Transforming Education: global perspectives and partnerships

As part of SAGE 2016: join global colleagues from leading overseas schools

Friday 23 September 2016
The Perse School
Join aspiring leaders to discuss the latest in best educational practice from around the world.

The Perse is very pleased to be hosting the bi-annual conference of the SAGE group of overseas schools. SAGE (The Strategic Alliance of Global Educators) unites forward-looking and innovative state and independent schools from around the world with the aim of bringing educators together to form professional networks that allow wider and deeper sharing of pedagogical ideas, resources and best practices. Every two years, a SAGE partner school hosts a conference of school leaders to share and exchange educational resources and expertise on an international platform.

As a part of this 4 day conference, the Perse will be hosting a one day learning conference Transforming Education: Global Perspectives and Partnerships. We are delighted to announce that George Freeman MP, Secretary of State for Life Sciences at the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills and the Department of Health, will introduce the conference, and keynote speakers will be Valerie Hannon and Conrad Wolfram.

We will then move into the elective element of the day, and will be running three streams, each of which will have a different talk at 11.30, 1.30 and 2.30pm:

(1) The Digital Generation
(2) Health and Well-Being
(3) Trends in Global Education

The three streams will give delegates the opportunity either to focus on one area, or to mix and match elective sessions from different streams. Full details of the electives programme will be published on the Perse website www.perse.co.uk/conference

It is possible to book tickets for day attendance, but we also offer the opportunity to come to Cambridge the evening before, stay in Homerton College and enjoy the opportunity to meet colleagues from different schools in the UK, as well as some of the world’s leading state and independent schools. The pre-dinner speaker on the evening of Thursday 22nd will be Jo Whitehead.

Dr. Jo Whitehead is a Director of the Ashridge Strategic Management Centre, and has published books on corporate strategy, business strategy and decision making. He teaches on executive strategy courses at Ashridge and London Business School, and provides executive education and consulting support to a number of major and mid-sized European companies. He is the author of a number of books, including Think Again: Why Good Leaders Make Bad Decisions and How to Keep it from Happening to You, in 2009. Previously he was a Vice President and Director of the Boston Consulting Group, where he worked for 20 years in the UK and US. Jo is Vice-Chairman of Cambridge University Musical Society as well as the founder of the England over 40’s and over 45’s Touch Rugby team.
Keynote speakers

George Freeman was first elected to Parliament in May 2010 after a 15 year career in and around the Cambridge cluster supporting high growth businesses. He was re-elected in 2015 with an increased majority of 17,000. During his time in Parliament, he has served as PPS to the Minister for Climate Change, Chairman of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Science & Technology in Agriculture, a UK Trade Envoy and Government Adviser on Life Sciences to the Minister of State for Universities and Science. In July 2014, he was appointed as the first ever UK Minister for Life Sciences at the Department of Health (DH) and the Department of Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS) in charge of the £15bn NHS drugs budget, digital health and data, the Life Sciences and Agri-Tech Industrial Strategies, genomics, industry engagement and NHS R&D.

Valerie Hannon was Director of Education for Derbyshire. She became a founding Director of the Innovation Unit, and now sits on the Board. She is an established thought-leader in the field of education innovation. She is a founding member and Co-Chair of the Global Education Leaders Partnership (http://gelponline.org) supporting jurisdictions globally to scale their innovation and transform their systems. Valerie is senior consultant to the OECD Innovative Learning Environments programme, and a regular contributor and adviser to the World Summit on Innovation in Education (WISE). Valerie’s books include Learning A Living: radical innovation in education for work (Bloomsbury, 2012); and Redesigning Education: shaping learning systems around the globe (Booktrope, May 2013). Recent publications include: What is Learning For? European Journal of Education Vol 50 (Jan 2015); Creative Public Leadership: How School System Leaders Can Create the Conditions for System-wide Innovation, WISE/RSA 2016; Personalisation and Globalisation: three paradoxes facing educators. CSE Melbourne, 2016.

Conrad Wolfram, physicist, mathematician and technologist, is Strategic Director and European co-founder/CEO of the Wolfram group of companies. Described as the place where "Computation meets Knowledge" and "The Math Company", the Wolfram Group specialises in pushing boundaries at the intersection of computation, data science, maths, and knowledge, including making Mathematica software, the Wolfram|Alpha knowledge engine (powering knowledge answers for Apple’s Siri), the Computable Document Format (CDF) standard and Wolfram Language. All Wolfram technology is now being hybridised to the cloud, including providing private computation cloud installations. Conrad is also a leading advocate for a fundamental shift of maths education to be computer-based and founded computerbasedmath.org (CBM) to drive implementation of the change. The movement is now a worldwide force in re-engineering the STEM curriculum with early projects in Estonia, Sweden and across Africa. Conrad regularly appears in the media and as a keynote speaker on subjects ranging from the future of the web to 21st century education. He holds degrees in natural sciences and maths from University of Cambridge, UK.
**Timings**

**Thursday 22\textsuperscript{nd} September**  
Drinks in the Homerton College bar from 6.30pm  
Pre-dinner talk from Jo Whitehead at 7.15pm  
Dinner served at 7.45pm

**Friday 23\textsuperscript{rd} September**  
Coffee served from 8.45am  
Conference introduction from George Freeman MP, 9.15am  
Keynote address and questions 9.30-11am  
Elective sessions 11.30am, 1.30pm and 2.30pm,  
with lunch at 12.30pm  
Tea and depart from 3.30pm

**Booking**

Booking is via a simple online form at [www.perse.co.uk/conference](http://www.perse.co.uk/conference) with invoicing then completed separately.

The fees are:

- £125 for the day conference
- £250 including the Thursday evening package of evening dinner, keynote and accommodation at Homerton College
- £595 for the three-person full package

Early booking is recommended to secure accommodation.