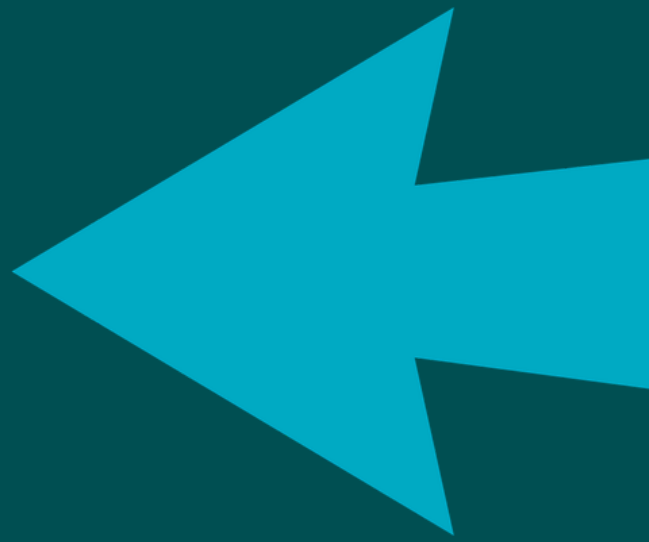


# Summer Briefing Monday 15 June 2026

BMA House, Tavistock Square,  
London, WC1H 9JP



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## Programme

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09:15

**Registration opens, refreshments and networking opportunity**

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10:15

**CEO & President's Welcome**

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

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10:30

**State of the nation**

Julie Robinson, Independent Schools Council  
Neil Smith, ASCL

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11:30

**Break and opportunity to visit exhibitors**

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12:00

**GSA Strategy**

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

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

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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

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**14:20**  
**GSA Strategy**

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

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**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*

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**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*

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**16:15**  
**Summer Briefing End**

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