## FRIDAY NOVEMBER 8

# Independent SCHOOLS NOW

## **LONDON CHOICES**

## Muddy Stilettos

Crisp 30 minute briefings addressing the key choices for London parents

## 17:00 Starting out in London - Where to Begin

This session provides insights on how to choose the right nursery and first school.

- · Alison Fleming, Head, Newton Prep
- Lucinda Byron Evans, Principal, The Young England Kindergartens

#### 17:45 Let's Talk Fees - Shopping Around, Bursaries, Ways to Pay

Discussing various ways to manage the cost of private education and of course the implementation of VAT.

- · Gavin Horgan, Head, Millfield
- David Woodgate, Chief Executive, Independent Schools' Bursars Association
- · Henry Vaughan, Selina Finance Ltd
- Marius Carney, Headteacher, Glenstal Abbey School

#### 18:30 11 Tips For 11+

An introduction on how to choose the right independent senior school, an outline of the various admissions tests, what you can do at home to help your child and an overview of the timelines. We will also touch on single sex vs coeducation.

· William Petty, Director, Bonas MacFarlane

#### 19:00 How to Spot a Great School

How to make well-informed decisions about your child's education, and what to look for during school visits and when reading reviews.

- Grace Moody-Stuart, Director, The Good Schools Guide
- · Samantha Price, Head, Cranleigh School
- · Olga Boyle, independent school parent

# THE **THE SUNDAY TIMES**

#### FRIDAY NIGHT KEYNOTES

Leading thinkers address the key education and parenting topics

#### 17:15 Raising Confident, Resilient Children

Practical advice on fostering emotional strength, building self-esteem, and supporting children in overcoming challenges, helping them thrive in both their personal and academic lives

 Dr Maryhan Munt, Psychologist & Podcaster, How Not to Screw Up Your Kids

### 18:00 Education Now: Reasons To Be Cheerful

An insight into the future of learning and the reasons to feel optimistic about your child's educational journey.

 Ben Thomas, Principal & CEO, Thomas's London Day Schools

## 18:45 Why Choose an Independent School for Your Child?

Discussions points include: why independent schools matter, what they contribute to the knowledge economy, how to choose the right school for your child, why taxing education is wrong.

- Dr Anthony Wallersteiner, Head, Stowe School
- Charles Bonas, Founder, Bonas MacFarlane

