In any school, staff play a central role in nurturing confidence, sparking enthusiasm and cultivating a lifelong love of learning. Nowhere is this more true than in the classrooms and on the playing fields of an all-boys school. At the core of these endeavors is the development of a boy’s character. In delivering on this mandate, staff interface with boys across many layers of the educational experience, from the informal interactions in the corridors, dining rooms and dormitories to the more structured settings of the classrooms, stages and sports fields of our schools.

Developing skills to span these environments is critical to how successfully our schools can deliver on the promise of growing a generation of young men of character. Explore the theme: Developing Educators: Nurturing Teachers Toward Growing Boys into Significant Men with an invigorating programme of keynote speakers and engaging workshops on offer at the IBSC Conference to be held at Michaelhouse in the KwaZulu-Natal Midlands from 8 to 10 March, 2018.

Keynote Speaker: Tom Bennett

One of our keynote speakers will be Tom Bennett. Tom Bennett has been teaching in the East End of London for thirteen years. Currently he is the Director and founder of researchED, a grass-roots, teacher-led project that aims to make teachers research-literate and pseudo-science proof. Since 2013 researchED has grown from a tweet to an international conference movement that so far has spanned three continents and six countries. In 2009 he was made a Teacher Fellow of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge University. From 2008-2016 he wrote a weekly column for the TES and TES online, and is the author of four books on teacher-training, behaviour management and educational research. In 2015 he was long listed for the GEMS Global Teacher Prize, and in that year was listed as one of the Huffington Post’s ‘Top Ten Global Educational Bloggers’.

He recently chaired the Behaviour Management Group for the UK Department of Education (DfE) and is currently their Independent Behaviour Advisor. He coaches teachers and schools internationally in all aspects of behaviour management and research integration.

In his previous life he ran night clubs in London’s Soho, which provided an obvious training ground in classroom management and pastoral care.

Tom will return to South Africa in September, visiting Pretoria to hold a ‘trademark’ researchED day. – find out more about this at the Blogsite of Michaelhouse Pastoral Senior Master, Tim Jarvis: https://timothyjejarvis.blog/2017/11/17/the-myth-busters-are-coming/

Workshop delivery:

We invite any interested educators to run workshops at the conference. Workshops will need to run for between 30 to 60 minutes and can literally be linked to any aspect of teacher training and development or skills required by teachers in boys schools. Application to run a workshop can be made on your registration form found here. This form should be completed by 15 February 2018.

Registration & Costs:

The cost for the conference will be R 2 950 per person. This includes one dinner, lunches and teas but not accommodation or transport. Please register here and also find payment details at the end of the registration process. Registration closes on 15 February 2018.