

## Have you booked your place at our Head Teacher Conference yet?

Places are now filling fast for our Head Teachers Conference, taking place on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March. Our focus this year is on the Mental Health and Wellbeing of your school community.

We are excited to be able to confirm our speaker line up for this year, which we believe brings a breadth of knowledge and experience to support you in your work:



**Jaz Ampaw-Farr**



**Ian Soars**



**Richard Crellin**



**Emma Connor**

### ***Jaz Ampaw-Farr***

Jaz's story is one of growing up in the midst of appalling abuse, poverty and hardship during which she encountered five teachers (and, importantly, one pimp) whose belief in her literally saved her life. She shares her fantastic journey of how saying yes first allowed her to progress from council estate and foster care to advising governments on education policy. Jaz has recently presented at the Diocese of Coventry Head Teachers conference and her TedX Talk is available on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/q3xoZXS5yc>

### ***Ian Soars***

Ian is the Chief Executive of Fegans; a Christian charity that provides qualified therapists and parent support workers in schools across Sussex, Kent, Surrey, South London and Oxfordshire. Building on his brief talk at last years conference, Ian will be looking at the government's green paper for mental health, and what this means for you in school. Ian will also be running a workshop session in the afternoon to help look at practical ways in which you can address the green paper recommendations in a climate of reducing resources and budgetary constraints.

### ***Richard Crellin***

Richard is a Policy and Research Manager at The Children's Society. He oversees the annual Good Childhood Report, the leading 'state of the nation' report into the well-being of children and young people. Richard is also responsible for the organisations national and local influencing to improve mental health support for the most vulnerable young people. Richard will be presenting on the findings of the Good Childhood Report 2018 and what this means for you in school. <https://www.childrensociety.org.uk/good-childhood-report>

### ***Emma Connor***

Emma is a UKCP accredited Child Psychotherapist, and Director of Your Space Therapies Limited. Emma has worked with children for over 17 years, starting her career in therapy working for both Childline and CRUSE bereavement care. Emma will be talking about strategies that can be encouraged in terms of working with children who have emotional difficulties and challenging behaviours. <http://yourspacetherapies.org/>

**Bishop Mark Sowerby**, Bishop of Horsham and Chair of the Diocese Board of Education, will be leading our Eucharist in the afternoon.

In addition to this excellent speaker line up, the conference will also be supported by both [Brighton and Hove City Mission](#), who will provide a Prayer Space for you during the day and [Epiphany Music](#), who will be on hand to create Sound Portraits of you as school leaders.

**Epiphany Music** is an innovative music group who love improvisation and creativity. Members of Epiphany have a passion for excellence in the arts. They believe that music should be expressed in creative ways; that it has a role not just to entertain but also to enhance the quality of life itself by bringing space into our fast-paced, hectic lives, relieving stress and printing new perspectives.

Throughout the day there will be a chance to talk with a number of organisations who are able to offer help and support to your school community.

Please book via Eventbrite to secure your place <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/headteachers-conference-chichester-diocese-tickets-53048473412>

We look forward to sharing the day with you.

Kind Regards;

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