



IBSC

International Boys'
Schools Coalition

Educating Prep Boys

Thursday, 16 May, 2013, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Wetherby Preparatory School, London

The International Boys' Schools Coalition conference for boys' prep schools (and prep divisions of larger schools) will be held at Wetherby Preparatory School, London, on Thursday, 16 May, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The conference will begin at 10:00 am and end by 4:00 pm. Other staff, as well as Heads, are encouraged to register and attend. [The registration and payment form is here.](#)

"Educating Prep Boys" is the first time that boys' prep schools in the UK have been invited to discuss and share the very best thinking about educating and engaging boys at this age level.

Program highlights are:

- Our first speaker is Gary Wilson, the UK's leading expert on engaging boys in literacy. Over this extended session, he will work with us to unearth the best approaches and practices for building boys' enjoyment of reading, literature and writing as critical ingredients for achievement.
- During lunch, we will hear from a panel of independent school heads about trends and challenges that bear upon the work of preparing boys for the next level.
- In the afternoon, two speakers will present workshops highlighting innovative approaches. In the first of these, Tom Harrison, the associate director of the Jubilee Centre for Character and Values, will introduce their "Knightly Virtues" curriculum, as an example of ways to integrate curriculum and engage boys.
- In the second workshop, Professor Thomas Dixon, the Director of the Centre for the History of the Emotions at Saint Marys, University of London, will showcase a fascinating pilot project on social-emotional learning that should spark discussion about our work with boys.
- At 3:30, Claudia Winkleman and Emily Maitlis, whose sons attend Wetherby Prep, will offer a parents' perspective on educating boys and the special effectiveness of boys' schools.

More details about the programme, along with the registration form, will be mailed to you shortly. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. For information about the IBSC and membership, please go to www.theibsc.org.

For those of you who may not be familiar with us, the International Boys' Schools Coalition is an association of boys' schools dedicated to growth and improvement as schools focusing on the needs of boys. Our membership of nearly 300 schools worldwide includes independent and state schools. In the UK, there are currently close to 50 members. In addition to the annual conference, there is a growing programme of regional events responsive to local priorities and topics. We also engage in a number of research projects and initiatives which expand our expertise as teachers of boys and as schools.

We are confident that this conference will be a rich and very informative event for everyone. I look forward to seeing you on Thursday, 16 May!