


HMC Autumn Conference 2024



Sunday 1 October

TIME	EVENT
<p>Tee times between 12.00 - 13.00</p>	<p>Golf (for pre-booked delegates) Location: Little Aston Golf Club (Sutton Coldfield, B74 3AN)</p>  <p><u>Kindly sponsored by</u> <u>BHM Architects</u></p>

Monday 2 October 2023

TIME	EVENT
10.00 - 12.00	International Division Meeting Location: Packwood Suite
11.00 - 13.00	Finance, Audit and Risk Committee Meeting Location: Boardroom
11.00 - 14.00	Registration Open Location: Hotel Lobby
12.00 - 12.45	IBDP Schools Meeting Location: Warwick Suite
12.00 - 13.00	Schools in Cathedral Closes Meeting Location: Syndicate Room 1
12.00 - 13.00	Affiliate Member Meeting Location: Syndicate Room 2
12.45 - 13.50	Buffet lunch and refreshments ‘Networking point’ banners will be in the hotel lobby and the entrance to the Riverside Restaurant for heads who would like to meet others for informal networking. Location: Served among the exhibitors

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12.45 - 13.50	<p>Private drinks and lunch for new members and their partners/spouses</p> <p>All members who have joined HMC since 2020 are invited to join this new members' lunch, which offers an opportunity to meet friends and new colleagues, as well as members of senior staff from Head Office, Chairs of HMC Divisions, and members of HMC's Professional Development Committee.</p> <p>Location: Seymour Room</p>  <p>Kindly sponsored by Perry</p>
13.50 - 14.00	<p>Move to the Ballroom for the start of conference proceedings</p>
14.00 - 14.10	<p>Conference Welcome</p> <p>Speaker: Dr Simon Hyde</p> <p>Location: The Ballroom</p>
14.10 - 14.45	<p>Chair's Opening Address</p> <p>Speaker: Sue Woodroffe, HMC Chair and Principal, The Grammar School at Leeds</p> <p>Location: The Ballroom</p>

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14.45 - 16.00	<p>Keynote 1: Inspirational Leadership Lessons from Shakespeare's Henry V</p> <p>Speaker: Ben Walden, Contender Charlie</p> <p>Chair: Shaun Fenton, Headmaster, Reigate Grammar School</p> <p>Location: The Ballroom</p>  <p>Kindly sponsored by Anderson Quigley</p>
16.00 - 16.30	<p>Refreshments and networking</p> <p>‘Networking point’ banners will be in the hotel lobby and the entrance to the Riverside Restaurant for heads who would like to meet others for informal networking.</p> <p>Location: Served among the exhibitors</p>
16.30 - 16.45	<p>Walk to Holy Trinity Church</p>
17.00 - 17.45	<p>Annual Service</p> <p>Reverend Taylor and Rt Reverend Nicholas Baines, Bishop of Leeds.</p> <p>Donations to the church collection may be made via card machine or cash at the church.</p> <p>Location: Holy Trinity Church, Stratford-upon-Avon</p>
17.45 - 18.00	<p>Walk back to the Crowne Plaza for early evening supper</p>

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18:00 - 20.30	<p>Early evening supper for those going to the performance of The Merchant of Venice 1936</p> <p>A buffet supper will be available throughout the evening until 20.30, for those not going to the theatre.</p> <p>New Members: Tables for all those who have joined HMC since 2020 are reserved in the Ballroom and will be clearly identified. These tables will be hosted by members of HMC's Professional Development and Membership Committees.</p> <p>'Club' tables for members who wish to sit with fellow heads and make new connections will be reserved in the Ballroom and will be marked as such.</p> <p>Location: The Ballroom</p>
19.00 - 19.15	<p>Those attending the theatre walk to The Swan Theatre</p>
19.30 - 21.30	<p>The Merchant of Venice 1936</p> <p>Ticketed performance</p> <p>Location: The Swan Theatre</p>
22.00 - 23.00	<p>Drinks and post theatre snacks</p> <p>Location: Crowne Plaza Restaurant and Bar</p>

Tuesday 3 October 2023

TIME	EVENT
06.30 - 08.45	Breakfast Breakfast available for those staying at the Crowne Plaza.
07.30 - 08.30	Catholic Mass Fr David Rocks OP, Chaplain to The Oratory School Location: Hidcote Room
07.30 - 08.30	Holy Communion Reverend Anthony Bewes Location: Warwick Suite
09.00 - 09.15	Welcome to day two Speaker: Sue Woodroffe, HMC Chair and Principal, The Grammar School at Leeds
09.15 - 09.45	Keynote 2: Homage to H: why ethical leadership matters Speaker: Pat Sowa, Director, Starfish: Wellbeing in Education Chair: Mark Leppard, Headmaster, The British School Al Khubairat TRIGGER WARNING: The content of this keynote includes reference to suicide Location: The Ballroom  Kindly sponsored by Saxton Bampfylde

TIME	EVENT
09.45 - 10.40	<p>Panel session 1: Values-led leadership in challenging times</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>Charlene Lyons, Chief Executive & Executive Chair, Black Sheep Brewery</p> <p>Estelle Morris, Baroness Estelle Morris of Yardley, former Secretary of State for Education and Skills</p> <p>Jonathan Simons, Partner and Head of Education Practice, Public First</p> <p>Chair: Jaideep Barot, Headmaster and HMC Chair-Elect, Bristol Grammar School</p> <p>Location: The Ballroom</p>
10.40 - 11.10	<p>Refreshments and networking</p> <p>‘Networking point’ banners will be in the hotel lobby and the entrance to the Riverside Restaurant for heads who would like to meet others for informal networking.</p> <p>The Seymour Room is available for members who wish to have a quiet meeting space for informal discussions.</p> <p>Location: Served among the exhibitors</p>

TIME	EVENT
11.10 - 11.55	<p>Workshop session 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1A: Assessment Innovation in Practice, Julia Martin, Chief Executive Officer, ISEB • 1B: The future of Rugby Union in schools, Steve Grainger, Rugby Football Union • 1C: Legal developments in the management of staff, parents and pupils, Tabitha Cave, Partner, VWV and Alice Reeve, Partner, VWV • 1D: How schools cope with bereavement - putting support in place, Pat Sowa, Director, Starfish: Wellbeing in Education • 1E: Getting the best out of your SLT, Ed Ampaw-Farr, CoFounder & Managing Director, Be Human First Ltd • 1F: Sustainability in Schools - the latest research, Andrew Griffiths, Planet Mark • 1G: Perform Better - Unlocking your students' potential, Mike Buchanan, Founder, Positively Leading and David Harkin, Founder and CEO of 8billionideas • 1H: Navigating headwinds - strategies to strengthen your school's business model to help manage the risks political and fiscal change in an increasingly competitive market, Mark Taylor, Chair, AGBIS and Barney Northover, Partner, VWV • 1I: Next Generation Assessment, Sarah Fletcher, High Mistress, St Paul's Girls' School • 1J: Fundraising for School Leaders, Lou Bennett, Chief Executive IDPE and Simon Jones, Director of Development, Manchester Grammar School
11.55 - 12.05	Move between sessions

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12.05 - 13.15	<p>Members' only session: Division Meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • East - Harewood Room • Irish - Boardroom • London - Ballroom • North East - Syndicate Room 1 • North West - Syndicate Room 2 • Scottish - Warwick Suite • South Central - Charlecote Suite • South East - Packwood Suite • South West - Blenheim Suite • West - Hidcote Room
13.15 - 14.15	<p>Networking buffet lunch and refreshments</p> <p>New members' tables will be clearly identified in the restaurant, and you will be joined by Chairs of HMC's regional divisions</p> <p>'Club' tables are in the will be clearly identified in the restaurant, for members who wish to sit with fellow heads and make new connections</p> <p>The Seymour Room is available for members who wish to have a quiet meeting space for informal discussions.</p> <p>Location: Served among the exhibitors</p>

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14.15 - 15.00	<p>Workshop session 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2A: Vocational Qualifications, Michael Punt, Headmaster, Bromsgrove School • 2B: Sports Participation - A Pathway to Wellbeing?, Amanda Vernalls, Head of Research and Insight at YST • 2C: Supporting transition: navigating the journey from school to university safely, Nick Weaver, Headmaster, Ipswich School and Sarah Kerr-Dineen, Head, Oundle School • 2D: <i>Closed workshop, open to HMC member heads only</i> Head to Head, Chris Wheeler, Principal, Monkton Combe School, Louise Simpson, Head, Exeter School, Martin Reader, Head, Cranleigh School and Toby Seth, Head, Pocklington School • 2E: DAUK - digital trends report/survey, Charlotte Robertson and Emma Robertson, Digital Awareness UK • 2F: Practical and proactive approaches to supporting wellbeing in schools, 'How do we create a wellbeing culture for colleagues in our schools?', Rachel Cooper, Head of HR, The Grammar School at Leeds • 2G: Safeguarding: can school staff realistically manage the current challenges and who is safeguarding them?, Ruth Sullivan, Head, Sherborne Girls and Lisa Gritti, Deputy Head, Nottingham High School • 2H: Navigating headwinds - strategies to strengthen your school's business model to help manage the risks political and fiscal change in an increasingly competitive market, Mark Taylor, Chair, AGBIS and Barney Northover, Partner, VWV • 2I: Getting the best out of your SLT, Ed Ampaw-Farr, CoFounder & Managing Director, Be Human First Ltd • 2J: Inspection - Update on F23, Jason Slack, Head, The King's School in Macclesfield

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15.00 - 15.10	<p>Move between sessions</p>
15.10 - 16.00	<p>Keynote session 3: Imperfect Leadership</p> <p>Speaker: Professor Steve Munby</p> <p>Chair: Janet Williamson, Principal, The Royal Belfast Academical Institution</p> <p>Location: The Ballroom</p> <div data-bbox="397 775 761 893" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>Kindly sponsored by OpenApply</p>
16.00 - 16.30	<p>Refreshments and networking</p> <p>'Networking point' banners will be in the hotel lobby and the entrance to the Riverside Restaurant for heads who would like to meet others for informal networking.</p> <p>The Seymour Room is available for members who wish to have a quiet meeting space for informal discussions.</p> <p>Location: Served among the exhibitors</p>
16.30 - 17.15	<p>Keynote 4: The Changing Nature of Headship in Schools</p> <p>Speakers: Professor Qing Gu and Dr Andy Hodgkinson, UCL IOE Centre for Educational Leadership</p> <p>Chair: Ben Vessey, Headmaster, Canford School</p> <p>Location: The Ballroom</p>

TIME	EVENT
18.00 - 18.30	<p>Transport to Warwick Castle for the conference dinner Location: From the Crowne Plaza Hotel</p>  <p>Kindly sponsored by Vectare</p>
From 19.15	<p>HMC Autumn Conference Dinner</p> <p>To include drinks reception and optional tours of the Great Hall and State Rooms.</p> <p>Location: Warwick Castle</p>  <p>Kindly sponsored by SchoolsMobile.com</p>
22.00 - 23.00	<p>Return transport to The Crowne Plaza Hotel</p>  <p>Kindly sponsored by Vectare</p>
22.30	<p>Jazz Ensemble</p> <p>Drums: Jon Cox, Royal Grammar School, Guildford</p> <p>Vocals: Lisa Kerr, Gordonstoun</p> <p>Double Bass: Mike Windsor, Abingdon School</p> <p>Pianist: Alex Wilson</p> <p>Location: Crowne Plaza Hotel Bar</p>

Wednesday 4 October 2023

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06.30 - 08.45	Breakfast Breakfast available for those staying at the Crowne Plaza.
07.30 - 08.30	Catholic Mass Fr David Rocks OP, Chaplain to The Oratory School Location: Hidcote Room
07.30 - 08.30	Prayer Meeting Reverend Anthony Bewes Location: Warwick Suite
08.45 - 09.00	AGM Registration Please make your way to the Ballroom for registration
09.00 - 10.00	Members' only session: AGM Registration required. Location: The Ballroom

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<p>10.00 - 10.45</p>	<p>Keynote 5: Leadership and Teaching in the Age of the 'History Wars'</p> <p>Speaker: David Olusoga</p> <p>Chair: Martin Collier, Master, Haileybury</p> <p>In 2023 history is front-page news. Long marginalised histories, most of them linked to Empire and Slavery, as being debated and contested as never before. While institutions across Britain, including many schools, are confronting their own uncomfortable pasts. And underpinning all of this is a deep gulf in attitudes between the generations. How can schools and teachers navigate through the history wars?</p> <p>Location: The Ballroom</p>
<p>10.45 - 11.15</p>	<p>Refreshments and networking</p> <p>'Networking point' banners will be in the hotel lobby and the entrance to the Riverside Restaurant for heads who would like to meet others for informal networking.</p> <p>The Seymour Room is available for members who wish to have a quiet meeting space for informal discussions.</p> <p>Location: Served among the exhibitors</p>
<p>11.15 - 12.15</p>	<p>Keynote 6: The Power of Everyday Heroes</p> <p>Speaker: Jaz Ampaw-Farr</p> <p>Chair: Jane Lunnon, Head, Alleyn's School</p> <p>Location: The Ballroom</p>

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12.15 - 12.20	<p>Closing Remarks</p> <p>Speaker: Sue Woodroffe, HMC Chair and Principal, The Grammar School at Leeds</p> <p>End of formal conference - Two optional RSC run workshop sessions are available for those who have pre-booked. Please see further details below.</p> <p>Location: The Ballroom</p>
12.20 - 13.30	<p>Boarding Schools' Meeting</p> <p>Location: Charlecote</p>
12.20 - 13.30	<p>Networking buffet lunch and refreshments</p> <p>New members' tables will be clearly identified in the restaurant.</p> <p>'Club' tables are in the will be clearly identified in the restaurant, for members who wish to sit with fellow heads and make new connections</p> <p>The Seymour Room is available for members who wish to have a quiet meeting space for informal discussions.</p> <p>Location: Served among the exhibitors</p>

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<p>13.00 - 16.00</p>	<p>Optional RSC run workshops</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1. RSC workshop: Voice and Impact - This practical session will give participants the opportunity to hone their public speaking and communication skills through theatre-based techniques. The first half of the session will focus on exercises that help improve vocal health, tone and clarity, before exploring exactly what it is that makes a communicator deliver with “impact”. • 2. RSC workshop: Creative Pedagogies - This session will focus on how the RSC’s rehearsal room approaches support a creative and critical engagement with cultural capital/literacy that raises moral and social questions to build cultural democracy. It will include dialogic exercises to expose and explore the expectations in the room around Shakespeare’s place on schools’ curricula. We will explore examples through practice of how creative and playful engagement with complex texts builds transferable skills and competencies of oracy and literacy. The session will focus on the openings of Twelfth Night and Hamlet; no prior knowledge needed (but welcomed). <p>Location: Clore Learning Centre, Stratford-upon-Avon</p>