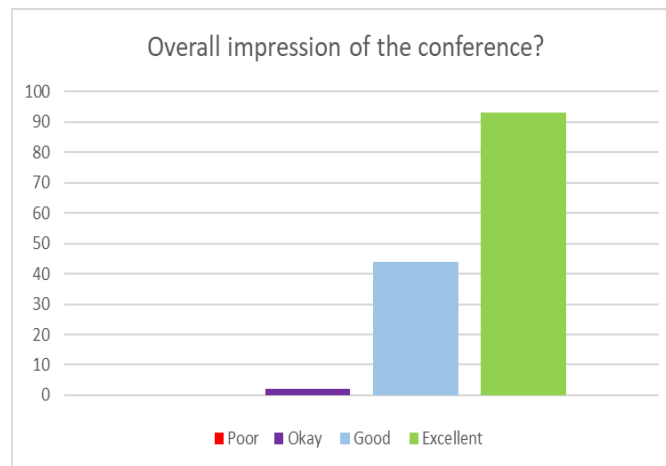
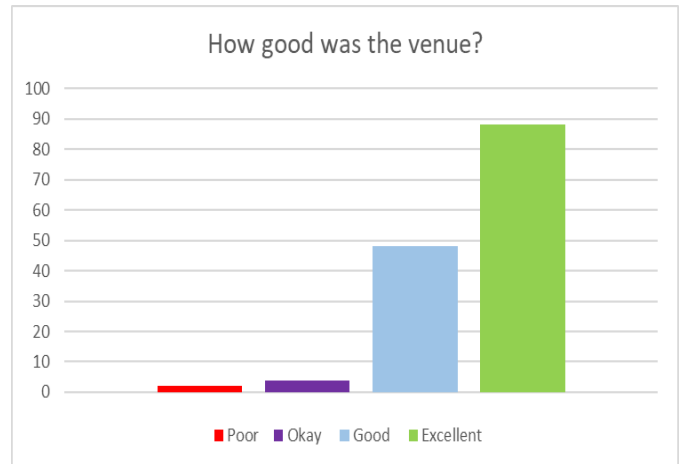
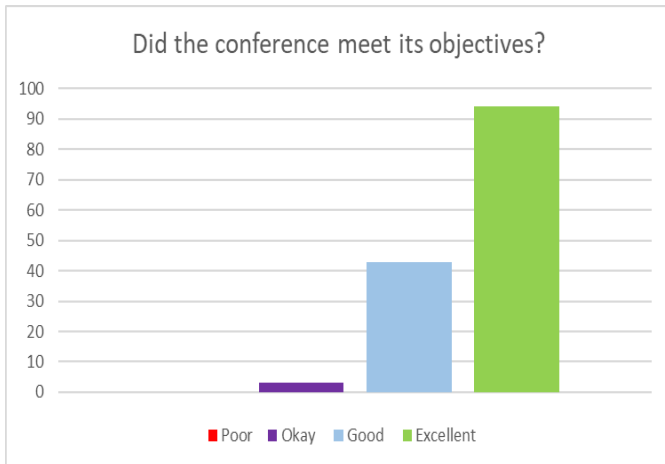


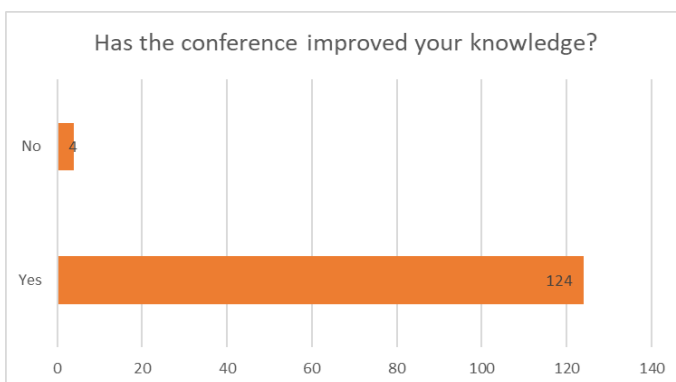
# HEADTEACHERS' CONFERENCE 2023

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2023 – Chelmsford City Race Course

**211 delegates attended the conference**  
**140 evaluation forms were received and analysed**

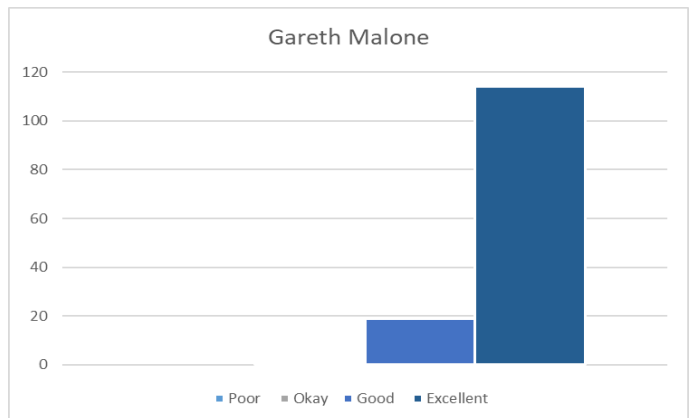
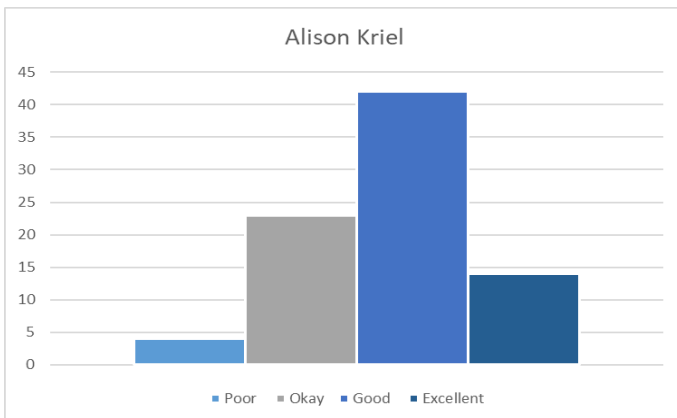
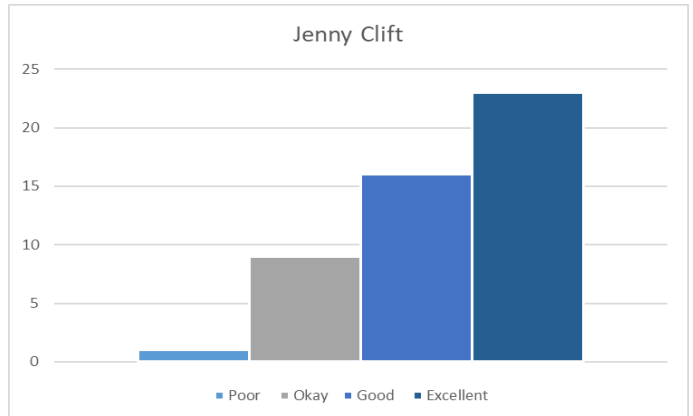
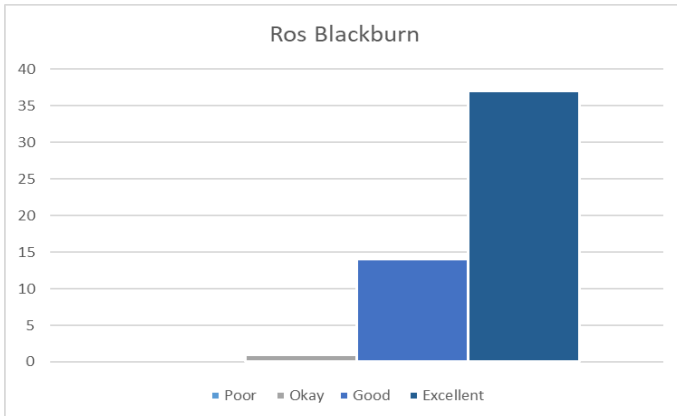
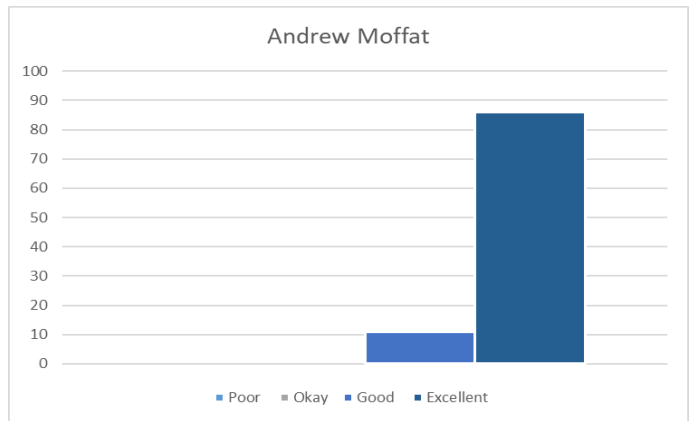
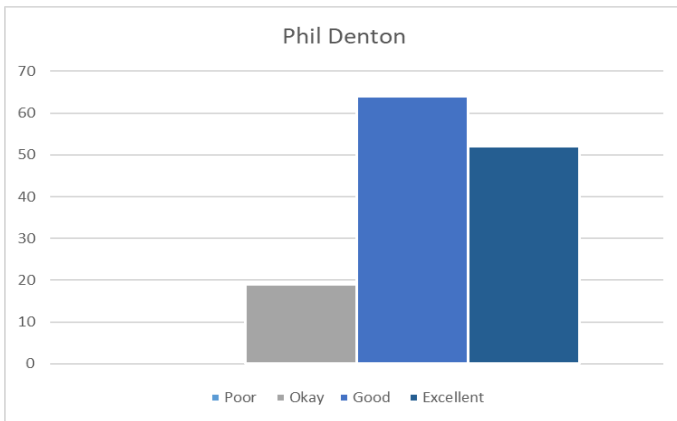


|  | Poor | Okay | Good | Excellent |
|--|------|------|------|-----------|
| Did the conference meet its objectives?            | 0    | 3    | 43   | 94        |
| How good was the venue?                            | 2    | 4    | 48   | 88        |
| What is your overall impression of the conference? | 0    | 2    | 44   | 93        |



|  | Yes | No |
|--|-----|----|
| Has the conference improved your knowledge?  | 124 | 4  |
| Has the conference improved your confidence? | 116 | 9  |

# Evaluating the Speakers



| Please evaluate the sessions you attended.                          | Poor | Okay | Good | Excellent |
|---|------|------|------|-----------|
| <b>The first 100 days</b><br>Phil Denton                            | 0    | 19   | 64   | 52        |
| <b>Workshop A: No Outsiders</b><br>Andrew Moffat                    | 0    | 0    | 11   | 86        |
| <b>Workshop B: Logically Illogical</b><br>Ros Blackburn             | 0    | 1    | 14   | 37        |
| <b>Workshop C: Headteacher Anxiety Toolkit</b><br>Jenny Clift       | 1    | 9    | 16   | 23        |
| <b>Workshop D: Outstanding behaviour in schools</b><br>Alison Kriel | 4    | 23   | 42   | 14        |
| <b>Creativity is essential in our lives</b><br>Gareth Malone        | 0    | 1    | 19   | 114       |

# Delegate comments

- ☺ I just wanted to say a huge thank you for a brilliant conference on Friday. I am sure I am not the only one that left feeling relaxed, chilled out and inspired! It's my last one and I shall really miss them – we have had some amazing speakers over the years.
- ☺ Great range of speakers. Had a real “feel good” atmosphere.
- ☺ Uplifting – wellbeing and fun rather than education.
- ☺ Thanks for the wonderful conference today-one of the best I've ever attended. A really good mix of speakers & a great atmosphere. I've been to loads of conferences in my 35-years in education & this one is truly memorable. Well done indeed.
- ☺ Just to say a huge THANK YOU for organising the conference today.
- ☺ Absolutely amazing – thank you as always. Such inspiring and affirming speakers.
- ☺ Another triumph. Up there with the best I would say.
- ☺ Just wanted to give a heartfelt thank you for today. I know how much work goes into these events and having attended many Heads events in all my years, this was without a doubt the best one for me with so many take-aways! You clearly are a real asset to all in Essex.
- ☺ Thank you – a brilliant day! I'm star struck!
- ☺ Really enjoyed 100 days and Ros is very entertaining and knowledgeable.
- ☺ Thank you for another great day. Really timely.
- ☺ Conference on a Friday is well planned. Relaxed atmosphere and food for thought.
- ☺ The best conference yet! Really inspiring.
- ☺ Relaxing, thought-provoking and feel good all needed for wellbeing and growth.
- ☺ Really looked forward to this and it delivered, excellent venue, good quality speakers – not overly interactive – in a good way. I just wanted to listen to interesting speakers and I did.
- ☺ A lifesaver of a conference!

## *Mixed feedback*

I don't like being negative because I really appreciate the organisation and effort that goes into this conference. And I'm so glad I got out of school for the day to attend. But with the exception of singing with Gareth Malone, I didn't feel inspired.

## *Phil Denton*

It would have been great to have heard Phil speak for longer.

Really looked forward to this but not enough time for him to discuss practical applications.

*Not sure why, but Phil finished 15 minutes before the end of his time slot!*

## *Andrew Moffat*

Andrew Moffat was amazing – great speaker.

We already use No Outsiders, but Andrew's workshop has helped me to think about using it more effectively. He would be great for the Deputy conference.

Gosh, he spoke so quickly made it hard to follow at times.

## *Alison Kriel*

Thank you! The last minute stand in did really well!

Amazing that Alison stood in at the last meeting.

Great for such short notice – well done.

## *Gareth Malone*

Loved the end, what a way to finish. Thank you.

Amazing – loved Gareth Malone.

I've had the best day ever and finishing the day with Gareth Malone, well, I just can't stop smiling.

## *Venue*

- The marquee wasn't great but a fantastic day as usual.
- Being in the marquee during such a windy day was not a wise move. Very difficult to concentrate on the speaker.
- The marquee was loud, cold and didn't do the presenters justice to be honest.  
*Unfortunately we were told, 2 days before the conference, that the Club Room in the stadium, which had been booked for the workshop, was closed for health and safety reasons, and so had to use the marquee as a not very satisfactory alternative. We won't be doing that again!*
- More spaces needed for lunchtime and during the sessions in the main room.