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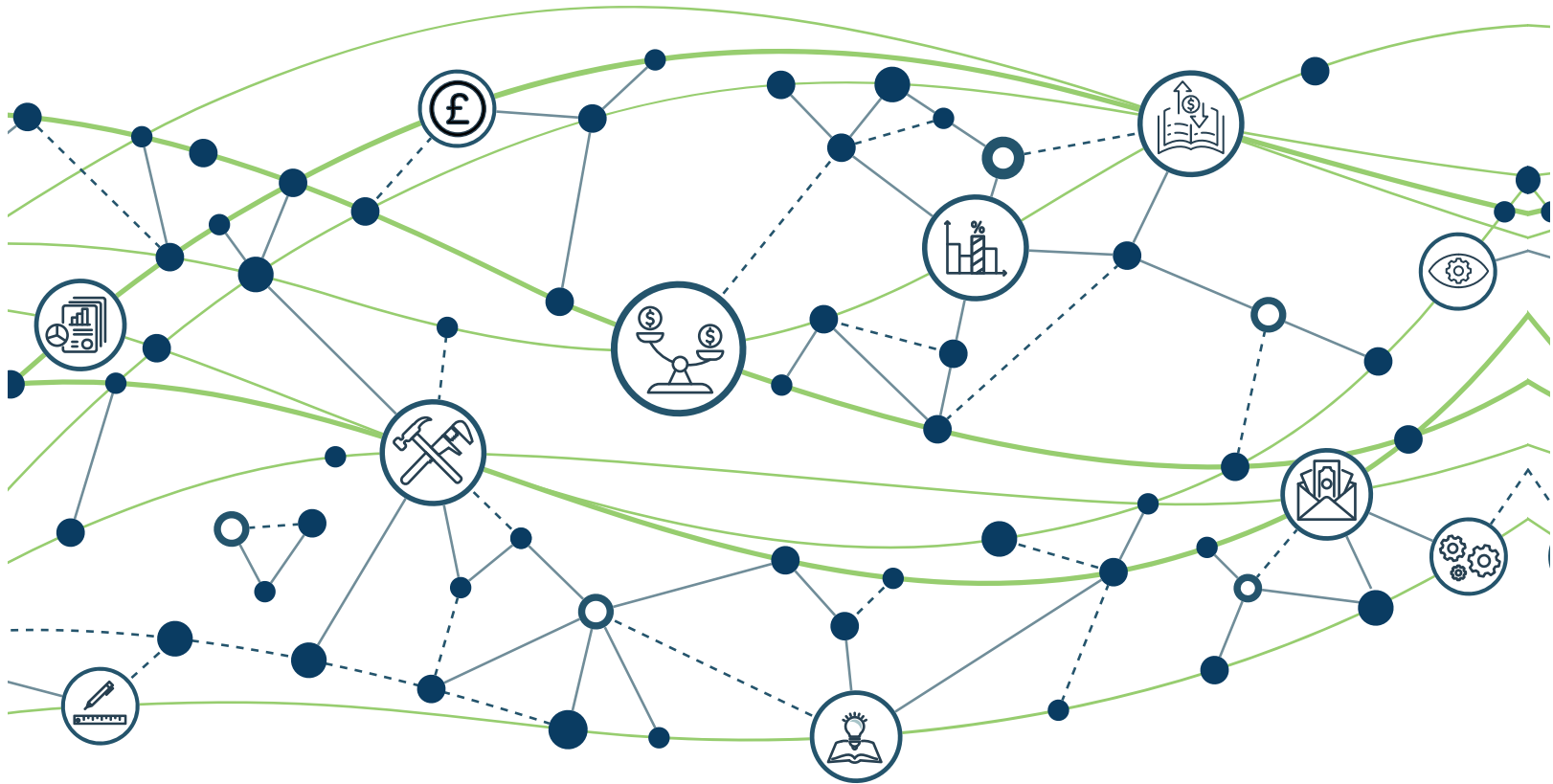


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School Business Professional Summit 2025

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16:25	Conference close

Welcome

#SchoolBP25



Catherine McKinnell MP
Minister for School Standards

I'm delighted to have this opportunity to greet all of you at the School Business Professionals Summit 2025! As Minister of State for School Standards I am determined that every child and young person has every opportunity to succeed, no matter who they are or where they come from.

The importance of your role – as School Business Professionals – in helping achieve this cannot be overstated. You are not just ensuring the operational success of schools – you are shaping the future of education in this country. Your work, while often unseen by many, is fundamental to the success of every pupil, every teacher, and every school community. Without your expertise and dedication, our schools simply could not maintain the high standards of excellence that we all aim for.

I am pleased that we have been able to confirm that school funding will increase in real terms with the core schools budget rising by £2.3 billion in 2025-26. Schools, like the wider public sector, must still continue to drive for the maximum value from existing budgets to help rebuild public services by constantly striving to find efficiencies, and the department will be developing its suite of productivity initiatives to support schools to do so.

Which is why days like today are so important. It provides an opportunity to hear from senior officials and peers about the opportunities, tools and support available – including innovations such as the department's new energy contracts that will save schools in our pilot 36% on average compared to their previous contract – and is also a chance for the department to learn from you about how we can support you further.

I want to say a huge thank you to all of today's speakers, sponsors and everyone else involved in making today's event possible, and of course, each of you for taking the time to attend. I know how busy you are, so it is important that days like today are valuable to you, and I support the incredibly important work we do together to expand opportunity for all.

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**Chair's Welcome
Charlie Lang**

**Programme Director of the
Schools Productivity Unit,
Department for Education**

Charlie is an experienced senior civil servant who has led high profile Government reviews of the SEND system, child protection

system and school exclusion; and has led several complex delivery reform programmes including the free schools programme, SEND reform and schools behaviour & attendance. He is a child-centred leader passionate about the role public servants – including school business professionals – can play in improving outcomes for children and young people. He lives in East London with his wife, two children and is also a local authority foster carer.



**Keynote Speech
Susan Dawson**

**Director for Commercial
Sector and Commercial
Operations, Department
for Education**

Susan joined the Civil Service 32 years ago as an Admin Assistant. She has delivered a number

of commercial initiatives and has run a number of Government Major Programmes. She enjoys leading transformation and change. She has held a variety of roles in several departments climbing through the ranks to her current position. She has 17 years' experience in the Department for Education. Susan is also proud to be Head of Place for the Yorkshire and Humber region, having lived and worked there throughout her career.



Will Jordan

**CEO & Co-founder,
IMP Software**

Will is Co-Founder and CEO at IMP Software, who are specialists in the provision of budgeting, forecasting, and reporting software for multi-academy trusts.

As a qualified accountant

who has been working with MATs and academies since 2010, Will has supported hundreds of Trusts nationally to help them develop a smarter approach to MAT Finance. Whilst most of this focus has been around the rationalisation and development of business systems and streamlining the reporting infrastructure, Will has also been deeply involved in operating model transitions and change management around budget management approaches, including Reserves and GAG Pooling, both from process design to stakeholder engagement and education.

Will Jordan is presenting the session:

Budget-Led Finance – How to utilise your budgets to drive more effective financial management?

Trusts spend many weeks, if not months working with stakeholders to ensure that their budget is well thought out and strikes the right balance between prudence and enabling investment in priority areas. After all this work has been done and the results are submitted to the ESFA, we start the year, and the finance system takes the 'front seat' at the core of the financial management processes with limited reference to underlying budget data. Is this approach still the best way forward?

Making your budget work for your pupils

An introductory panel and Q&A session with senior DfE officials exploring the current and future challenges faced by the sector.



Panel Chair
Stephen Morales

Chief Executive, Institute of School Business Leadership

Stephen has a 20-year career history in operations and finance, working at a senior level in the public and private sectors, both in the UK and abroad. He

presided over the development and implementation of nationally recognised school business leadership professional standards and led the transition from the National Association of School Business Management to the Institute of School Business Leadership.

Stephen works closely with the Department for Education in areas of policy reform, and his commitment to research to aid our self-improving system includes ongoing engagement with international jurisdictions including Australia, Europe, the Middle East and the US.



Nabil Ali

Deputy Director, Teaching Workforce Strategy, Department for Education

Nabil is responsible for overseeing the strategy on recruitment and retention of high-quality teachers for schools in England. He has worked in DfE for over five

years during which time he was the SRO/Programme Director for three major government projects: Teacher Training Reform, to standardise initial teacher training across the country; the National Tutoring Programme, to introduce subsidised tutoring offers in schools during the pandemic; and STEM Strategy, overseeing the reform of the STEM curriculum and qualifications in England.

Previously, Nabil worked in the Cabinet Office and the Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport on cyber security.



Tom Goldman

Director of Education Funding, Department for Education

Tom leads the Funding Policy Unit, covering funding for the core day-to-day running costs of schools (5-16), early years providers (up to 4)

and support for children and young people with high needs (0-25). This is known as "resource" or "revenue" funding.

Prior to joining FPU, Tom has held a variety of posts dealing in particular with school curriculum, qualifications and standards.



Gavin Davies

Deputy Director, Schools Financial Support and Oversight Directorate, Regions Group, Department for Education

Gavin has spent over 12 years working across both regional and national academy policy and

delivery roles at both Education & Skills Agency and the Department for Education.

Gavin is Chair of a Local Governing Board for a South-East Multi-Academy MAT, and is a CIMA member and part qualified Chartered Management Accountant.

1A

MAT Budgeting 101: How to achieve a cohesive approach across your schools

Presented by IMP Software

- ▶ **Warren Porter, ex MAT CFO & MAT Product Specialist, IMP Software**

Budgeting season is always a challenging time for MAT CFOs. With so many assumptions to apply and scenarios to run across multiple schools that can vary, between multiple LAs, there are a lot of plates to keep spinning. Compound this with the use of multiple systems and spreadsheets and data can

quickly become inaccurate and inconsistent, untrustworthy and your workload significant.

Now we're approaching the end of this year's budgeting round, this session will look at our top tips, gained from working with over 500 MATs around how to ensure an effective communication, preparation and review process, that will lead to better, more consistent budgets.

1B

School Estates, The New State Of Flux – What Next?

Presented by Eddisons

- ▶ **Gary Benn, Director, Building and Projects Consultancy, Eddisons**

With a change in government and a new horizon in education, what is in store for school estates over the coming years? Gary Benn, Director at Eddisons (and himself a school Governor and trust Director) takes a look at what is in store for education estates funding. Condition Improvement Funding is almost certainly at an end. What will replace it? How will School Condition Allocation work moving forwards? All this ties back in to GEMS and the road to net zero. Gary takes a look at why it's important to be prepared for any announcements that may

come from government, and why it's vital to have a good view across the school estate from all perspectives.

At the same time as these changes come about, multiple school PFI contracts are beginning to expire – what options are available for these schools as exits approach and why is it important to get the transition right? Alongside this, schools are also having to take on board new requirements for due diligence and procurement of estates partners – why is this important and how do schools and trusts ensure that they are working with the right teams?

1C

Building capability and valuing the SBP role in schools

Presented by Department for Education

- ▶ **Stephen Morales, Chief Executive, ISBL**
- ▶ **Lee Herridge, Head of Professional Development, ISBL**
- ▶ **Amy Bignell, The Priory Learning Trust**
- ▶ **Anne Slade, The Pioneer Academy MAT**
- ▶ **Gavin Davies, Deputy Director for Schools Financial Support and Oversight Directorate, Regions Group, DfE**

In this session you will learn about the training, support, and qualifications available to school business professionals. You will also hear from the Institute of School Business Leadership (ISBL) about the importance of recognising and valuing the profession and how ISBL's professional standards and self-assessment tool can support this and drive best practice.

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2A

The Compliance Cake: Slice and Conquer!

Presented by iAM Compliant

▶ **Andy Ball, Co-founder and Schools Mentor, iAM Compliant**

Join us for an interactive workshop where we unveil the secret recipe to making statutory compliance in your school a 'piece of cake.' Discover the effective "Slice of Cake" approach that simplifies the overwhelming task of compliance management. Just like devouring a cake bit by bit, we'll guide you through breaking

down compliance into manageable portions, focusing on priority areas such as fire safety, asbestos, and legionella. Gain insights into the necessary tasks, including monthly and annual activities, and explore how to share the workload with trusted contractors. Leave with a comprehensive toolkit to ensure compliance becomes a breeze. Don't miss out on this opportunity to savour the sweet taste of success in your schools statutory compliance!

2B

The power of ICFP: developing a financially affordable curriculum that delivers for pupils

Presented by Department for Education

▶ **Andrew Hamilton, School Resource Management Adviser**

This is a session exploring how effectively applying integrated curriculum and financial planning (ICFP) as a key management process that is an essential aid for schools and trusts to achieve success in developing a school

curriculum that both delivers excellence for pupils but is also affordable and sustainable.

Hear from a leading ICFP practitioner and SRMA on their top tips for how you can introduce and maintain excellent ICFP in your school or trust. This will be an interactive session with the opportunity for Q&A.

2C

iPad adventures in creativity, resilience and human potential

Presented by XMA

▶ **Michael Conlon, Education Transformation Consultant, XMA**

A future-facing school has a complex fusion of physical and digital resources, integrating emerging technologies and innovative pedagogical approaches, yet it has the same ambitions as every other school: helping out young people secure their future. In this session we'll discover how the iPad lets us forge a new relationship with technology,

ensuring that it becomes our ally in connecting authentically to learning experiences and each other. From its peerless accessibility tools to the creative powerhouse in its apps, we'll explore how every part of its ecosystem emboldens out critical decisions around the strategic integration of technology. You'll hear about genuine transformation in schools for teachers, students and the wider community and find out how you can take your schools on that journey too.

12:50 Lunch and networking Mountbatten, 6th floor

3A

Building a Cost-Effective IT Strategy with Google for Education

Presented by Google for Education

- ▶ Lawrence Tijjani, CEO, Happy2Host (Google for Education partner)

This session will explore how to enable more sustainable workflows and educate sustainable practices across your school community with easy-to-use tools that help address conservation now.

Explore how Google for Education can help build a cost-effective, sustainable IT strategy that enhances resource management. This session focuses on extending device lifecycles,

reducing e-waste, and promoting digital accessibility. Learn to implement efficient workflows, mobilise your school community for change, and educate staff and students on sustainable practices. We'll share actionable best practices to help your school optimise resources while enhancing educational outcomes. With best practise tips on:

- Refresh and extend the life of devices
- Strategies for reducing e-waste
- Mobilising a team for change
- Ensure accessibility for all.

3B

DfE Connect – Bringing DfE services and information into one place

Presented by Department for Education

- ▶ Arti Bhanderi, Digital Services Strategy Team Lead, DfE Connect
- ▶ Paul Raine, Senior Product Manager, DfE Connect

Discover 'DfE Connect', a new tool that will bring together services and information from the department into one place, improving your

access to the support and information you need to get the best outcome for your school(s).

- Overview of our service including demonstration
- What else is on the horizon
- Work with us to build a service that works for you.

3C

Making more effective use of your school estate

Presented by Department for Education

- ▶ Nathan Odom, Estates Director, Discovery Trust
- ▶ Lindsay Harris, Deputy Director, Education Estates Directorate, DfE
- ▶ James Murphy, Associate Director & Account Leader (Education), Arcadis
- ▶ Andrew Dutton, Education Sector Leader, Arcadis

In this panel session Nathan Odom, Estates Director at Discovery Trust will be discussing his approach to estates management. Along with panellists Lindsay Harris (DfE), James Murphy and Andrew Dutton (Arcadis), Nathan will be reflecting on the current issues facing the sector including sustainability initiatives, funding for school estates, training and professional development for estates staff in schools.

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4A

Commercial Support for schools and trusts – getting best value from your energy and banking

Presented by Department for Education

- ▶ Bel Pennington, Associate Commercial Specialist, DfE
- ▶ Chris McGunnigle, Category Manager, DfE
- ▶ Tim Brown, Stakeholder and Engagement Manager, DfE
- ▶ Tony Pickstock, Commercial Lead, DfE

Join this session to hear the latest on new initiatives from the DfE to support schools and trusts achieve value for money. Learn how you can buy energy through DfE energy for schools

– a secure and compliant route for energy procurement which provides competitive rates through bulk purchasing and onboarding support provided from the DfE. You can also find out more about accessing the energy cost recovery service which can support you to identify, and then recover, any energy overspend you may have over the last six years. We will also be discussing the work we are undertaking to support schools and trusts to get the best from their banking arrangements.

4B

Effective Financial Decision Making: an evidence-based approach

Presented by Department for Education

- ▶ Peter Tomkins, SRMA and Director, TSO Education
- ▶ Dan Tovey, Delivery Lead – Financial Benchmarking & Insights, DfE

This session explores the sources of evidence that can be used to underpin budgeting and to

ensure that medium-term plans are meaningful.

We will also provide a demonstration and overview of the new DfE Financial Benchmarking & Insights Tool which has replaced the Schools Financial Benchmarking website and the View My Financial Insights service.

4C

Schools Internet Connectivity – The Good, the Bad and the Cheap

Presented by MLL Telecom

- ▶ Andrew Shilton, Head of Solutions, MLL Telecom

The MLL Telecoms team will provide a presentation and a short workshop session on what good internet connectivity should look like in your school. What you need to worry about, plan for and how to get the best value and reassurance that your service is durable

and you have minimised the risk of failure. As more and more business-critical resources from AI to schools management systems become cloud-based and the new DfE guidelines on safeguarding come into force, we'll help you think through the best architectures and develop the right questions for your suppliers. We will support the presentation with case studies and real-life experiences of the good and the bad.

15:05 Refreshments and networking Mountbatten, 6th floor

5A

AI in schools

Presented by Department for Education

- ▶ **Georgie Langley, Policy Adviser, AI Alignment team, DfE**

This session will provide an overview of current DfE policy and initiatives including:

- DfE's policy paper Generative artificial intelligence in Education setting out the position for the use of generative artificial intelligence (AI), in the education sector.
- DfE's recent announcement of Training

Materials for AI which will be designed to support teachers and leaders in using AI safely in their settings.

- The Safety Expectations framework – a framework setting out clear expectations for the safety of AI products used in educational settings.
- The AI Content Store – a joint DfE-DSIT pilot aiming to make the underpinning content and data that are needed for great AI tools available to developers.

5B

Getting best value and security from your technology

Presented by Department for Education

- ▶ **Lara le Court de Billot, Policy Advisor, Schools Technology Services, DfE**
- ▶ **Arati Patel-Mistry, Schools Engagement Manager, DfE**

The DfE's Digital and Technology standards are helping schools understand which core technologies they should have in place, and the minimum requirements that technology should meet. Plan Technology For Your School is a new digital service helping schools make more informed decisions about technology, which saves time and money when they plan and implement change. You will also learn more

about the Cyber Security Check For Schools, a free interactive tool allowing schools to review and improve their cyber and information security policy and practice and self-assess their current provision. We will give an overview of:

- Current cyber threats currently facing the school sector
- Demonstration of CyberSecure Check and its benefits
- How CyberSecure Check can help baseline, monitor progress, allowing schools to understand their own cyber resilience levels.

5C

Are you thinking of changing your MIS? What you need to know: An independent and agnostic view from WhichMIS

Presented by The Wisdom Partnership

- ▶ **Steve Baines, Co-founder, The Wisdom Partnership**
- ▶ **Stuart Abrahams, Co-founder, The Wisdom Partnership**

More schools and MATs than ever are switching their MIS provider. It needn't be the daunting task it used to be, but procurement of a new

Management Information System is still a significant undertaking. In this session we will outline the key points to consider when thinking of changing your MIS, along with the procurement routes available and the various steps you need to take for procurement compliance and, more importantly, to ensure your school or Trust gets the right MIS for your specific circumstances.

16:15 **Chair's closing remarks** Mountbatten, 6th floor

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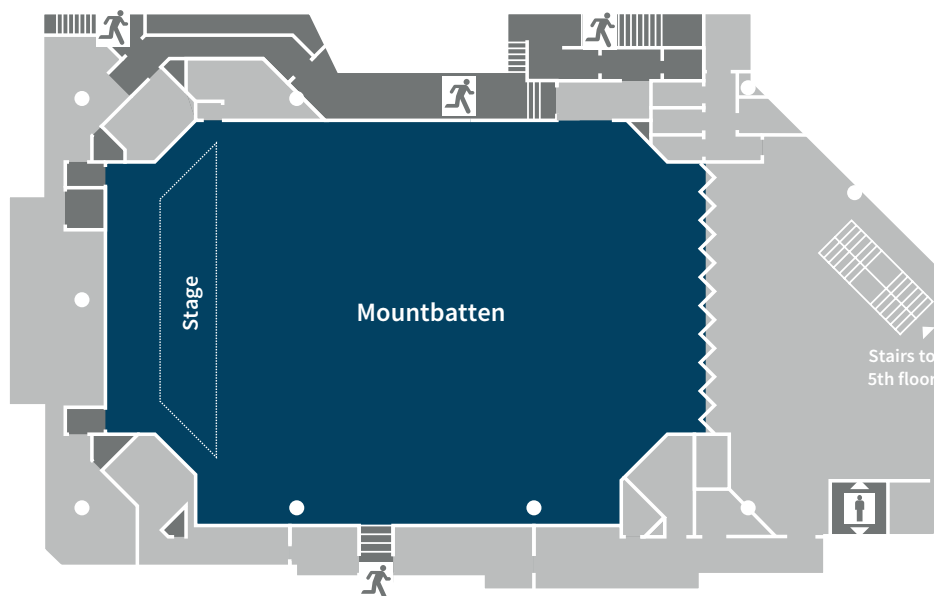
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