

# Admissions Conference 2026

## Thursday 5 November

Holywell Park Conference Centre,  
Loughborough University



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## Programme

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| 09:30                    | Registration & Refreshments                                                                                                           |
| 10:00                    | <b>Gemma Gibson</b> , Headmistress of Bedford Girls' School and Co-Chair of the GSA/HMC Joint Higher Education and Futures Committee  |
| Welcome & introduction   | <b>Helen Pike</b> , Master of Magdalen College School Oxford and Co-Chair of the GSA/HMC Joint Higher Education and Futures Committee |
| 10:25                    |                                                                                                                                       |
| Keynote 1<br>UCAS Update | <b>Elizabeth Lloyd</b> , Adviser Lead, UCAS<br><b>Andy Cotterill</b> , Regional Provider Lead, UCAS                                   |
| 11:10                    | Refreshment break<br><i>Opportunity to visit exhibitors</i>                                                                           |
| 11:40                    | Headline sponsor update                                                                                                               |
| 11:50                    |                                                                                                                                       |
| Keynote 2<br>HEPI Update | <b>Charlotte Armstrong</b> , Policy Manager at the Higher Education Policy Institute                                                  |

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12:30

**Lunch**

*Opportunity to visit exhibitors*

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13:30

**Dyson**, Degree Apprenticeship

**Alternative Pathways Panel**

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14:15

**Claire Green**, ASCL Post-16 and Skills Specialist

**Keynote 3**

**ASCL Post-16 specialist V-levels**

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15:00

**University Admissions Panel**

**University of Derby**, University Executive Team

**Universities UK**, Contextual Admissions

**The University Guys**, US Admissions

**Univeristy College London**

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15:55

**Closing remarks and depart**

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