



CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

8.30am - Registration / Exhibition Opens

9.30am - 9.45am

Welcome to the EduKent EXPO & Conference

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

9.45am - 10.30am - Opening Keynote

An Evidence-based Approach to World-Class Education

Guest Speaker: David Laws, Executive Chairman, Education Policy Institute
Keynote Theatre

In the opening keynote session, the inspirational David Laws explains why he believes government needs to apply more hard evidence (and less ideology) when making key decisions about the future of education in the UK.

Using rigorous research and a huge repository of data, David and the Education Policy Institute are developing a clear and detailed vision of how a world-class educational environment should function if we want to deliver the best possible outcomes for young people of all backgrounds.

11.00am - 11.40am - Choose ONE from four concurrent workshops:

Workshop A) eSafety with SOL

Zoe Cairns, International Social Media Consultant, ZC Social Media & Ria Cairns, Primary School Teacher
Keynote Theatre

Learn about the importance of eSafety and how this can be integrated into your current lesson plans and curriculum. You will be highlighted to the latest updates and issues around eSafety. From two different sides of the spectrum listen to an online consultant with the latest developments and a primary school teacher will share a recent case study in eSafety.

Workshop B) Do Young People Take Drugs or Risks? Adolescent Brain Development, it's Impact on Behaviour and What You Can Do About It

Mark Bowles, Director, The Training Effect
Workshop Room 1

Mark Bowles, Director of The Training Effect, a provider of health and well-being services to schools will provide an overview of the developing adolescent brain, its effect on decision making, why some interventions don't work, why some may actually make things worse and what you can do about it.

Workshop C) Making Primary Assessment Work

Andrew Berry, Centre Manager and Primary Science Adviser, Horton Kirby Environmental Education Centre (KCC)
Workshop Room 2

This workshop will provide an overview of what primary schools are trying to achieve when assessing science, and some suggestions (based on the new materials designed by the presenter 'Making Primary Science Assessment Work) by which this can be achieved.

Workshop D) Headteachers Networking

Use this opportunity to network with your peers in this dedicated zone.

12.10pm - 12.50pm - Choose ONE from four concurrent workshops:

Workshop E) Priorities in Education & Inspection: Reflections from an Ofsted Perspective

Mark Cole, Her Majesty's Inspector South East Region, Ofsted

Keynote Theatre

This illuminating session aims to update school leadership teams on the current priorities for schools in the South East of England - and what Ofsted is doing to support improvement through its inspections. HMI Mark Cole will discuss the ongoing evolution of Ofsted's inspection framework, together with recent changes and new developments in the inspectorate and the impact these have had on the department's work

Workshop F) Transforming Well-Being in Schools Supporting Individual Resilience and Enhancing Performance

Barbi Goulding Parr, Education Support Partnership

Workshop Room 1

People Who Feel Good Perform Well (Charles Handy).

Schools are facing unprecedented cuts in funding, the seemingly unceasing pressure of workload and major issues in recruitment and retention. Schools that retain their effective staff and attract good candidates, whilst also supporting a culture of staff well-being and promoting strategies to support individual staff, are far more likely to achieve their goals. Barbi Goulding-Parr provides some valuable insights into how the Education Support Partnership is helping schools and individual members of staff to survive and more importantly to thrive.

Workshop G) Practice, Pause, Perfect - Using a Virtual Simulation for Teacher CPD

Natalie Preece, connect

Workshop Room 2

This workshop will demonstrate how a live computer simulation can allow teachers to practice essential skills for CPD. It will demonstrate how a virtual environment can be effective for SEN Awareness Training, NQT practice, perfecting lessons and undertaking difficult conversations such as performance reviews or parent/teacher meetings.

Workshop H) Independent Schools Networking

Industry Meeting Point

Use this opportunity to network with your peers in this dedicated zone.

12.50pm - 1.40pm - Lunch, Networking & Exhibition

1.40pm - 2.20pm - Choose ONE from three concurrent workshops:

Workshop J) The Journey from Stand Alone School to Multi-Academy Trust

Simon O'Keefe, CEO, The Stour Academy Trust

Keynote Theatre

The workshop will focus on the journey from stand-alone school to a successful MAT of eight primaries, with growth predicted to double over the next three years. Lessons learnt on the way and how the Trust's model of close collaboration and succession planning aims to secure and improve future educational performance

Workshop K) The National Funding Formula and the Implications for Kent schools

Simon Preece, Finance Business Partner for Children, Young People and Education (CYPE), Kent County Council

Workshop Room 1

The Government has recently announced that it is introducing a National Funding Formula for Schools in 2018-19. This workshop will provide details on this announcement as well as providing some additional information on the implications for Kent and its schools.

Workshop L) How Arts Subjects Can Improve Your School - The Evidence Base

Peter Bolton, Chief Executive, Kent Music & Lucy Medhurst, Strategic Manager, Artswork Kent

Workshop Room 2

A squeeze on school budgets and the introduction of the EBacc are putting arts subjects under pressure in schools. Research shows that schools with strong arts programmes perform better overall. This workshop will explore the critical contribution that the arts play to the well-being of students and achievement in STEM subjects. Inviting school leaders to help illustrate the workshop, we will talk about why and how the arts can contribute to the success of a healthy happy school.

2.40pm - 3.25pm - Closing Keynote

Chasing Excellence: Lessons from Elite Athletics

Guest Speaker: Roger Black MBE, Olympic Medalist & two-time World Champion

Keynote Theatre

Roger Black is one of the country's most successful sportsmen having abandoned a career in medicine to represent Great Britain at the highest level of world athletics. Over the next fourteen years, Roger won fifteen major Championship Medals in the individual 400m and 4 x 400m relay and is particularly admired for overcoming serious injuries and a rare heart valve condition in his quest for sporting excellence.

With a passion for high performance still at the forefront of his mind, Roger will address techniques and ideas on how to overcome adversity, build a high-performing team and inspire future generations of young people to reach their full potential.

3.25pm - 3.30pm - Closing Comments

3.30pm - Event Close
