

Save the date: an essential part of your school search

On the weekend of the 10th & 11th November 2018, The Independent Schools Show will take place in the Evolution Centre, Battersea Park, London, SW11 4NJ.

Schools are groups of educators first; buildings second. Now in its twelfth year, the Independent Schools Show (ISS) gives access to more senior educators than any other event in Britain and has helped thousands of parents select the ideal school for their child. It is an essential tool for parents on this important quest, often embarked upon before the birth of the child in question. By bringing Britain's top independent schools together under one roof, this unique event enables visiting parents to explore the many options available in a single day and make informed choices based on their child's particular needs.

In 2018, over 200 schools will be exhibiting at the show, from nurseries through to sixth form colleges. The list includes some of the most famous names in education, Harrow School, Cheltenham Ladies College, Marlborough College and Wellington College, as well as many others representing the very best in British schooling.

Hear from the sector's leading thinkers in our Education Theatres

The increasing variety of outstanding schools makes the final selection painfully difficult. This is why our 2018 *The Sunday Times* and *London Parents Forum* Education Theatres will be the most structured in our twelve year history. Hear from the sector's brightest thinkers covering a wide range of topics; from affordability and understanding the system, to how parents can support their child to deal with an ever-changing world. Highlights below:

Do independent schools prepare our young for the commercial world?

James Palumbo, Baron Palumbo of Southwark, Entrepreneur, Author & Politician, Dr Anthony Wallersteiner, Headmaster, Stowe School

How to choose the right school for your child

David Goodhew, Headmaster, Latymer Upper School

Are independent schools being outpaced by social and technological change?

Julian Thomas, Master, Wellington College

Can fee assistance make independent education affordable?

Susan Hamlyn, Director, The Good Schools Guide Education Consultants

What makes a truly great school?

Sir Anthony Seldon, Vice-Chancellor, The University of Buckingham & Sian Griffiths, Education Editor, The Sunday Times

Helping parents find the perfect school

This year, around 6,000 parents are expected to attend. Visiting parents may have been privately educated or are new to the system and seek this opportunity for the first time for their children. Whatever the case, the Show is the chance to explore the variety of options the independent sector offers.

Find the full list of 2018 exhibitors and talks timetable at www.schoolsshow.co.uk

Tickets are free to those who register prior to the event. Tickets on the door cost £10. Visit the website for more free tickets and upgrades to Premium and Gold tickets.

What the schools say:

"The business done over the two days of the show is key to how and why it is increasingly the shop floor for us schools. Of course it is an opportunity to recruit good pupils (and parents), but quite apart from this – and at least as important – is the fact it's the best forum by a country mile for the exchange of ideas and gaining an understanding of each other in whichever part of the sector we work".

Director of Admissions, Marlborough College

What the parents say:

"Everyone has been telling us something different. We heard about the schools show so we visited for the day, where we spoke with schools we knew of as well as those we didn't. Thanks to the experience we are now much clearer and feel more confident in making this huge emotional and financial decision".

What we say:

"As a parent, I appreciate the various factors affecting this difficult decision, probably the most important one we can make for our children. The show presents parents like me with the opportunity to discover how the different schools work, where their child can flourish and to learn about financial options such as bursaries. For many parents, it has already proved a vital part in their quest."

David Wellesley Wesley, Show Director and Founder

Notes to Editors

1. Website: www.schoolsshow.co.uk
2. ISS also mounts international exhibitions in Dubai, New Delhi, Mumbai, Istanbul, Kuala Lumpur, Singapore, Hong Kong. Visiting parents are both expatriates and families from these regions looking into UK education.
3. ISS is part of the Next Step Education Ltd group, which offers a comprehensive approach to education, with expert guidance and private tutoring

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4. The full list of speakers and topics in the Education Theatre is published on our website: www.schoolsshow.co.uk/talks
5. The full list of schools is available on our website: www.schoolsshow.co.uk/schools