



Supporting Governing Bodies of Independent Schools

AGBIS have worked with partners to create a Webcast Series for the Autumn Term which includes a variety of topics to support members.

Webinar costs:

1 hour webinar - £50 per delegate

1.5 hour webinar - £75 per delegate

2 hour webinar - £100 per delegate

***Pricing options available for AGBIS/HMC/ISBA webinar conference series, the Risk Management webinar series and the BSA/AGBIS webinars.**

To book your space please fill in a booking form on the last page. Registration links will be emailed to those who have registered one week before the webcast date.

Our series will cover the following topics:

Improving the efficiency of your IT

Tues 8 Sept – 3 to 4pm

Embrace cloud-based technologies, such as Microsoft 365, and Google G-Suite, to not only support educational attainment and collaboration, but also drive significant efficiencies and reduction in the total cost of your IT infrastructure and support.

Using data to inform your strategy

Wed 9 Sept – 2 to 3pm

Speaker: Rhiannon Butler, MD, Baines Cutler

This webinar will look at how Governors can use the benchmarking data from the Baines Cutler annual report to inform their strategy.

Safeguarding highlights for Governors

Wed 9 Sept – 5 to 6pm

In association with BSA, the webinar will cover the new additions to KCSIE 2020 and recent amendments to the Guidance for safer working practice and online safety government releases.

Teachers' Pension Scheme (FREE WEBINAR)

Wed 16 Sept – 2 to 3.30pm

AGBIS and ISBA are jointly hosting a webinar on TPS. The aim of the session will be to outline the strategic context any decision on pension provision for the teaching staff sits within, and the options available to the governing bodies of schools.

The event will be both a refresher on the issues to consider and an update on recent changes. The event will be hosted by Richard Harman, CEO AGBIS and David Woodgate, CEO ISBA and will outline the strategic pressures on schools. Actuaries Barnett Waddingham, and lawyers Eversheds Sutherland will be presenting and taking questions as part of the panel.

Building your school's fundraising income

Wed 16 Sept - 5 to 6.30pm

Speakers: Jo Beckett, Joint CEO, IDPE (Institute of Development Professionals in Education) and Juliet Corbett, founder, Juliet Corbett Consulting

Join us to discover how schools are continuing to fundraise despite the pandemic - what's working now in school fundraising and what investment your school needs to make. Come away with clarity over your strategic options and steps your school can take to overcome barriers which may stand in your way.

Understanding your Charity Commission responsibilities

Mon 21 Sept – 5 to 6pm

This webinar looks at the general principles and recommended practice of the Charity Governance Code and the key responsibilities of Trustees.

Refresh your bursary strategy for the COVID-19 era

Wed 23 Sept – 5 to 6.30pm

Speakers: Bart Wielenga, Head, Blundell's School and Juliet Corbett, founder, Juliet Corbett Consulting

Establishing and growing a bursary programme can be complex. This session will bring clarity to key components of a successful bursary strategy: a compelling vision tailored to your school, a robust and sustainable funding stream, and a plan to find and support bursary recipients. Exploring the experience of Blundell's School as a case study, this will be rooted in the realities of bursary programmes in the COVID-19 era.

Being Conscious of Unconscious Bias

Mon 28 Sept – 5 to 6pm

Speaker: Joanne Frew, Partner, DWF Law LLP

In this session we will provide an overview of unconscious bias and the impact it can have. We will look at:

- What is unconscious bias and why do we have it?
- What are the different types of unconscious bias?
- What is the impact of failing to address unconscious bias on:
 - o Recruitment
 - o Employment progression
 - o Engagement with colleagues and pupils
- What are the benefits to understanding our own and other people's biases?
- What can we do to address it in ourselves and in others?

Strategic Financial Planning Part I

Thurs 1 Oct – 4.30 to 6pm

This joint GSA/AGBIS led webinar will focus on key financial strategic decisions for school governors and leaders in a Covid-19 world. Hosted by Vivienne Durham, (CEO, GSA), Richard Harman (CEO, AGBIS), Sue Hincks (Headmistress, Bolton School Girls' Division) and John Murphie (COO, ISBA).

Newly Appointed Governors

Mon 5 Oct – 11 to 12.30pm

This webcast will cover Governors' responsibilities and Governance from a Chair of Governors perspective and will summarise the key areas newly appointed governors need to know, including best practice examples and pitfalls to avoid.

Creative marketing for independent schools in the 'new norm'

Tues 6 Oct – 10 to 11.30am

Speaker: Philippa Scudds, Director of Marketing and Communications, Canford School, Dorset

In this webinar, Philippa will take a retrospective view of the lessons she quickly learnt in the early stages of lockdown and how she is applying those to new creative marketing strategies at Canford to embrace the 'new norm' using a mix of traditional and new virtual techniques.

Practice Makes Perfect: the three R's (Risk, Reorganisation, Reputation) – part 1

Tues 6 Oct – 6 to 8pm

In these two sessions we will consider the evolving landscape and some of the key strategic themes arising in the sector. We will look at the importance of strong risk management, including careful planning for future strategic risks; identifying areas for strengthening reputation, whilst also noting some of the common pitfalls which can impact on it; and opportunities in terms of reorganisation, whether that is in terms of business structure, new ventures, IP, or business restructure.

With this in mind, we will break down some of these key issues and themes in Part One before moving on to focus on how to mitigate the risks, positively manage change and maximise opportunity in Part Two.

Adapting to blended teaching and learning with an eye on the latest assessment technologies

Wed 7 Oct – 3 to 4pm

Embrace cloud-based technologies to support a new era of remote, as well as in-school teaching and learning. We will also explore some of the latest developments in the sphere of peer and in-school assessment that can support educational attainment in your school.

Practice Makes Perfect: the three R's (Risk, Reorganisation, Reputation) – part 2

Thur 8 Oct – 6 to 8pm

See webinar description for part 1.

AGBIS Briefing (FREE WEBINAR)

Mon 12 Oct – 6 to 7.30pm

Richard Harman, Chief Executive and Cheryl Connelly, Director of Training, AGBIS will provide members with the latest updates from the sector.

Finance for the non-financial Governor

Thur 15 Oct – 2 to 4pm

It is recommended that delegates watch the 'Finance for the non-financial Governor' webinar recording from the Summer Term as this webinar builds on this content. Please [click here](#) to access the recording. This webinar looks in more detail at the elements of 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.

Securing and safeguarding in Education

Wed 4 Nov – 3 to 4pm

Ensure online teaching and learning is not your safeguarding and security blind spot.

Promoting a mentally healthy school

Wed 4 Nov – 5 to 6pm

In association with BSA, the webinar will offer good suggestions that delegates can take away and action straight away for promoting a mentally healthy school for staff and students.

New Clerks

Fri 13 Nov – 11 to 12.30pm

In association with ISBA, this webinar will cover the key responsibilities for new Clerks including practical advice and best practice.

Newly Appointed Governors

Mon 16 Nov – 11 to 12.30pm

This webinar will cover Governors' responsibilities and Governance from the Chair of Governors perspective and will summarise the key areas newly appointed Governors need to know including best practice examples and pitfalls to avoid.

Achieving a Better Society Through Change

Thur 19 Nov - 5 to 6pm

Speaker: Yemisi Akindele, CEO, High Achievers Academy

Change needs to happen and it needs to happen now! If our independent schools are to remain amongst some of the best in the world and surpass others to become the leading schools, then we want to create within our education community an awareness agenda that gives us that unique competitive advantage.

The Black Lives Matter campaign that received public worldwide traction following the racially motivated killing of George Floyd in May 2020, had brought to light some of the unfortunate experiences of BAME students who had been and are currently being educated in our independent schools.

This can be done via adopting guided and well thought out policies for implementation and efficiency in order to affect change.

Dealing with parental complaints

Fri 20 Nov – 11 to 12.30pm

In association with Farrers, this webinar will address any current issues relating to parental complaints at the time.

*AGBIS/HMC/ISBA webinar conference series

A series of webinars will replace this bi-annual conference. We will hold sessions on 24th, 25th 26th and 27th November as follows:

Tuesday 24th November			
11 to 12pm Plenary 1	1 to 2pm Breakout A	3 to 4pm Breakout B	5 to 6pm Breakout C
Wednesday 25th November			
11. to 12pm Plenary 2	1 to 2pm Breakout D	3 to 4pm Breakout E	5 to 6pm Breakout F
Thursday 26th November			
11 to 12pm Breakout G	1 to 2pm Breakout H	3 to 4pm Breakout I	5 to 6pm Breakout J
Friday 27th November			
11 to 12pm Plenary 3			

The conference will offer plenaries on the political landscape and the opportunities and threats facing the independent sector; ensuring successful and sustainable schools; the future of education and the role of independent schools.

The breakout sessions throughout the four days will cover a full range of issues relevant to the governance and leadership of schools including safeguarding, health and safety legislation, staff retention, legal issues, the importance of CPD, governance structures and digital education.

Dan Baker will be one of our expert speakers and he will be offering a webinar on reputation management for independent schools. Dan spent 10 years as a reporter and on-screen presenter at ITV in the Midlands, presenting live daily news bulletins and programmes. He also had his own weekly current affairs show which saw him interview many leading political figures including Tony Blair, Michael Howard and John Prescott. Dan then moved into corporate communications, becoming Head of Media for Anglian Water. During his five years there he won several awards, including a coveted CIPR Excellence Award for crisis communications management. He has been working as a consultant and coach since 2009.

More programme and speaker details will follow early in the Autumn Term.

Pricing for the AGBIS/HMC/ISBA webinar conference series:

£50 per individual session

£200 for a package including 3 plenaries and 2 breakouts as well as access to all recordings when available.

Strategic Compliance

Wed 25 Nov – 5 to 6.30pm

In association with ISBA, this webinar takes the dread out of compliance by giving Governors practical advice and best practice examples for ensuring they have a strategic overview of their executive teams.

Scottish schools

Wed 2 Dec – 5 to 6.30pm

In association with Morton Fraser, this webinar will address any current issues relating to Scottish schools at the time.

AGBIS Briefing (FREE WEBINAR)

Mon 7 Dec– 6 to 7.30pm

Richard Harman, Chief Executive and Cheryl Connelly, Director of Training, AGBIS will provide members with the latest updates from the sector.

Creating an impactful leading-edge learning experience

Wed 9 Dec – 3 to 4pm

Develop a forward thinking, innovative IT strategy and vision that excites and delivers real value in the classroom, whilst balancing investment and total cost of IT ownership.

***Risk Management webinar series: 5 to 6.30pm**

A programme of risk management webinars has been created to help governors to understand their roles and responsibilities including questions they should be asking. Each module will be hosted by Cheryl Connelly and Sam Coutinho and will comprise 5-minute introduction, 45 minutes of presentations from specialist speakers from the sector and 40 minutes of discussion and debate on how questions can be used practically. Each module will conclude with questions governors should be asking in their schools:

Module/Date	Aim	Topic
1. The role and responsibility of governors – 10 Sept	To help governors know what they are required to do and how to do it	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Principles of risk management Governor responsibilities Charity Commission guidance Sharing of good practice
2. The role of governors in managing financial risks - 24 Sept	To help governors understand how the financial risks are managed effectively	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Key financial risks and the controls required Responsibilities of governors for financial oversight Risk of insolvency Risk of Fraud
3. Your board culture might be one of your school's biggest risks – 13 Oct	To help governors create a school culture that ensure risk is managed well	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What do we mean by culture? Case studies of where not enough questions were asked by boards
4. The role of governors in managing Insurance and legal risk – 10 Nov	To help governors understand how legal and insurance risks are being managed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What insurance does and doesn't do in risk management Insurance risks Legal risks governors should be focussing on Case study – 10 examples of Boards not making decisions and the consequences
5. The role of governors in identifying and managing external risks – 12 Nov	To help boards to horizon scan and identify external risks that could have a significant impact on the school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What have we learnt from Covid 19 about risk management in our schools Tools to identify external risks Analysis of emerging global, national and school risks
6. The role of governors in managing safeguarding risks – 1 Dec	To help governors to understand their role in safeguarding in the school and knowing the questions to ask	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safeguarding risks Questions governors should ask
7. Governance – 3 Dec	To help governors address governance risks and how to avoid a failure in governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identification of governance risks Tools to support governors

Pricing for Risk Management webinar series:

£50 per individual session

£300 for the webinar series (7 modules)

WEBINAR BOOKING FORM – AUTUMN 2020

SCHOOL DETAILS

School/College _____

Contact _____

Tel _____

Email _____

DELEGATE DETAILS

Title _____

First _____

Surname _____

Email _____

The webinar link will be sent by email one week prior to the webinar

Date	Webinar	Member price Per delegate
Tues 8 Sep	Improving the efficiency of your IT	£50
Wed 9 Sep	Using data to inform your strategy	£50
Wed 9 Sep	Safeguarding highlights for Governors	Please see separate flyer for information and pricing or e-mail events@agbis.org.uk
Wed 16 Sep	Teachers' Pension Scheme	FREE – email events@agbis.org.uk for registration link
Wed 16 Sep	Building your school's fundraising income	£75
Mon 21 Sep	Understanding your Charity Commission responsibilities	£50
Wed 23 Sep	Refresh your bursary strategy for the COVID-19 era	£75
Mon 28 Sep	Being Conscious of Unconscious Bias	£50
Thur 1 Oct	Strategic Financial Planning Part I	£75
Mon 5 Oct	Newly Appointed Governors	£75
Tues 6 Oct	Creative marketing for independent schools in the 'new norm'	£75
Tues 6 Oct	Practice Makes Perfect: the three R's (Risk, Reorganisation, Reputation) – part 1	£100
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Thur 19 Nov	Achieving a Better Society Through Change	£50	
Fri 20 Nov	Dealing with parental complaints	£75	
Nov 24 - 27	AGBIS/HMC/ISBA webinar conference series	£50 per session or £200 (three plenaries plus two breakouts) Please insert amount	
Wed 25 Nov	Strategic Compliance	£75	
Wed 2 Dec	Scottish schools	£75	
Mon 7 Dec	AGBIS Briefing	FREE	
Wed 9 Dec	Creating an impactful leading-edge learning experience	£50	
10 Sep- 3 Dec	Risk Management webinar series	Please circle those you wish to attend 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 £50 per session or £300 for 7 sessions	

Please return booking form to events@agbis.org.uk. Once the booking has been confirmed, an invoice will be sent to the school. Please do not pay until you receive an invoice.

CANCELLATION: if a delegate cancels his or her space, there will be a recording of the webinar available and no refund is available.