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We are delighted to share with you the AGBIS Summer Term 2023 programme!

**Booking an AGBIS event is easy, simply** [**click here**](https://www.agbis.org.uk/training-development/ems-event-calendar.html) **to see all our upcoming events. You can also click on each event heading in this programme.**

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 will just need to log into the AGBIS website (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**](mailto:enquiries@agbis.org.uk).

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.

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.

**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.  
  
[**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. More information can be found on this dedicated web page: [**AGBIS/HMC Good Governance Programme.**](https://hmcpd.org.uk/agbis-hmc-good-governance-programme/)

We look forward to welcoming you online and in person.

Kind regards,

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

**Upcoming Summer 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.html)

**Wed 05 Apr | 10:30 – 13:00 | £100 per delegate**

***Speakers:*** *Richard Harman, Chief Executive, AGBIS; Robin Fletcher, Chief Executive, BSA and BSA Group; and Caroline Nixon M.A. (Oxon.), M. Ed., FTIOB, BSA International & Membership Director, BAISIS*

This webinar has been designed to support governors in their understanding and development of the role, and in formulating and shaping school strategy. The day 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, grounded in reality.

**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

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

<https://www.boarding.org.uk/event/bsa-agbis-virtual-training-school-strategy-for-governors-2/>  
  
  
[**AGBIS/The Allergy Team | As a governor, how would you know if your school is prepared to manage a serious allergic reaction? (webinar)**](https://www.agbis.org.uk/training-development/ems-event-calendar/agbis-the-allergy-team-as-a-governor-how-would-you-know-if-your-school-is-prepared-to-manage-a-serious-allergic-reaction-webinar.html)

**Mon 24 Apr | 10:00 – 11:00 | £55 per delegate**

***Speakers:*** *Cheryl Connelly, Director of Training & Membership (Deputy CEO), AGBIS; and Sarah Knight, Co-Founder & CEO, The Allergy Team.*

To mark Allergy Awareness Week, Sarah Knight, mother of two children with food allergies and Founder of The Allergy Team will be presenting a webinar that covers the questions governors should be asking to ensure their school is safe and inclusive for pupils with allergies.   
  
Allergy is the most common chronic condition in childhood and in school-aged children, 20% of allergic reactions happening at school. Are you asking the right questions to ensure your school is truly allergy aware? It’s not enough to leave the issue to the caterer to manage (especially as 79% of reactions happen outside the dining hall), or to provide basic EpiPen training. Staff need to understand the risks, know how to reduce them and to ensure that pupils with food allergies are included. The Allergy Team, which provides support and training for schools to help them manage food allergies, will provide as part of this webinar some questions for you to ask in your next governors meeting to ensure your school is allergy aware.  
[**AGBIS/HMC/ISBA | Sector Threats and Challenges Webinar - Part 1 (FREE webinar)**](https://www.agbis.org.uk/training-development/ems-event-calendar/agbis-hmc-isba-sector-threats-and-challenges-webinar-part-1-free-webinar.html) **Mon 24 Apr | 16:00 – 17:00 | FREE**

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

Richard Harman, David Woodgate and Simon Hyde will provide members with the latest updates from the sector.

[**Newly Appointed Governors (webinar)**](https://www.agbis.org.uk/training-development/ems-event-calendar/newly-appointed-governors-seminar-26april23.html)

**Wed 26 Apr | 10:15 – 12:30 | £125 per delegate**

***Speakers:*** *Richard Harman, Chief Executive, AGBIS; David Woodgate, Chief Executive, ISBA; and Irfan H Latif, Principal, DLD College London*

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.

[**Anti-discrimination – holding leaders to account for an impact-centred whole school strategy (webinar)**](https://www.agbis.org.uk/training-development/ems-event-calendar/anti-discrimination-holding-leaders-to-account-for-an-impact-centred-whole-school-strategy-webinar.html)

**Tue 02 May | 11:00 – 12:00 | £55 per delegate**

***Speakers:*** *Cheryl Connelly, Director of Training & Membership (Deputy CEO), AGBIS; and Ben Mearhart, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Co-ordinator, The King’s School, Canterbury*

**This webinar is intended for chairs, governors, clerks and senior leaders to help deepen their understanding of:**

* What successful anti-discrimination provision can look like
* What role you can play in supporting this provision
* How best to build, implement and evaluate a whole school or Trust-wide action plan and road map for embedded anti-discrimination

[**Consistency Across the Brand – Ensuring everyone is singing from the same hymn sheet (webinar)**](https://www.agbis.org.uk/training-development/ems-event-calendar/consistency-across-the-brand-ensuring-everyone-is-singing-from-the-same-hymn-sheet-webinar.html) **Thur 04 May | 10:00 – 11:30 | £85 per delegate**

***Speaker:*** *Rachel Hadley-Leonard, Independent Schools' Marketing and Development Consultant, RHL Consulting*

Your school’s brand is so much more than its logo. How do you ensure that the whole school community is not only an ambassador for the school, but also understands and represents the school brand in all their work and communications? This interactive presentation guides Governors through the process of branding a school, and looks at how to ensure consistent representation across all stakeholder groups.

**Content:**

* What is brand in a school context
* Defining vision, aims, values and ethos
* Creating your school brand
* Identifying different stakeholder groups and how they might represent the brand
* Ensuring consistency across the brand

[**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.html)

**Tue 09 May | 10:00 – 11:00 | FREE**

***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.**

[**AGBIS/WISC | An Introduction to Governance (webinar)**](https://www.agbis.org.uk/training-development/ems-event-calendar/agbis-wisc-an-introduction-to-governance-webinar.html)

**Tue 09 May | 14:00 – 16:00 | £110 per delegate**

***Speakers:*** *Richard Harman, Chief Executive, AGBIS; Cheryl Connelly, Director of Training & Membership (Deputy CEO), AGBIS; Emma Verrier, Chief Executive, WISC; and Gareth Pearson, Chair, WISC*

AGBIS is delighted to partner with WISC (Welsh Independent Schools Council). This event is for chairs of governors and governors, and will be focussing on governance and leadership challenges in general and specifically in light of the IICSA Report recommendations, Everyone’s Invited website and Welsh Government initiatives. We aspire to run a series of webinars each year and for every independent school to book on at least one governor as part of their induction or ongoing professional development. By doing so we hope to encourage the highest standards of school governance for the benefit of pupils, staff and parents of our schools.

[**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.html)

**Wed 10 May | 10:00 – 11:00 |FREE**

***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 (cohort 3): What does a commitment to delivering public benefit look like? (webinar)**](https://www.agbis.org.uk/training-development/ems-event-calendar/agbis-hmc-good-governance-programme-cohort-5-what-does-a-commitment-to-delivering-public-benefit-look-like-webinar.html)

**Mon 15 May | 16:00 – 17:30 | £75 (excluding VAT) per delegate**

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

In association with HMC, this webinar will be led by Richard Harman, Chief Executive, AGBIS and Simon Hyde, General Secretary and Membership Secretary, HMC and will look at your duties as charitable trustees in delivering public benefit supported by case studies and practical advice.

*Bookings for this webinar are via HMC. Please book via the following link -* [*https://hmcpd.arlo.co/w/courses/656-hmc-agbis-good-governance-programme-what-does-a-commitment-to-delivering-public-benefit-look-like-monday-15-may-2023-online/740*](https://hmcpd.arlo.co/w/courses/656-hmc-agbis-good-governance-programme-what-does-a-commitment-to-delivering-public-benefit-look-like-monday-15-may-2023-online/740)

[**AGBIS/HMC | Good Governance Programme (cohort 3): What makes a good relationship between the governors and Head?**](https://www.agbis.org.uk/training-development/ems-event-calendar/agbis-hmc-good-governance-programme-cohort-5-what-makes-a-good-relationship-between-the-governors-and-head.html)

**Wed 07 Jun | 16:00 – 17:30 | £75 (excluding VAT) per delegate**

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

**This session will enable participants to gain a clear understanding of:**

* 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 webinar are via HMC. Please book via the following link -* [*https://hmcpd.arlo.co/w/courses/655-hmc-agbis-good-governance-programme-what-makes-a-good-relationship-between-the-governors-and-head-wednesday-7-june-2023-online/739*](https://hmcpd.arlo.co/w/courses/655-hmc-agbis-good-governance-programme-what-makes-a-good-relationship-between-the-governors-and-head-wednesday-7-june-2023-online/739)

[**AGBIS/Stone King LLP | How to deliver a whole school safeguarding culture (seminar)**](https://www.agbis.org.uk/training-development/ems-event-calendar/agbis-stone-king-llp-how-to-deliver-a-whole-school-safeguarding-culture-seminar.html)

**Thur 08 Jun | 10:00 – 15:30 | Boundary House, 91 Charterhouse St, Barbican, London EC1M 6HR | £195 per delegate**

***Speakers:*** *Helen Tucker, Partner, Stone King LLP; Harriet Broughton, Partner, Stone King LLP; Stephen Ravenscroft, Partner, Stone King LLP; and Ben Peck, Director, Diddu Communications*

Against the backdrop of the key legal and regulatory duties, we will look at the proactive steps trustees can take to embed the culture in the school and evaluate and monitor the effectiveness, as well as working through practical examples of how to deal with safeguarding crises when they arise. This will include consideration of the issues from a range of perspectives including pupil welfare, staff behaviour, disciplinary action and reporting, governance, serious incident reporting and preparation of the communications plan.

[**AGBIS/HMC/ISBA | Sector Threats and Challenges Webinar - Part 2 (FREE Webinar)**](https://www.agbis.org.uk/training-development/ems-event-calendar/agbis-hmc-isba-sector-threats-and-challenges-webinar-part-2-free-webinar.html)  
**Fri 09 Jun | 11:00 – 12:00 | FREE  
*Speakers:*** *Cheryl Connelly, Director of Training & Membership (Deputy CEO), AGBIS; David Woodgate Chief Executive, ISBA; and Simon Hyde, General Secretary, HMC*

Cheryl Connelly, David Woodgate and Simon Hyde will provide members with the latest updates from the sector.

[**AGBIS/MTM Consulting | Financial stability in an uncertain world – how might mergers and acquisitions feature in your school’s strategy?**](https://www.agbis.org.uk/training-development/ems-event-calendar/agbis-mtm-consulting-mergers-and-acquisitions-how-can-governors-start-the-conversation-webinar.html)

**Tue 13 Jun | 11:00 – 12:00 | £55 per delegate**

***Speakers:*** *Duncan Murphy, Director of Education at MTM Consulting; and Sian Champkin, Partner at VWV (Veale Wasbrough Vizards)*

Do you know if your school is considering a merger or acquisition? How can you help move this conversation forward? Are you able to identify the common pitfalls of both? Join AGBIS and MTM Consulting for an insightful webinar that will enable you as a governor to help guide your school in making the right decision.

MTM Consulting are experts in education market research, school marketing and strategy for schools, and can help with wisdom, practical advice and tips for governors who seek to understand a range of options for their school’s financial future.

**What you'll learn:**

* How you as a governor can understand what’s involved and contribute to discussions around mergers and acquisitions
* The important factors to consider when discussing and considering a merger and/or acquisition
* The common pitfalls you need to be aware of

**You'll leave with:**

* The tools you’ll need to be fully equipped to consider, plan and be a part of your school’s discussions on mergers/acquisitions
* Practical legal advice from mergers and acquisitions experts
* An understanding of the areas where it could potentially go wrong and how to protect your school

[**AGBIS/MKS | Strategic Governance (webinar)**](https://www.agbis.org.uk/training-development/ems-event-calendar/agbis-mks-strategic-governance-webinar.html)

**Wed 14 Jun | 10:00 – 12:00 | £110 per delegate**

***Speakers:*** *Cheryl Connelly, Director of Training & Membership (Deputy CEO), AGBIS; Anjali Kothari, Partner and Head of Education, MKS; Dan Leaman, Partner, MKS Corporate Finance; and Richard Jackson, Partnerships Manager, Moore ClearComm*

When was the last time you took a step back and thought about your strategic priorities? The future is just as important as the usual day-to-day running of your organisation, it is essential that you have solid plans in place and know where you need to get to. Our experts will take you through three key areas that you should be thinking about for your organisation:

1. What to expect in employment law in 2023. Key questions that Trustees should be asking in relation to HR
2. What’s driving the mergers and acquisitions activity? What should charities be thinking about?
3. A modern cyber strategy for leaders

[**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-15jun23.html)

**Thur 15 Jun | 10:00 – 11:00 | FREE**

***Speakers:*** *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/Lloyds Bank | Economic Update and Outlook (webinar)**](https://www.agbis.org.uk/training-development/ems-event-calendar/agbis-lloyds-bank-economic-update-and-outlook-webinar.html)

**Thur 15 Jun | 14:00 – 15:00 | £55 per delegate**

***Speaker:*** *Rhys Herbert, Senior Economist, Lloyds Bank*

This year so far has seen some calm return across financial markets as positive signs emerge around lower energy prices and better than expected growth indicators. This has coincided with improving business and consumer confidence. However, the outlook remains uncertain and fast-changing.

There are potential risks and opportunities that independent schools need to monitor and this webinar will discuss the latest themes as we approach the half-way point in the year.

[**AGBIS/HMC/ISBA | Sector Threats and Challenges Webinar - Part 3 (FREE webinar)**](https://www.agbis.org.uk/training-development/ems-event-calendar/agbis-hmc-isba-sector-threats-and-challenges-webinar-part-3-free-webinar.html) **Tue 20 June | 16:00 – 17:00 | FREE**

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

Richard Harman, David Woodgate and Simon Hyde will provide members with the latest updates from the sector.

[**AGBIS/HCR | Getting it right as a Clerk or Company Secretary (webinar)**](https://www.agbis.org.uk/training-development/ems-event-calendar/agbis-hcr-getting-it-right-as-a-clerk-or-company-secretary-webinar.html)

**Thur 22 Jun |10:00 – 11:30 | £85 per delegate**

***Speakers:*** *Cheryl Connelly,**Director of Training & Membership (Deputy CEO), AGBIS; and**Helen Higginbotham, Legal Director, Head of Due Diligence Team, Corporate, HCR*

This joint event with Harrison Clark Rickerbys is designed to provide training for those persons with Clerk/Company Secretary duties.

**This 90 minute webinar will cover the following:**

* The legal framework– encompassing a practical guide to an independent school’s articles of association and relevant parts of company law
* The role and responsibilities of a Clerk/Company Secretary
* The role of members and trustees
* How to convene an AGM and board meetings
* Decision-making in meetings and by written resolution
* Keeping the correct paperwork, e.g. company registers and filings at Companies House

[**AGBIS Briefing (FREE webinar)**](https://www.agbis.org.uk/training-development/ems-event-calendar/agbis-briefing-free-webinar-27jun23.html) **Tue 27 Jun | 17:00 – 18:00 | FREE  
*Speakers:*** *Richard Harman, Chief Executive, AGBIS; Cheryl Connelly, Director of Training & Membership (Deputy CEO), AGBIS; and Michelle Winter, Senior Director (National Inspections), ISI*  
Richard Harman and Cheryl Connelly will be joined by Michelle Winter who will present to governors prior to the launch of Framework 23 in September 2023.  
  
  
[**AGBIS/ReEnergise | Are you ready to be your school's 'green strategy' governor? (seminar)**](https://www.agbis.org.uk/training-development/ems-event-calendar/agbis-reenergise-how-to-be-a-net-zero-savvy-governor-part-2-seminar.html)  
**Thur 29Jun | 10:00 – 15:30 | St George’s College, Weybridge Road, Addlestone, Surrey, KT15 2QS | £195 per delegate**

***Speakers:*** *Steve Faucherand, Chief Executive Officer, ReEnergise;* *Nigel Aylwin-Foster, Business Development Director, ReEnergise; Denis Nowlan, Chair of Governors, St George’s College, Weybridge; and Greg Cole, Bursar, St George’s College, Weybridge*

Are you ready to be your school's 'green strategy' governor? During this seminar at St George's College, you will see cutting edge technology in operation as 'leading lights' ReEnergise show you how to be a net-zero savvy governor.

**What you'll learn:**

* Net-zero theory explained and your responsibilities as a governor
* The benefits of a ground source heat pump for your school
* St George's College's view on becoming a net-zero school, who sought a practical strategy to decarbonise

**You'll leave with:**

* Having seen first hand the practical application of a ground source heat pump to help you achieve your net-zero strategy
* The knowledge of how to plan your net-zero strategy
* Practical project management tips and understanding the technical aspects involved
* This seminar follows on from the AGBIS Annual Conference and showcases practical expertise for you to apply in your school.

We strongly advise you also book onto the final part of this series for the year, a webinar, which takes place on **Tuesday 26th September**. You can book your place on our next webinar by [**clicking here**](https://www.agbis.org.uk/training-development/ems-event-calendar/agbis-reenergise-how-to-be-a-net-zero-savvy-governor-webinar.html)**.**

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

**Thur 13 Jul | 10:30 – 15:30 | £145 per delegate**

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

This 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

Bookings for this are via BSA. Please book via the following link: <https://www.boarding.org.uk/event/bsa-agbis-virtual-day-seminar-better-boarding-provision-a-seminar-for-governors-3/>