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Leadership 2022: Kindness & Connection 17th / 18th March 2022

The Queens Hotel, Meyrick Rd, Boscombe, Bournemouth BH1 3DL

Thursday 17th March

Friday 18th March

0900	Registration / Refreshments	0900	Registration / Refreshments
0930	Welcome from our Chair & Sponsor	0930	Welcome & Introductions
0935	<p>Dave Harris: "What on earth just happened?"</p> <p><i>A reflection on the challenges of leadership. An opportunity to reflect, learn and connect.</i></p>	0935	<p>Networking: "What's your agenda?"</p> <p><i>Working in geographical regions to support and challenge on key educational issues.</i></p> <p><i>'Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success.'</i> -Henry Ford</p>
1045	Morning Break	1045	Morning Break
1115	<p>Dave Whittaker: The Kindness Principle</p> <p><i>To remain kind in difficult and challenging environments takes courage and strength.</i></p> <p><i>Understanding our children can allow us to 'manage' their behaviour with three key considerations: Genuineness; Acceptance and Empathy.</i></p>	1115	<p>Dave Harris: Leadership Dialogues</p> <p><i>Sharing the learning and wisdom from collaboration: Leadership Dialogues with Professor John West-Burnham.</i></p>
		1200	<p>Workshops: Coaching/Mindfulness/Curriculum</p>
1300	Hot Buffet Lunch	1300	Hot Buffet Lunch
1400	<p>Dave Harris: Key Leadership Questions</p>	1400	<p>Dave Harris: The importance of wonder and curiosity: 'The experiential wonder table'</p>
1430	<p>Workshops: Coaching/Mindfulness/Curriculum</p>		
1530	<p>Afternoon Break with ROUND TABLE – <i>Discussion, Learning & Ideas!</i></p>	1500	Working Break: Final conversations
1600	Close	1530	Close

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WALE SPRING CONFERENCE 2022 SPEAKERS – DAY 1 & 2



Dave Whitaker

“WE BELIEVE EVERY CHILD DESERVES THE VERY BEST CARE, ATTENTION, SUPPORT, GUIDANCE AND DARE I SAY IT, LOVE, WE CAN GIVE THEM AS CARING PROFESSIONALS” – THERE IS ANOTHER WAY

Working with incredibly vulnerable children and young people from KS1 to KS5 who are presenting with a whole range of social and emotional difficulties, Dave’s innovative work shows the power of care, love, support and, in his own words, ‘battering them with kindness’. At the heart of all his work is the principle of ‘unconditional positive regard’, a concept pioneered by the seminal psychologist Carl Rogers. Regardless of their actions - and their actions can be quite extreme at times as you may well imagine – Dave and his team of committed professionals will never lose sight of the human being in front of them, nor lose hope in their ability to make better choices and change their lives for the better.

Dave Harris

“IN THE GAP BETWEEN POLICY AND CHILDREN IS WHERE BRAVERY LIVES” – BRAVE HEADS

A successful headteacher with many years’ experience working in and leading schools in challenging socio-economic environments, Dave has built a second career for himself as a speaker and advisor shining a light on the various forms of madness being visited on schools today in the name of standards.

In his book, *Brave Heads*, reinforced his approach to leadership combining creativity and values with a willingness to experiment and fly in the face of received wisdom. In recent years he has collaborated on two volumes of *Leadership Dialogues* with renowned leadership academic Professor John West-Burnham. He is not there to tell anyone what to do but to help them see through the fog and identify for themselves what it is that needs doing in the right way and for the right reasons.

