (Harrison Clark Rickerbys) | What schools should be considering to future proof themselves for the possibility of economic and political challenges, and current employment issues (webinar)**](https://www.agbis.org.uk/training-development/ems-event-calendar/agbis-hcr-harrison-clark-rickerbys-legal-update-and-hot-topics-seminar.html)

**Thur 25 Jan 2024 | 10:00 – 15:00 | £60 per delegate**

***Speakers:*** *Cheryl Connelly, Director of Training & Membership (Deputy CEO), AGBIS; Virginia Henley, Partner and Head of Charities, HCR; and Oliver Daniels, Partner, Education & Charities, HCR*

**PLEASE NOTE: This event has changed from an in-person seminar to an online webinar.**

During this webinar, HCR will be talking about what schools should be considering now to future proof themselves in the light of economic challenges and the possibility of political change, including current employment issues and staffing strategy. HCR will also be providing an update on the Teachers' Pension Scheme.

[**HMC and IDPE 2024 School Bursaries and Partnerships Conference**](https://idpe.org.uk/#hmcandidpe2024schoolbursariesandpartnershipsconference)

**Wed 31 Jan 2024 | 09:00 – 16:30 | BMA House, Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9JP |** **£299pp** for one independent school delegate**, £285pp** for two independent school/group delegates, **£265pp** for three independent school/group delegates and **£245pp** for four or more independent school/group delegates

The HMC and IDPE 2024 School Bursaries and Partnerships Conference is designed to support heads, bursars, governors, directors of development, and directors of partnerships

and community engagement, to establish and develop successful bursary and partnership programmes.

The cost-of-living crisis, funding gaps, potential recession, and the legacy of the COVID pandemic mean that many schools are already having to make difficult decisions about prioritisation within stretched budgets. Yet as educational leaders, we have a commitment to working together to truly address the widening gap in educational attainment between children from disadvantaged backgrounds and their peers. Through strengthening our partnerships and fulfilling our bursary missions, we can build aspiration across communities and improve the outcomes for all our young people.

Schools can contribute positively to the conversation around social change. Join us at the HMC and IDPE 2024 School Bursaries and Partnerships Conference, to find out how your school can support more young people to achieve their academic and life ambitions.

Bookings for this event are via IDPE. Please book via the following link: <https://idpe.org.uk/#hmcandidpe2024schoolbursariesandpartnershipsconference>

[**AGBIS Briefing (FREE webinar)**](https://www.agbis.org.uk/training-development/ems-event-calendar/agbis-briefing-free-webinar-jan24.html)

**Mon 05 Feb 2024 | 17:00 – 18:00 | Included in your AGBIS Membership**

***Speakers:*** *Richard Harman, Chief Executive, AGBIS; and Cheryl Connelly, Director of Training & Membership (Deputy CEO), AGBIS*

Richard Harman and Cheryl Connelly will provide members with the latest updates from the sector.

[**Clerks' Coffee and Catch-up Session (FREE webinar)**](https://www.agbis.org.uk/training-development/ems-event-calendar/clerks-coffee-and-catch-up-session-free-webinar-feb24.html)

**Tue 06 Feb 2024 | 10:00 – 11:00 | Included in your AGBIS Membership**

***Speaker:*** *Cheryl Connelly, Director of Training & Membership (Deputy CEO), AGBIS*

This will be an informal online session held via zoom, giving clerks the opportunity to stay connected. You will be invited to put forward any questions or topics that you would like to discuss or find out more about. We will aim to address as many of these as we can through the meeting and help you build and strengthen your networks to make sure you have the support you need. **This session will be held via zoom and will not be recorded.**

[**New Governors (seminar)**](https://www.agbis.org.uk/training-development/ems-event-calendar/newly-appointed-governors-seminar-feb24.html)

**Wed 07 Feb 2024 | 10:00 – 16:00 | Cazenove Capital, 1 London Wall Place, London Wall, Barbican, London EC2Y 5AU | £225 per delegate**

***Speakers:****Richard Harman, Chief Executive, AGBIS; Cheryl Connelly, Director of Training & Membership (Deputy CEO), AGBIS; David Woodgate, Chief Executive, ISBA; and a guest Head Teacher to be confirmed*

This seminar is the essential introduction to governance for new governors and will include governance from the Head’s perspective, governors’ role and responsibilities and allow discussion groups on typical issues facing school governors.

[**AGBIS/RSAcademics | The new art of headship and what it means for governors (webinar included in your membership)**](https://www.agbis.org.uk/training-development/ems-event-calendar/new-agbis-rsacademics-the-new-art-of-headship-and-what-it-means-for-governors-webinar-included-in-your-membership.html)

**Thur 08 Feb 2024 | 13:00 – 14:00 | Included in your AGBIS Membership**

***Speakers:*** *Russell Speirs, Founder and Chairman RSAcademics Ltd; and Jo MacKenzie Senior Advisor, RSAcademics Ltd*

It is clear that the job of an independent school Head has changed a great deal over the last ten years, but how does this affect governors? This webinar will draw on a major study entitled “The New Art of Headship” from RSAcademics, a leading consultancy firm in the independent sector. The report identifies the new challenges which Heads are expected to tackle, the skills they now require to be successful and what this means for how Heads are recruited and developed and, crucially, what it means for the role and behaviour of governors. This webinar is for Governors who want to have an even better understanding of the changing nature of independent school headship and what they can personally do to help their school Head perform brilliantly.

[**Chairs and Vice Chairs Coffee & Catch-up Session (FREE webinar)**](https://www.agbis.org.uk/training-development/ems-event-calendar/chairs-and-vice-chairs-coffee-catch-up-session-free-webinar-feb24.html)

**Fri 09 Feb 2024 | 10:00 – 11:00 | Included in your AGBIS Membership**

***Speaker:*** *Richard Harman, Chief Executive, AGBIS; and Cheryl Connelly, Director of Training & Membership (Deputy CEO), AGBIS*

This informal online session will give chairs and vice chairs the opportunity to stay connected. You will be invited to put forward any questions or topics that you would like to discuss or find out more about. We will aim to address as many of these as we can through the meeting and help you build and strengthen your networks to make sure you have the support you need. **This session will be held via zoom and will not be recorded.**

[**Parents’ complaints and stage 3 panel hearings - how they should be conducted and common errors to avoid (webinar)**](https://www.agbis.org.uk/training-development/ems-event-calendar/parents-complaints-and-stage-3-panel-hearings-how-they-should-be-conducted-and-common-errors-to-avoid-webinar.html)

**Wed 21 Feb 2024 | 10:00 – 11:00 | £60 per delegate**

***Speaker:*** *Stuart Westley, former General Secretary of AGBIS, former Master of Haileybury, Governor and currently working as a consultant for AGBIS.*

Parents’ entitlement to have their complaints heard and determined according to an established procedure is set out in the Independent Schools Standards Regulations (2014) and amplified in a DfE guidance note of 2019. Schools’ Complaints Procedures are required to comply with those regulations. They usually do.

The third and final stage of the complaints process is a hearing before a panel of (usually) three people. The panel acts on behalf of the ‘Proprietor’, meaning, in most cases, the Governing Body. The panel is usually assembled by the Chair of Governors; the regulations require that one member of the panel is independent of the management and running of the school.

Panel hearings are becoming more frequent, they can be time consuming, including for the Clerk, to whom falls the responsibility of arranging the hearing, including assembling the papers. Some panel hearings are stressful.

When a complaint reaches stage 3 there must be two governors able and willing to sit on the panel. Not all governors would consider themselves qualified to do so; some would feel they lack the understanding necessary to come to fair, impartial findings consistently with the requirements of the regulations.

The webinar will provide a lay person’s guide to hearings, explaining how they should be conducted and the common errors which need to be recognised and avoided. The webinar will be of value also to Clerks, recognising that their role administering the hearing is crucial. The intended outcome will be that when governors are needed for a panel hearing they will have the understanding and confidence to agree to participate.

[**AGBIS/HMC | Good Governance Programme: What Makes a Good Finance and General Purposes Committee? – cohort 4 (webinar)**](https://www.agbis.org.uk/training-development/ems-event-calendar/agbis-hmc-good-governance-programme-what-makes-a-good-finance-and-general-purposes-committee-cohort-4-webinar.html)

**Mon 26 Feb 2024 |16:00 – 17:30 | £85 excl. VAT per delegate**

***Speakers:*** *Cheryl Connelly, Director of Training & Membership (Deputy CEO), AGBIS*

This webinar will exploring how a governors’ finance & general purposes committee should contribute to effective overall governance of the school. It will be led by Cheryl Connelly, Director of Training & Membership (Deputy CEO), AGBIS and a serving head.

Bookings for this event are via HMC. Please book via the following link: <https://hmcpd.arlo.co/w/courses/747-agbis-hmc-good-governance-programme-what-makes-a-good-finance-and-general-purposes-committee-monday-26-february-2024-online/833>

[**AGBIS/ISBA | Clerks Webinar**](https://www.agbis.org.uk/training-development/ems-event-calendar/agbis-isba-clerks-webinar.html)

**Tue 05 Mar 2024 | 10:00 – 12:00 | £120 per delegate**

***Speakers:*** *Cheryl Connelly, Director of Training & Membership (Deputy CEO), AGBIS; and John Murphie, COO, ISBA*

AGBIS and ISBA will be running an online webinar for clerks to enable best practice to be shared as well as networking opportunities.

[**AGBIS/haysmacintyre | Finance for the Non-Financial Governor (seminar)**](https://www.agbis.org.uk/training-development/ems-event-calendar/agbis-haysmacintyre-finance-for-the-non-financial-governor-seminar-mar23.html)

**Wed 06 Mar 2024 | 10:00 – 15:30 |** **haysmacintyre offices, 10 Queen Street Place, London EC4R 1AG | £225 per delegate**

***Speakers:*** *Cheryl Connelly, Director of Training & Membership (Deputy CEO), AGBIS; and Tracey Young, Partner, Head of Education, haysmacintyre*

This seminar in partnership with haysmacintyre sets out to demystify schools’ finances for those governors from a non-financial background, so they can have greater confidence and contribute fully to the governing body’s collective responsibility.

[**AGBIS/Morton Fraser | Policy and Legal Update for Governors of Scottish Schools (webinar included in your membership)**](https://www.agbis.org.uk/training-development/ems-event-calendar/agbis-morton-fraser-policy-and-legal-update-for-governors-of-scottish-schools-webinar-included-in-your-membership.html)

**Thur 07 Mar 2024 | 17:00 – 18:30 | Included in your AGBIS Membership**

***Speakers:*** *Richard Harman, Chief Executive, AGBIS; Lorraine Davidson, Chief Executive SCIS; Sarah Gilzean, David Hossack, Martyn Shaw and Adrian Bell, Partners at Morton Fraser Macroberts LLP*

Join us for an overview of the current policy and legal landscape for Scottish schools. There will be an overview of the sector from SCIS, followed by legal updates on the Scottish Child Abuse Inquiry, teachers' pensions, transgender pupil issues and a charity and governance update.

[**AGBIS/HMC | Good Governance Programme: Equality, Diversity and Inclusion – cohort 4 (webinar)**](https://www.agbis.org.uk/training-development/ems-event-calendar/agbis-hmc-good-governance-programme-equality-diversity-and-inclusion-cohort-4-webinar.html)

**Mon 11 Mar 2024 |16:00 – 17:30 | £85 excl. VAT per delegate**

***Speakers:*** *Cheryl Connelly, Director of Training & Membership (Deputy CEO), AGBIS*

This webinar will consider how a meaningful EDI strategy transforms cultures in schools and we’ll be looking particularly at school strategy and school culture.

Cheryl Connelly will lead the webinar and we will receive insights and reflections from serving heads on EDI within HMC schools.

Bookings for this event are via HMC. Please book via the following link: <https://hmcpd.arlo.co/w/courses/752-agbis-hmc-good-governance-programme-equality-diversity-and-inclusion-monday-11-march-2024/838>

[**AGBIS/Farrer & Co | ISI Framework 23 – What Governors need to know (webinar)**](https://www.agbis.org.uk/training-development/ems-event-calendar/new-agbis-farrer-co-isi-framework-23-what-governors-need-to-know-webinar.html)

**Wed 13 Mar 2024 | 16:30 – 17:30 | £60 per delegate**

***Speaker:*** *Veryan Exelby, Senior Counsel, Farrer & Co*

The new Framework contains a number of changes from the previous framework which are aimed to reflect and consider the challenges pupils face in today’s world, given the significant developments since the publication of the last framework (such as Black Lives Matter and Everyone’s Invited). We have also seen a move away from the publication of ISI’s published Commentary on Regulatory Requirements in its current form, with the ISI Inspection Handbook now being publicly available to all on the ISI website. Given these changes, this webinar will consider the impact the new documentation has had on the inspection process to date.

**During this 60 minute webinar, Veryan Exelby of Farrer & Co will cover:**

* Recent changes to key ISI documentation
* How these changes are reflected in practice
* Recent trends in the inspection process
* Key resources and practical tips

[**AGBIS/RHL Consulting | Talking to Your Parents - Exploring Fee Sensitivity in the face of VAT on Fees (webinar)**](https://www.agbis.org.uk/training-development/ems-event-calendar/new-agbis-rhl-consulting-talking-to-your-parents-exploring-fee-sensitivity-in-the-face-of-vat-on-fees-webinar.html)

**Thur 14 Mar 2024 | 12:00 – 13:00 | £60 per delegate**

***Speaker:*** *Rachel Hadley-Leonard, Founder and Independent Consultant, RHL Consulting*

In this topical webinar, we'll delve into the nuances of navigating fee increases due to potential VAT legislation, providing you with invaluable insights to foster transparent communication and maintain trust within your school community.

**Learning Outcomes and webinar highlights:**

* Understanding the Impact of VAT on School Fees – Do we have to pass it on?
* Strategies for transparent Communication with parents
* Exploring options to mitigate the impact of fee increases
* Addressing parental concerns and creating strategies for maintaining trust and confidence
* Case study and research findings

[**AGBIS Annual Conference 2024 (in-person conference)**](https://www.agbis.org.uk/training-development/ems-event-calendar/agbis-annual-conference-2024-in-person-conference.html)

**Mon 18 Mar 2024 | 09:00 – 17:15, with a drinks’ reception from 17:15 – 18:30 |** **Queen Elizabeth II Centre, Westminster, London SW1P 3EE | £225 per delegate**

We are very much looking forward to hosting our successful Annual Conference again on Monday 18th March 2024. We will be joined by many expert speakers, with some talking at our four breakouts which are yet to be confirmed. We will be updating our website with information on the conference in due course, so please do keep an eye out!

[**AGBIS/BBSN (British Boarding Schools Network) | Understanding the Global Landscape for International Boarding Recruitment (webinar)**](https://www.agbis.org.uk/training-development/ems-event-calendar/agbis-bbsn-british-boarding-schools-network-understanding-the-global-landscape-for-international-boarding-recruitment-webinar.html)

**Thur 21 Mar 2024 | 10:00 – 11:00 | £60 per delegate**

***Speakers:*** *Suzanne Rowse, Director, BBSN; and Jayne Grigg, International Recruitment Adviser, BBSN*

This webinar will give school governors a good understanding of the following areas to ensure they can support their school admissions and marketing team when making strategic decisions in relation to international boarding recruitment: the top 30 recruitment markets, changes in key international markets and the impact on boarding schools’ recruitment, the vital role of agents, and planning for the future.

[**Clerks' Coffee and Catch-up Session (FREE webinar)**](https://www.agbis.org.uk/training-development/ems-event-calendar/clerks-coffee-and-catch-up-session-free-webinar-mar24.html)

**Mon 25 Mar 2024 | 10:00 – 11:00 | Included in your AGBIS Membership**

***Speaker:*** *Cheryl Connelly, Director of Training & Membership (Deputy CEO), AGBIS*

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[**AGBIS Briefing (FREE webinar)**](https://www.agbis.org.uk/training-development/ems-event-calendar/agbis-briefing-free-webinar-mar24.html)

**Mon 25 Mar 2024 | 17:00 – 18:00 | Included in your AGBIS Membership**

***Speakers:*** *Richard Harman, Chief Executive, AGBIS; and Cheryl Connelly, Director of Training & Membership (Deputy CEO), AGBIS*

Richard Harman and Cheryl Connelly will provide members with the latest updates from the sector.

***Summer 2024 Events***

[**AGBIS/BSA | School strategy for governors (webinar)**](https://www.agbis.org.uk/training-development/ems-event-calendar/agbis-bsa-school-strategy-for-governors-webinar-apr24.html)

**Thur 11 Apr 2024 | 10:30 – 12:30 | £110 per delegate**

***Speakers:*** *Cheryl Connelly, Director of Training & Membership (Deputy CEO), AGBIS; and Dale Wilkins, Senior Director, BSA and BSA Group*

This webinar will cover articulating strategy, tools for development, documents, planning and aligning with the Senior Team within the school as well as considering an international strategy. Consideration will be given to what the role of governors should be in strategic planning and how to develop a genuine strategy which is grounded in reality.

The webinar will be delivered by senior staff from both AGBIS and BSA Group, drawing on extensive experience in supporting members in development, strategy and the role of governors. The day will draw on case studies from both associations and delegates will leave with actionable recommendations to take back to their schools.

**Training topics will include:**

* What is strategy?
* Identifying and setting your school’s strategy
* International strategy
* Governance and management
* Strategic planning for governors
* External factors.

**Learning outcomes:**

* Recommended strategic models to apply to your school
* Advice on approaching international strategy
* Best practice recommendations for ensuring good governance and strategic partnership with SLT
* Increased awareness of the latest external factors to consider when planning school strategy.

Bookings for this event are via BSA. Please book via the following link: <https://www.boarding.org.uk/event/bsa-agbis-virtual-training-school-strategy-for-governors-2/>

[**New Governors (seminar)**](https://www.agbis.org.uk/training-development/ems-event-calendar/new-governors-seminar-23rdapr24.html)

**Tue 23 Apr 2024 | 10:00 – 16:00| Cazenove Capital, 1 London Wall Place, London Wall, Barbican, London EC2Y 5AU | £225 per delegate**

***Speakers:****Richard Harman, Chief Executive, AGBIS; Cheryl Connelly, Director of Training & Membership (Deputy CEO), AGBIS; David Woodgate, Chief Executive, ISBA; and a guest Head Teacher to be confirmed*

This seminar is the essential introduction to governance for new governors and will include governance from the Head’s perspective, governors’ role and responsibilities and allow discussion groups on typical issues facing school governors.

[**Clerks' Coffee and Catch-up Session (FREE webinar)**](https://www.agbis.org.uk/training-development/ems-event-calendar/clerks-coffee-and-catch-up-session-free-webinar-apr24.html)

**Wed 24 Apr 2024 | 10:00 – 11:00 | Included in your AGBIS Membership**

***Speaker:*** *Cheryl Connelly, Director of Training & Membership (Deputy CEO), AGBIS*

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[**AGBIS/Hemisphere | How governors can help schools deliver equitable outcomes for Black students (webinar)**](https://www.agbis.org.uk/training-development/ems-event-calendar/new-agbis-hemisphere-education-how-governors-can-help-schools-deliver-equitable-outcomes-for-black-students-webinar.html)

**Thur 25 Apr 2024 | 10:00 – 11:00 | £60 per delegate**

***Speaker:*** *Yasmina Koné, Deputy Lead,* [*Hemisphere Education*](https://www.rarerecruitment.co.uk/products/hemisphere)

Join us for an interactive workshop on how independent schools can create a safe and supportive learning environment for students of Black heritage. Following the resurgence of the Black Lives Matter movement in 2020, many schools found themselves on the back foot, sparking a focus on Black pupils and inclusion. What’s happened since? Come for expert insights from multi-award winning race equity experts, [Rare](https://d39wzz04.eu1.hs-sales-engage.com/s3t/c/5/f18dQhb0V1-gm88dnCwDW4T-Bn-2zGCz1N5xLs7slrBrYW1S-5_L5F29j6N5F2kFW3ZmSgf8XdZTW02?te=W3R5hFj4cm2zwW4mKLS-49HStwW49Kv384hGQZLW3K78fM3FbmCtW3Xvc2v43PsG1W4fNk7F3K6KSfn45PFG81V3&si=8000000029431141&pi=4882dd5d-2e94-4937-81d1-68da22d0c9d3). Informed by two decades of working closely with young Black people in the education and corporate sectors, we’ll distil some of the lessons from [Hemisphere](https://d39wzz04.eu1.hs-sales-engage.com/s3t/c/5/f18dQhb0V1-gm88dnCwDW4T-Bn-2zGCz1N5xLs7slrBrYW1S-5_L5F29j6N5F2kFW3ZmSgf8XdZTW02?te=W3R5hFj4cm2zwW4mKLS-49HStwW49Kv384hGQZLW3K78fM3FbmCtW3Xvc2v43PsG1W4fNk7F3K6KSfn45PFG81V3&si=8000000029431141&pi=4882dd5d-2e94-4937-81d1-68da22d0c9d3), cutting-edge digital CPD training that gives schools a toolkit to understand, safeguard and nourish Black students.

Leave with an understanding of: the specific ways in which bias against Black children shows up in schools, what schools are doing right, and how you can replicate that success.

[**AGBIS/WISC | Strategies and Governance following the new Independent School Standards 2024 (webinar)**](https://www.agbis.org.uk/training-development/ems-event-calendar/new-agbis-wisc-strategies-and-governance-following-the-new-independent-school-standards-2024-webinar.html)

**Thur 25 Apr | 14:00 – 16:00 | £120 per delegate**

***Speakers:*** *Cheryl Connelly, Director of Training & Membership (Deputy CEO), AGBIS; Gareth Pearson, Chair of WISC and Head of Christ College Brecon; and Emma Verrier, Chief Executive Officer, WISC*

WISC are delighted to partner once again with AGBIS for a webinar on Thursday 25th April from 2pm until 4pm. This event is for chairs of governors and governors and will be focusing on governance and the new Independent School Standards 2024 and how this will affect governors. You will recall that the new standards were updated as they were over 20 years out of date and in light of the IICSA Report recommendations. We hope that you will send your chair and governor to this event so we can showcase this to the Welsh Government that our schools operate the highest standards of school governance for the benefit of pupils, staff and parents in our schools. This is also a great opportunity for our schools to share networking opportunities and share best practice.

[**AGBIS/HMC | Good Governance Programme: What Does a Commitment to Delivering Public Benefit Look Like? – cohort 4 (webinar)**](https://www.agbis.org.uk/training-development/ems-event-calendar/agbis-hmc-good-governance-programme-what-does-a-commitment-to-delivering-public-benefit-look-like-cohort-4-webinar.html)

**Mon 13 May 2024 |16:00 – 17:30 | £85 excl. VAT per delegate**

***Speaker:*** *Richard Harman, Chief Executive, AGBIS*

This webinar will be led by Richard Harman, Chief Executive, with contributions from leading schools.

**Course Programme:**

* 16.00 – 16.05

Welcome and introductions

* 16.05 – 16.30

The public benefit responsibilities of charities and charitable objects

* 16.30 – 16.50

Partnership case studies

* 16.50 – 17.10

School case study on public benefit

* 17.10 – 17.30

Questions and Answers

Bookings for this event are via HMC. Please book via the following link: <https://hmcpd.arlo.co/w/courses/801-agbis-hmc-good-governance-programme-what-does-a-commitment-to-delivering-public-benefit-look-like-monday-13-may-2023-online/887>

[**AGBIS Briefing (FREE webinar)**](https://www.agbis.org.uk/training-development/ems-event-calendar/agbis-briefing-free-webinar-may24.html)

**Thur 23 May 2024 (Please note date change due to ISBA conference) | 17:00 – 18:00 | Included in your AGBIS Membership**

***Speakers:*** *Richard Harman, Chief Executive, AGBIS; and Cheryl Connelly, Director of Training & Membership (Deputy CEO), AGBIS*

Richard Harman and Cheryl Connelly will provide members with the latest updates from the sector.

[**Chairs and Vice Chairs Coffee & Catch-up Session (FREE webinar)**](https://www.agbis.org.uk/training-development/ems-event-calendar/chairs-and-vice-chairs-coffee-catch-up-session-free-webinar-jun24.html)

**Mon 03 Jun 2024 | 10:00 – 11:00 | Included in your AGBIS Membership**

***Speaker:*** *Richard Harman, Chief Executive, AGBIS; and Cheryl Connelly, Director of Training & Membership (Deputy CEO), AGBIS*

This informal online session will give chairs and vice chairs the opportunity to stay connected. You will be invited to put forward any questions or topics that you would like to discuss or find out more about. We will aim to address as many of these as we can through the meeting and help you build and strengthen your networks to make sure you have the support you need. **This session will be held via zoom and will not be recorded.**

[**AGBIS/HMC | Good Governance Programme: What Makes a Good Relationship Between the Governors and Head? – cohort 4 (webinar)**](https://www.agbis.org.uk/training-development/ems-event-calendar/agbis-hmc-good-governance-programme-what-makes-a-good-relationship-between-the-governors-and-head-cohort-4-webinar.html)

**Mon 03 Jun 2024 |16:00 – 17:30 | £85 excl. VAT per delegate**

***Speakers:*** *Richard Harman, Chief Executive, AGBIS; and Simon Hyde, General Secretary and Membership Secretary, HMC*

**Learning outcomes:**

* The importance of contracting – on paper and in other ways – at the beginning of the relationship between the new Head and Chair.
* Setting up structures to support the head, for example coaching, appraisal, and professional development
* The role of the head, and (for heads) the role of governors in providing support and challenge
* What might go wrong and why, and what to do if things are going wrong

Bookings for this event are via HMC. Please book via the following link: <https://hmcpd.arlo.co/w/courses/812-agbis-hmc-good-governance-programme-what-makes-a-good-relationship-between-the-governors-and-head-monday-3-june-2024-online/898>

[**AGBIS/ISBA | Clerks’ Webinar**](https://www.agbis.org.uk/training-development/ems-event-calendar/agbis-isba-clerks-webinar-jun24.html)

**Tue 04 Jun 2024 | 10:00 – 12:00 | £120 per delegate**

***Speakers:*** *Cheryl Connelly, Director of Training & Membership (Deputy CEO), AGBIS; and John Murphie, COO, ISBA*

AGBIS and ISBA will be running an online webinar for clerks to enable best practice to be shared as well as networking opportunities.

[**Clerks' Coffee and Catch-up Session (FREE webinar)**](https://www.agbis.org.uk/training-development/ems-event-calendar/clerks-coffee-and-catch-up-session-free-webinar-jun24.html)

**Wed 26 Jun 2024 | 10:00 – 11:00 | Included in your AGBIS Membership**

***Speaker:*** *Cheryl Connelly, Director of Training & Membership (Deputy CEO), AGBIS*

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[**AGBIS Briefing (FREE webinar)**](https://www.agbis.org.uk/training-development/ems-event-calendar/agbis-briefing-free-webinar-jul24.html)

**Mon 01 Jul 2024 | 17:00 – 18:00 | Included in your AGBIS Membership**

***Speakers:*** *Richard Harman, Chief Executive, AGBIS; and Cheryl Connelly, Director of Training & Membership (Deputy CEO), AGBIS*

Richard Harman and Cheryl Connelly will provide members with the latest updates from the sector.

[**AGBIS/BSA | Better boarding provision: a seminar for governors (webinar)**](https://www.agbis.org.uk/training-development/ems-event-calendar/agbis-bsa-better-boarding-provision-webinar-jul24.html)

**Tue 09 Jul 2024 | 10:30 – 15:30 | £155 per delegate**

***Speakers:*** *Cheryl Connelly, Director of Training & Membership (Deputy CEO), AGBIS; and* *Dale Wilkins, Senior Director, BSA and BSA Group*

This day webinar is aimed specifically at governors with responsibility for boarding welfare, and safeguarding, but is also suitable for all governors who need an in depth understanding around their responsibilities for safeguarding and meeting the needs of boarders at schools

with boarding provision. This training day will provide a domestic and international context to the boarding sector and consider the latest challenges facing the boarding sector as a whole, as well as considering the day-to-day issues boarding staff are working through with the boarders in their care, and with their boarding facilities.

Attention will also be given to the role of the boarding and safeguarding Governor, with specific reference to the latest guidance, legislation and research. The responsibilities and duties of governors are wide ranging, but a sound knowledge of the framework for policy, monitoring and scrutiny will enable effective and confident practice. Similarly, a clear understanding of procedures and policies used by schools will help if governors are called upon to act in difficult situations.

**Training topics will include:**

* Sector overview including market strategy, recruitment, setting, standards and provision
* Overview of the latest headlines for the boarding sector
* Safeguarding duty
* Inspection updates to be aware of
* The role of a Governor
* Good governance.

**Learning outcomes:**

* Increased awareness of the latest trends, issues and developments for the boarding sector
* Increased understanding of safeguarding responsibilities and the role of governors
* Updated understanding of compliance with ISI and Ofsted
* Increased understanding of what makes a good Governor and effective governance.

Bookings for this event are via BSA. Please book via the following link: <https://www.boarding.org.uk/event/bsa-agbis-better-boarding-provision-a-seminar-for-governors/>