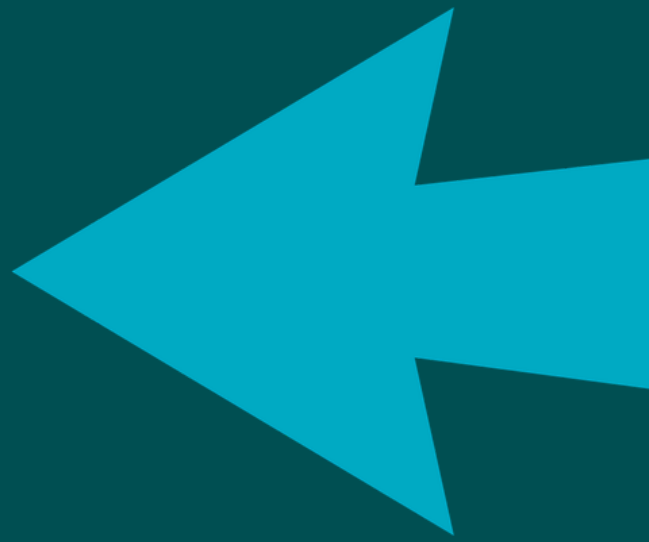


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Programme

09:15

Registration opens, refreshments and networking opportunity

10:15

CEO & President's Welcome

Jeanette Cochrane, Chief Executive, Girls' Schools Association
Lindsey Hughes, GSA President 2025-2026 and Head of Channing School

10:30

State of the nation

Chair: Sarah Matthews, Head at Truro High School for Girls & GSA Honorary Treasurer
Julie Robinson, CEO Independent Schools Council
Simon Nathan - Deputy CEO & Head of Policy at ISC
Tacho Onuluk - Public Affairs and Policy Manager ISC

Neil Smith, ASCL Independent Sector Specialist

11:30

Break and opportunity to visit exhibitors

12:00

**GSA Strategy
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Jeanette Cochrane, Chief Executive, Girls' Schools Association
Lindsey Hughes, GSA President 2025-2026 and Head of Channing School

13:05 **Lunch and opportunity to visit exhibitors**

13:50

**The Writing Award Winners
Announcement**

Chair: Jeanette Cochrane, Chief Executive, Girls' Schools
Association

Junior category judge, Tamsin Winter, multi-award-winning
author
Senior category judge, Joyce Efia Harmer, critically acclaimed
author

14:20

GSA Strategy

Chair: Jeanette Cochrane, Chief Executive, Girls' Schools
Association

Lindsey Hughes, GSA President 2025-2026 and Head of
Channing School

14:50

**Education, higher education
and alternative pathways**

Chair: Helen Jeys GSA President 2026-2027 and Head of
Manchester High School for Girls

- Education Update - Chair of GSA Education Committee,
Claire Boyd, Headmistress of Glendower Preparatory School
and Naomi Bartholomew, Head of Preparatory School, St
Catherine's, Bramley
 - Higher Education and Futures Update - Gemma Gibson, Co-
Chair of GSA/ HMC Joint Higher Education and Futures
Committee and Head of Bedford Girls' School
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15:30

**Insights: Inclusion and
Inspection**

Bridget Ward, Inclusion Summit Launch, Inclusion Committee
Chair and Head of St Helen's School

Helen Semple, Inclusion Summit Launch, Schools Inclusion
Alliance and Deputy Head Academic of Benenden School

Clare Macro, Chair of MIA Committee and Head of Edgbaston
High School for Girls

16:00

Closing remarks

Lindsey Hughes, GSA President 2025-2026 and Head of
Channing School and Helen Jeys, GSA President 2026-2027 and
Head of Manchester High School for Girls

16:15

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