



## CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

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### 9.00am - Registration / Exhibition Opens

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### 9.45am - 10.00am

#### Welcome to the EduKent EXPO & Conference

*Patrick Leeson, Corporate Director - Education and Young People's Services, Kent County Council*  
Keynote Theatre

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### 10.00am - 10.45am - Opening Keynote

#### Get Happy: Creating Emotionally Intelligent Schools

*Guest Speaker: Sir John Jones, Educational Pioneer*  
Keynote Theatre

Having spent most of his professional life leading challenging schools across the North West of England, Sir John Jones believes that 'happy' organisations are a pre-requisite for unlocking education's potential to drive progressive social change.

Strong leadership, widespread collaboration, creativity, imagination and a clear sense of purpose are all essential factors for building emotionally intelligent organisations that can shape young lives in a positive and effectively way.

Drawing on his vast pool of experience in this innovative area, Sir John will offer a range of practical pointers to help you create and maintain a dynamic organisational culture that can adapt and respond continuously to the individual needs of its pupils.

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### 11.15am - 11.45am - Choose ONE from three concurrent workshops:

#### Workshop 1A) Setting up a free school: Are you up for the challenge?

*Linda Kennedy, Head of Free Schools, Department for Education*  
Keynote Theatre

Over 300 free schools have opened since 2010 and hundreds more will open by 2020. Good and outstanding schools can spread their reach by opening new schools through the free schools programme. This session will explain how the DfE has simplified the application process for schools, sponsors and trusts with strong track records.

#### Workshop 1B) Mind the Funding Gap: save costs & make your budget go further

*Adam Watson, Director & Co-Founder, Every*  
Workshop Room 1

It's hard to think of a time when the School Business Manager was needed more than now. With pressures on your budgets expected to increase. School Business Managers need to be looking hard at how they can make them go further. This workshop focuses on the pragmatic steps you can take to get the maximum value in everything from your contracts through to everyday purchases.

#### Workshop 1C) Academy Conversion: the Legal Perspective

*Hosted by: Thackray Williams LLP*  
Workshop Room 2

Join a specialist solicitor from Thackray Williams for this legal overview of the Academy conversion process and an interactive discussion about the potential pitfalls, including:

- Key issues to consider when converting to an Academy
  - The commercial transfer agreement and transfer of land issues
  - Transferring employees in accordance with TUPE
  - Consultation obligations with staff, pupils and parents
  - Assigning / renewing existing supplier contracts
  - Undertaking the incorporation of the Academy trust
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**12.15pm - 12.45pm - Choose ONE from three concurrent workshops:**

### **Workshop 2A) Strengthening Self-evaluation for SEND**

*Alison Wilcox, Head of Education, nasen*

*Keynote Theatre*

From September 2015 a new common inspection framework was implemented across all settings including early years, FE and academies. Inspectors will consider how well provision meets the needs of disabled learners and those with SEN. This session will start to consider what you can expect from the school inspection schedule and how you can use a self-evaluation process to identify areas for improvement to achieve even better outcomes for learners with SEND.

### **Workshop 2B) Maximising the Primary Sports Premium for Whole School Improvement**

*Hosted by: Kent Sport & Physical Activity Service*

*Workshop Room 1*

Would you like to know how the Primary School Sport Premium could help solve whole school issues? This workshop will give you a practical example of how a Kent school has utilised this funding to improve their grades, attendance and many other problems and how you could do the same.

### **Workshop 2C) The Innovative Route to Cost-Effective Inventory, Facilities and Contract Management**

*Hosted by: Parago Software Limited*

*Workshop Room 2*

With a virtual image of your school showing every asset and task, our innovative software solutions make everyone's life easier by helping you to manage your inventory, facilities and contracts in a highly cost-effective manner.

Come and see a live school presentation, and discover how we have helped schools across Kent including all academies within KCSP.

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**12.45pm - 1.45pm - Lunch, Networking & Exhibition**

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**1.45pm - 2.30pm Afternoon Keynote**

### **Priorities in Education and Inspection: Reflections from an Ofsted perspective**

*Guest Speaker: Stephen Long, Senior HMI, Ofsted*

*Keynote Theatre*

This session will shed light on the priorities for schools in the South East region and what Ofsted is doing, through inspection, to support improvement.

Senior HMI Stephen Long will also touch on developments in the inspectorate over the last year and the impact they have had on Ofsted's work.

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**2.30pm - 2.45pm Closing Comments**

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**2.45pm - Event Close**

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