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The Good Schools Guide Forum

10:30-11:00	**What Makes a Good School?** What to look for, and what to ask, when judging whether a school suits your child. Three heads explain how they match the school to the child.	• Emma Goldsmith, **The Dragon**, *Head* • Andrew Harvey, **Twyford**, *Headmaster* • Tom Le Tissier, **Alleyn's Regent's Park**, *Head*
11:15-11:45	**Educating Girls** What girls need to feel confident and ready for the future, from heads of girls' and co-educational schools.	• Zoe Ireland, **Prior's Field**, *Head* • Shriya Patel, **Christ's Hospital**, *Assistant Head* • Jo Sharrock, **Putney High School GDST**, *Head*
12:00-12:30	**What Is School Ethos & Does It Matter?** How much a school's character and values should shape your choice, and how to tell what a school's ethos really is.	• Jane Gandee, **St Swithun's**, *Headmistress* • James Lyon Taylor, **Marlborough**, *Director of Admissions* • Dr Gary Savage, **Westminster**, *Head Master*
12:45-13:15	**Would My Child Suit a Highly Academic Senior School?** How to tell whether a selective school is the right fit, and which children flourish in one.	• Iona Hutchinson, **Charterhouse**, *Director of Admissions* • Giles Tollit, **Arnold House**, *Head* • Will Brooks, **Brambletye**, *Headmaster*
13:30-14:00	**Educating Boys** What motivates boys and helps them flourish, from heads of boys' and co-educational schools.	• Libby Eaves, **Radley**, *Head of Admissions* • Aidan Sproat-Clements, **Alleyn's Hampstead**, *Head* • Ross Montague, **Wetherby Notting Hill**, *Head*
14:15-14:45	**SEND: Finding the Right Fit for Your Child** Specialist school, or mainstream school with strong support? The panel weighs up the options and the help available outside school.	• Louise James, **My OT & The DTC** • Rebecca Pinfield, **Minerva Virtual Academy**, *Vice Principal Pastoral* • Jonathan Hetherington, **More House School**, *Headmaster*

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10:30-11:00	**How to Spend 2 Hours at the Show: Find the Right School for Your Child** Where to start, which stands to visit and what to ask, so you leave with a clear shortlist.	• Steve Miller, **Benenden School**, *First Deputy* • Susan Wijeratna, **Latymer Upper**, *Head* • Neal Bailey, **Pinewood**, *Headmaster*
11:15-11:45	**Starting Out in London: Nursery to Senior School** A first guide to London's school system for parents just beginning the search, from nursery places to senior school entry.	• Adam Anstey, **Knightsbridge**, *Headmaster* • Lydia Kyle, **Queen's Gate**, *Principal* • William Petty, **Bonas MacFarlane**, *Director*
12:00-12:30	**Is Private Education Worth It?** When, why and how the move from the state sector pays off (or doesn't), and what families weigh up before making it.	• Richard Tillett, **Queen's College London**, *Principal* • Clare Kirkham, **Bedales Prep & Pre-prep**, *Head* • Keith Metcalfe, **Malvern College**, *Headmaster*
12:45-13:15	**Inside a World-Class Senior School** What sets an exceptional senior school apart, in and beyond the classroom, and why families travel from across the UK and abroad to reach one.	• Gavin Horgan, **Millfield**, *Head* • Chris Rose, **Gordonstoun**, *Director of Admissions* • Mark English, **UCS**, *Vice Master and Academic Director*
13:30-14:00	**How to Pay for It: Bursaries & Financial Planning** Means-tested bursaries, scholarships and planning ahead for fees: what support is available and how to access it.	• Emma Macey, **Winchester**, *Director of Admissions* • Camilla Smiley, **Good Schools Guide**, *[title TBC]* • Chris Procter, **Amber River SFIA**, *Chief Executive*
14:15-14:45	**Sixth Form Entry: How to Get Into Your First Choice** Strong teaching and university preparation keep leading sixth forms oversubscribed. Heads explain what they look for at 16+ and how to give your child the strongest chance.	• David Flower, **St Edward's**, *Warden-Elect* • Jude Lowson, **King's School Canterbury**, *Head* • Kerim Aytac, **Collingham**, *Deputy Principal*
14:45-15:15	**Club ISS Agents Briefing: International Demand for UK Education** For education agents and consultants advising families overseas.	• Dr Guy Schady-Beckett, **Next Step Education**, *Director*