

Hampshire Primary Headteachers' Conference Invitation – Thursday 6 March 2025

We are delighted to invite you to the 2025 Hampshire Primary Headteachers' Conference on **Thursday, 6 March 2025** at the Macdonald Botley Park Hotel (please note the day change). This year's event will feature:

- Morning programme of speakers and presentations; exhibition viewing from 8.30am, registration from 9.00am, speakers from 10.00am
- Cold buffet lunch
- Afternoon networking with colleagues
- Exhibition with time to browse the stands.

Once again, we are inviting headteachers from the Isle of Wight and special schools. Spaces are limited to headteachers until 3 February 2025, after which deputies may register up to 20 February 2025 or until all spots are taken. Early booking is recommended to secure your place.

Details

- Charge: £60 per delegate (Hampshire maintained schools are entitled to one free space per school)
- First-come, first-served basis with priority for headteachers
- Free parking
- Minibus service for ferry travellers.

We look forward to another insightful and productive conference.

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Guest speakers



Baroness Floella Benjamin OM DBE DL

Floella is an actress, presenter, writer, independent producer, politician, advocate for children, best known for the iconic TV programmes Playschool and PlayAway This year she celebrates 54 years in the entertainment industry and has received numerous awards, including an OBE, a BAFTA Lifetime Award, the Women in Film & Television Lifetime Award and the JM Barrie Award for her legacy to children's creative arts.

She has written over 30 books including the bestselling 'Coming to England' which is part of the national curriculum and the 20th anniversary version was awarded a Guardian 'Children's Book of the Year'. The picture book version was published in 2021. Her autobiography 'What are you doing here?' won the 2023 Parliamentary Book Award – Best autobiography by a Parliamentarian.

From 2006 to 2016 she was Chancellor of the University of Exeter and in 2010 she entered the House of Lords, where she speaks on diversity, equality and children's issues.

In 2020 she received a Damehood for her charitable work.

She chaired the Windrush Commemoration Committee, overseeing the creation a National Monument to the Windrush Generation at Waterloo Station and was asked by the King to Chair the Windrush Portrait Committee to select ten Windrush elders for inclusion in the Royal Collection.

One of the late Queen's last wishes was to award Floella the Order of Merit. She was chosen by King Charles to carry the King's Sceptre with Dove at his Coronation. She was awarded the 2024 BAFTA Fellowship, their highest accolade for her contribution to the television industry, including broadcasting and championing legislation in parliament for the sake of children's happiness and wellbeing.



Scott Hayden

Scott is the Head of Teaching, Learning, and Digital at Basingstoke College of Technology (BCoT), where he leads a dedicated team focused on digitally enriching education and empathy-driven coaching. His team, composed of expert Learning Coaches and Learning Technologists (former students turned staff members), is committed to enhancing educational practices through innovation. Under Scott's leadership, BCoT has received several accolades, including the 2018 TES FE Award for 'Outstanding use of Technology' and the 2024 Google Impact Award for pioneering AI integration in education.

In his role, Scott oversees Education & Training courses and manages the college's Learning Coaches, who play a crucial role in upskilling their peers through observation-based staff development, targeted CPD, and empathetic coaching.

Between May 2023 and July 2024, Scott delivered keynotes and training on AI for educators, reaching over 3,000 professionals across the UK and Estonia. He also serves as a Google for Education Champion, a National Advisor for EdTech UK and is a National Teaching Awards Silver Winner.

Since 2023, Scott has been an active member of the AI in Education initiative, a cross-sector effort dedicated to exploring the transformative potential of AI in learning environments. His purpose lies in leveraging technology and empathy to create meaningful, impactful educational experiences that empower both educators and students.

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