

No school is an island: sharing excellence in pastoral care

**Wednesday 3 May 2023
Headington School, Oxford**

- 09.45** **Registration and refreshments**
- 10.15** **Welcome**
Donna Stevens, CEO, Girls' Schools Association
Will le Fleming, Chair of GSA Safeguarding & Pastoral Committee and Head of The Abbey
- 10.30** **Empowering students in both Primary and Secondary Sectors– feeling well in an uncertain world**
Panel discussion featuring the key concerns that colleagues are witnessing in school and the most effective positive mental health strategies to support students through them.
- 11.10** **Break**
- 11.30** **Empowering staff – encouraging autonomy in pastoral practice in both Primary and Secondary sectors**
Panel discussion focussing on the main challenges facing those staff with pastoral responsibilities and how they encourage good practice within their team and support their own wellbeing.
- 12.15** **Pre-lunch Peer to Peer Support**
Delegates will work in groups choosing one or two difficult topics from a list, or introducing one of their own, and have the opportunity to discuss how their school might seek to address it in a confidential and supportive setting.
- 12.45** **Lunch**
- 13.45** **Breakout Sessions**
The following breakout sessions will be offered; delegates can select three of these during the afternoon.
- Breakout 1:** Best pastoral resources. A panel will share their wisest digital investments, from Teen Tips to CPOMS.
 - Breakout 2:** Handling difficult conversations. Practical advice for dealing with disclosures and sensitive discussions.
 - Breakout 3:** Supporting parents. Often the crux of an issue at school is an issue at home. How can we positively intervene with parents?
 - Breakout 4:** Listening. Sharing best practice in student voice. How do we encourage a listening culture in our schools?
 - Breakout 5:** Supporting Others in Dealing with Terminal Illness, Loss and Bereavement.
 - Breakout 6:** PSHE and RSE. Sharing best aspects of the programmes schools have in

place and discussing how best to address the most challenging areas of the curriculum.

15.30

Plenary

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