

**SMALL SCHOOLS
HEADTEACHERS' CONFERENCE 2022**
Wednesday 19th October 2022
The Lion Inn, Boreham, CM3 3JA

Programme

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| 9.00 am | Jinnie Nichols, SSSG Chair and Harriet Phelps-Knights, Chair of EPHA
Welcome and introduction |
| 9.05 am | PLANNING THE JOURNEY TO 2030
Andrew Aalders-Dunthorne
Andrew is the Principal and CEO of the Consortium Multi-Academy trust, a group of 12 small schools in Norfolk and Suffolk. Until recently, Andrew was on the Advisory Board for the East of England, and was involved in discussions about the direction of travel for the DFE, the consortium approach, and the challenges that this brings. In this presentation, Andrew will talk about the balance between Autonomy and Identity, and the options that may be part of the future for schools, including Max-MAT Mergers! Drawing on his experience and training, Andrew was awarded Fellowship in the Institute of Leadership and Management in 2011. |
| 10.00 am | INSPECTING SMALL SCHOOLS
Andrew Hemmings, Ofsted Senior HMI
Andy Hemmings is a qualified teacher and, before working for Ofsted, gained extensive experience in school leadership in a range of schools as a senior leader and headteacher. Andy has a particular expertise of leadership and management in schools. In this session, Andrew will focus on the experience of inspection in a small school and the Ofsted approach. |
| 10.40 am | Coffee/Tea break |
| 11.10 am | THE DfE WHITE PAPER – WHAT IT MEANS FOR CHURCH SCHOOLS IN ESSEX
Rob Merchant, Interim Director of Education, Anglican Diocese |
| 11.40 am | CELEBRATING SMALL SCHOOLS
All too often, we focus on the challenges and problems faced by small schools. We at EPHA recognise them, and try to help small school headteachers cope with those difficulties. However, we also think it is vital to acknowledge and celebrate the amazing achievements of small schools, the advantages of working in them, and the huge benefits they bring to their staff, pupils, families and local communities. This session brings together the feedback that we have gathered from staff, parents, governors and pupils about the joy of small schools. |
| 12.10 noon | "MAKE 'EM LAUGH, MAKE 'EM THINK – THAT'S THE WAY TO DO IT."
Dave Keeling, Independent Thinking
It has to be said, 'stand-up educationalist' and self-confessed ginger, Dave Keeling is one of Independent Thinking's longest serving, most in-demand and funniest speakers. He has quite simply honed the art of making them laugh, making them think and, in this way, making everything different to a very fine art indeed. In doing so, has transformed so many lives. And usually for the better too.
Whether it's leading a session for a hall-full of recalcitrant teenagers, a full hall of equally recalcitrant teachers or a keynote session for school leaders looking for the cure to recalcitrance in their school, Dave never fails to leave delegates happy, moved, less stressed and feeling a great deal more happy and motivated by the job in front of them. |
| 12.50 pm | Lunch break |
| 2.00 pm | Conference close |

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BOOKING FORM (No telephone bookings please)

First name/Surname

Your contact email address

Name of school

There will be no charge for this conference and we very much hope that all the small school heads will take a day out and enjoy the conference. Thank you to all Essex small school headteachers for your hard work and continuing commitment to your school and community.

Booking information

Please complete this booking form and send it

by email: pam@langmead.me.uk

or by post to Pam Langmead, Professional Officer, EPHA,
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You will receive an acknowledgment of your booking.

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