



Annual
Conference

The Voice of the Girl
Raised to lead
Ready to be heard

2026

Sunday 15 to Tuesday 17 November

The Queens Hotel, Leeds

Programme

Sunday 15 November

14:00 Registration Opens

15:00 - 17:00 Boarding Meeting

17:30 - 18:30 Regional Meetings:

- South West & Wales Regional Meeting
- East Regional Meeting
- North West and Scotland Regional Meeting

18:30 Pre-Conference Dinner in Year Groups

20:00 Gin Tasting Event

Monday 16 November

06:30 Early Morning Activities

08:00 Registration Opens
Refreshments served

09:00 Welcome to Conference
Jeanette Cochrane, GSA CEO

09:20 President's Address
Helen Jeys, GSA President and Head of Manchester High School for Girls

10:00 *Supporting Girls to Navigate the Everyday Landscape of Sexism*
Laura Bates

Introduced by Jane Gandee, GSA President Elect 2026-2027

11:00	Break and opportunity to visit exhibitors
11:35	A word from our sponsors
11:45	<i>Violence Against Women and Girls</i> Jess Asato (MP) Introduced by Alex Hutchinson
12:30	Lunch and opportunity to visit exhibitors
13:30	<i>Revisiting educational vision and pedagogical beliefs in the light of the global landscape of 2026.</i> Dr Fiona Aubrey-Smith Introduced by Claire Boyd
14:00	1:1 Appointment slots open For the first time you can book a private 30-minute session with a specialist. Bring your own questions on personal pensions, school pensions, fundraising, coaching colleagues and supporting neurodiversity in staffroom and leave with practical advice for you and your school. Booking will be open in the week commencing 2 November
14:30	Break and opportunity to visit exhibitors
14:50	<i>Navigating Friendships in Times of Political Crisis</i> Rabbi Dovid Lewis and Iman Nassar Kurdy Introduced by Bridget Ward
15:45	Day 1 Close Helen Jeys, GSA President and Head of Manchester High School for Girls
17:00	Leeds Minster Service
18:30	New Heads Drinks Reception
19:00	Drinks Reception for all
19:30	Dinner Announcement of the GSA 2026 Photography Competition Winners After Dinner Speaker , From the British Army to Extreme Cakes, Rose Dummer Silent Disco

Tuesday 17 November

07:00	Early Morning Activities
08:00	1:1 Appointment slots open For the first time you can book a private 30-minute session with a specialist. Bring your own questions on personal pensions, school pensions, fundraising, coaching colleagues and supporting neurodiversity in staffroom and leave with practical advice for you and your school. Booking will be open in the week commencing 2 November
09:00	<i>The Changing Nature of Parents</i> Dr Angharad Rudkin Introduced by Sam Gibbons
09:50	A word from our sponsors
10:00	<i>Holding Firm and Being Human</i> Diana Osagie Introduced by Richard Tillett
10:50	Break and opportunity to visit exhibitors
11:15	Round Table Discussion 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fundraising in Schools, Lesley Dowdall, Withington Girls' School• Creating a Coaching Environment in Schools, McKenzie Ceri• AI – Top Tips for Workload, Ben Eaton• The Work of ISC, Julie Robinson• Regulatory ISC Work- SEND, Simon Nathan• Dealing with Difficulty, Helen Semple• Managing Critical Incidents, Jack Myers• Complex HR Issues, Restructures, Redundancies and New Rights, Georgina de Costa• What do parents understand the least about schools, Katharine Radice
11:35	Round Table Discussion 2 As above and: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Wellbeing Dog, Diana Osagie
11:55	Round Table Discussion 3 All above sessions
12:15	<i>Opportunity to Go Beyond</i> Helen Sharman Introduced by Helen Jeys, GSA President 2026-2027

13:00

Lunch and an opportunity to visit exhibitors

13:45

Wellbeing Panel
Laura Earnshaw - My Happy Mind
Katharine Radice - Exam Stress
Interviewed by MHSG Head Girls

Introduced by Anna Wilby

14:30

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15:00

Closing remarks and conference gamification prize giving
Helen Jeys, GSA President and Head of Manchester High School for Girls

15:30

End of Conference

This programme may be subject to change