Thursday, 9th November

10.30 am  Arrival, Coffee and Registration outside Conference Room 19

*All the main Conference Sessions are in the Arnage Suite*

11.00 am  Welcome and Introduction by the Chair: Annette Roberts, Head of Kirkham Grammar Junior School

11.15 am  Keynote Speaker: Alice Beveridge, Tree of Knowledge

*Chaired by Annette Roberts, Head of Kirkham Grammar Junior School*

“Creating High Performing Teams”

Simply put, high performing teams just click. This doesn’t mean that they’re always the best of friends but they are all focused on achieving their collective goal. It’s a dynamic balance, an art that once achieved provides the rocket fuel for people to not just enjoy what they do, but to be world class at it. In this course, we draw from researchers who have studied some of the world’s most successful teams such as the New Zealand All Blacks, Pixar and even the SAS. We’ll also discuss the need for clear ambition, daily focus and high expectations where delegates will get the opportunity to apply this to their own organisation. Running throughout this workshop we also give delegates the opportunity to get the “social glue” flowing through engaging challenges, helping bind teams together.
Learning Outcomes

✓ Understanding of the role that incredible ambition, clear focus and high expectations play in creating high performing teams
✓ Understand why some teams continue to be the best at what they do
✓ Understand the importance of being focused on the job in hand whilst building the “social glue” of the team

Benefits

✓ Greater sense of control over the ambition, focus and expectations of the team
✓ Greater motivation and morale within staff
✓ Greater social cohesion within teams
✓ More performance driven team
✓ Happier people

12.45 pm  Lunch in the Main Restaurant (The Brasserie) and hotel check-in

1.45 pm  Keynote Speakers: Tom Bigglestone and Jason Buckley, The Philosophy Man

Chaired by Tony Shrubsall, Head of St John’s College Junior School

“Philosophy Circles: Embed P4C in your Curriculum”

Jason Buckley is founder of The Philosophy Man. He is author of Philosophy Circles Handbook, Pocket P4C and Thinkers Games. Following a degree in Philosophy at Cambridge, Jason taught English. He is now a renowned speaker and trainer on P4C, classroom dialogue, and stretching the Gifted and Talented. He is also Director of Studies at GIFT, an organisation providing opportunities for gifted children. He runs days on philosophy, storytelling, comedy improvisation, public speaking and writing; his other lecturers might be constructing crystal radios or learning how to hack computers. Jason is also director of outdoor education company Outspark.

Tom Bigglestone is Lead Trainer at The Philosophy Man. As well as delivering training and workshops week-in, week-out, he co-wrote the Philosophy Circles Handbook and writes our resource bulletin, received by over 16,000 teachers worldwide. Following his Philosophy degree and PGCE at Durham, Tom spent several years as Head of Humanities, Head of Religious Studies, Co-ordinator for Gifted and Talented, and Teacher of More Subjects Than He Can Remember in two top independent schools. He most recently completed a Walter Hines Page Scholarship in the US on assessment of philosophical skills.

3.15 pm  Break
3.45 pm  **Keynote Speakers: Frederika Roberts and Elizabeth Wright, RWS**
*Chaired by Ann-Marie Elding, Head of The Peterborough School, Junior School*

**“Resilience, Wellbeing, Success”**
Based on her experience as the mother of children with severe heart conditions, Frederika Roberts left a successful recruitment career to become a happiness and resilience speaker, author and Laughter Yoga Leader. She has been interviewed on BBC Breakfast, ITV Calendar News, BBC and other radio stations all over the UK, and featured and quoted in various publications, including The Guardian. Frederika is also a guest blogger for Huffington Post UK and author of the book ‘Recipe for Happiness’. She is studying towards an MSc in Applied Positive Psychology at Anglia Ruskin University.

Elizabeth Wright represented Australia at two Paralympic Games and won three Paralympic medals. She is now an inspirational speaker and author (‘Ditch the arm, keep the leg’) and has written for The Guardian, Huffington Post UK, and ‘Innovate My School’ blog. Elizabeth has also been interviewed on TV and radio. She is studying towards and MA in Character Education at the University of Birmingham’s Jubilee Centre for Character and Virtues.

5.15 pm  Leisure Break

7.15 pm  Drinks Reception in the Sports Bar

7.45 pm  Conference Dinner in the Oak Room
**Guest Speaker: Gregg Davies, Headmaster of Shiplake School and Chairman of The Society of Heads**

*End of Day 1*
Friday, 10th November

Breakfast in the main Restaurant (The Brasserie)

9.00 am  **Keynote Speaker: David Boddy**  
*Chaired by Chris Bouckley, Head of Fulneck Junior School*

“My Mind Their Hearts – Creating Schools and Homes of Warm-Heartedness”

David Boddy was a very reluctant Headmaster, entering UK independent schooling after a distinguished career in politics, business and graduate development.

He took on the headship of St James Senior Boys’ School, London, in 2004 never having taught in secondary schools before. His innovative approach embedded philosophy and meditation into the curriculum and the school was widely recognised as top-of-class for the development of young people’s entrepreneurship skills. He is the founder of the Lucca Leadership Trust for Young Leaders, offering world-wide training to community leaders aged 16-30.

In 2012, he was elected Chairman of the Society of Heads and later the same year published ‘Mind Your Head: An Emotional Intelligence Guide for School Leaders.’

His second book, ‘Mind Their Hearts: Creating Schools & Homes of Warm Heartedness’, is published to coincide with the Society’s annual conference 2017.

For several years, he has been a leading participant in the Society’s training programmes for new Heads.

He is now Principal Partner of Anglo Schools International Services, an education services company working in India, China and the Middle East.

He has also led the development with Pearson VUE of the British Universities & Secondary Schools Achievement Tests (BUSSATs) and the Private Schools Academic Performance Index (PSAPI), to assist UK boarding schools secure a global reach into the international student recruitment market place.

10.00 am  Break and Book Signing

10.30 am  **Julie Robinson, General Secretary, ISC**  
*Chaired by Clive O’Donnell, Head of Stafford Grammar Junior School*
“How ISC Works for Your Schools”
Julie was a prep school head for eleven years, then Education and Training Director at the Independent Association of Preparatory Schools (IAPS). She has been General Secretary of ISC since April 2015.

Julie’s role at ISC is to protect and promote the sector, both in the political sphere and the national media. ISC brings all the main independent schools associations together to strengthen political lobbying and public affairs activities. Using ISC’s annual census and research findings to underpin key messages, ISC aims to positively promote the aims and interests of the sector and defend it robustly.

11.30 am  **Keynote Speaker: Durell Barnes**  
*Chair by Annette Roberts, Head of Kirkham Grammar Junior School*

“Sharing Best Practice on Inspection”  
For many years Durell Barnes was Head of Communications at the Independent Schools Inspectorate. Prior to joining ISI, Durell spent nearly 20 years in independent schools as Head of General Studies at Trent College, Head of History at Caterham School, Director of Studies at Colfe’s School and Second Master at John Lyon School. Since 2005, he has been involved in managing both substantial and rapid change in the framework for inspection from the Second Cycle, through Interim and Standard to the Integrated Inspections which came on stream in January 2012. Recently, Durell has been explaining and promoting the new compliance framework of inspection and the new quality framework inspection is now top of the agenda.

12.30 pm  **Closing Remarks – Annette Roberts**

12.35 pm  Lunch in the Main Restaurant (The Brasserie) and Depart