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

12:30	**Lunch** *Opportunity to visit exhibitors*
13:30 **Alternative Pathways Panel**	**Dyson,** Degree Apprenticeship
14:15 **Keynote 3** **ASCL Post-16 specialist V-levels**	**Claire Green,** ASCL Post-16 and Skills Specialist
15:00 **University Admissions Panel**	**University of Derby**, University Executive Team **Universities UK**, Contextual Admissions **The University Guys**, US Admissions **University College London**
15:55 **Closing remarks and depart**	**Jeanette Cochrane,** CEO of the Girls School Association **Helen Pike,** Master of Magdalen College School Oxford and Co-Chair of the GSA/HMC Joint Higher Education and Futures Committee