



Sixth Form Leadership Summer Conference 2026 (Online)
Friday 19 June 9.00am- 3.45pm
Conference programme

7.30am - 8.49am Waiting room opens for attendees and speaker check-in starts.
 8.50am - 9.00am Attendees join live event. Conference starts at 9.00am

Conference starts 9.00am. Break 11.10-11.30am. Lunch 1.10-1.50pm

	MAIN ROOM (recorded)	BREAKOUT ROOM (recorded)
9.00 - 9.05am	INTRODUCTION Michael Senior , Founder, NetSixthForm	
9.05 - 9.40am	UCAS INSIGHTS: TRENDS, CHANGES, AND SUPPORTING YOUR STUDENTS Sam Sykes , Customer Success Manager, UCAS	
9.40 - 10.00am	HEAD OF SIXTH POLLS INCLUDING CREATIVE WAYS AI IS BEING USED IN YOUR ROLE Michael Senior , Founder, NetSixthForm	
10.00 - 10.20am	SUPPORTING STUDENTS THROUGH THE NEW STRUCTURED PERSONAL STATEMENT: A UNIVERSITY PERSPECTIVE Shared session: Jim Calcutt University of Winchester Fred Binley Lancaster University	EXPANDING POST-18 HORIZONS: WHY HIGHER TECHNICAL QUALIFICATIONS (HTQs) MATTER Jamie Bradford , DMU
10.20 - 10.40	OFSTED FEEDBACK: PART 1 (previously Outstanding centre) Shellie Campbell-Birch , Southam College 11-18 School	
10.40 - 11.00am	WHAT UNIVERSITIES WANT TO SEE: WRITING EFFECTIVE UCAS REFERENCES IN THE NEW FORMAT Karen Lloyd-Clarke University of Exeter	INSIDE THE OXBRIDGE UNDERGRADUATE APPLICATION PROCESS Mike Nicholson , Director of Recruitment, Admissions and Participation, University of Cambridge

11.00-11.10am	FREE MENTORING WITH ZERO GRAVITY FOR YOUR DISADVANTAGED STUDENTS Zero Gravity, Alex O’Conner	A SENSE OF COMMUNITY: ENCOURAGE YOUR STUDENTS TO GIVE BACK TO THEIR COMMUNITY THROUGH DONATING BLOOD AND SAVING LIVES Lorna Newbrook, Campaign Manager, Bloodtober
11.10 - 11.30am	BREAK	
11.30 - 12.20pm	NAVIGATING THE NEW POST-16 LANDSCAPE Claire Green, Post-16 and Skills Specialist, ASCL	NEW TO HEAD OF SIXTH FORM: GETTING TO GRIPS WITH THE KEY ESSENTIALS Hanif Ladha, former Head of Sixth Form, Higham Lane School
12.20 - 12.32pm	TBC	DISCIPLINARY LITERACY: BRIDGING KNOWLEDGE AND OUTCOMES AT A-LEVEL Dan Rouse, Townley Grammar School
12.32 - 1.00pm	A SENSE OF BELONGING: A SPOTLIGHT ON THE CLASSROOM Johanna Klinsky, Director of Strategic Improvement for LIFT Schools	
1.00 - 1.10pm	TBC	
1.10 - 1.50pm	LUNCH 40 mins	

	MAIN ROOM (recorded)	BREAKOUT ROOM (only main sessions recorded not Meet the Speaker)
1.50 - 2.25pm	ENRICHMENT AND BELONGING: BUILDING A CULTURE WHERE STUDENTS FEEL THEY MATTER Dan Rouse, Director of Sixth Form, Chislehurst and Sidcup Grammar School	UNDERSTANDING YOUR TEACHERS' PENSION: PART 2 - BACK TO BASICS David Fountain, Founder, Teacher to Teacher Pensions
	CREATING BUY-IN AND A SENSE OF BELONGING Matt Kinsey, Head of Sixth, Rawlins School	
2.25 - 2.55pm	MANAGING PSHE Emma Salamut-Ward , AHT and Head of Sixth Form, The Holt School	AI HAS PASSED THE TEST: WHAT NOW FOR SCHOOLS? Stephen Belding, Director of Academic Programmes, Rugby Schools Global Partnerships
2.55 - 3.10pm	OFSTED FEEDBACK: PART 2 Matt Couttie, Director of Sixth Form. (previously RI)	ADVICE FROM THE WORKPLACE; APPRENTICESHIP SUPPORT AND PREPARING STUDENTS FOR THE MODERN WORKPLACE Duvina Toolsee, IT Project Manager and former apprentice, Capgemini
3.10 - 3.25pm	OFSTED FEEDBACK: PART 3 tbc	WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM UNIVERSITIES ABOUT HOW AI IS USED WITH STUDENTS? Speaker name tbc, UEA
3.25-3.40pm	SURVIVING AND THRIVING THROUGH A POST-16 BURSARY AUDIT Karen Leadbetter, Director of Post 16 Studies, King Edward VI Lordswood School for Girls	
3.40-3.45pm	PLENARY & EVALUATION FORM Michael Senior, Founder, NetSixthForm	

FUTURE CONFERENCE DATES 2026/7

SIXTH FORM LEADERSHIP SUMMER CONFERENCE (in-person)
London - Friday 26 June 2026. Some places available.

SIXTH FORM LEADERSHIP AUTUMN CONFERENCE (online)
Friday 27 November 2026

SIXTH FORM LEADERSHIP SUMMER CONFERENCE (online)
Friday 18 June 2027

FORTHCOMING WEBINARS

Members - free including extra members from your team

Non-members - £89 per person + vat

- **September** - IN FOCUS WEBINAR - EXTENDED IN-DEPTH WEBINAR 60-75 MINS. Cyber attacks: learning from other schools featuring a senior leader from a school, cyber crime detective supporting schools, anonymous feedback from other centres. Invite SLT and IT managers. *Date TBC*
- **September** - BRIEFING WEBINAR - 20-30 MINS. Managing Your Census 2026 - key advice. *Date TBC*
- **October** - IN FOCUS WEBINAR - EXTENDED IN-DEPTH WEBINAR 60-75 MINS. Managing AI in your centre. Learn from an education AI expert and organisations working on best AI practice in schools. Invite more members from your team.

More webinars for sixth form leaders to be scheduled.