

# SCHOOL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE 2019 – THE BIG QUESTIONS

## CONFIRMED SESSIONS

**KEYNOTE: “Leadership – reality, myth or burden? – The big questions for Business Managers”**

**SPEAKER: ‘THE REAL DAVID CAMERON’**

This session will look realistically at the leadership role of Business Managers and stress the case for that role being significant. It will also stress the day to day realities that we are facing and the pressures that we are under and challenge us to think about what role we want.

**Health & Safety - Keeping teachers and students safe**

**SPEAKER: NICK WILSON, HEAD OF HEALTH & SAFETY, HEALTH AND DAVID PAVELEY, HEALTH & SAFETY GENERAL MANAGER**

Why bother with Health & Safety? This session will look at the legal position, the financial impact when things go wrong and how to create a robust Safety Management System. You will gain a clear understanding of the importance of adopting a strong SMS and some key steps as to understand if you need to take immediate remedial action.

**Capital planning and projects, a practical session**

**SPEAKER: ADAM WATSON, DIRECTOR & CO-FOUNDER, WE ARE EVERY**

What is condition and why is it important? Using real world examples, Adam demonstrate how you can reduce the time taken to produce a programme of work across your school, academy or MAT by 85%. You will learn how you can assess and prioritise investment and work programmes based on need. During this session you will see how condition surveys are transformed into insightful and interactive charts and graphs. Adam will also be discussing what should happen with your data and how to put all your data to good use.

## The CPD journey of self-awareness: How it benefits you and your school

**SPEAKER: PAUL ROBERTSON, PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT MANAGER, ISBL**

Time is precious. Funding is scarce. Change is constant. SBM's need support to adapt, develop and thrive in the face of these challenges. Developing an awareness of your strengths and weaknesses in relation to your role and future business needs is key to doing more than 'just surviving'.

This session aims to re-introduce you to meaningful and rewarding CPD through taking steps towards becoming self-aware, undertaking self-assessment and rediscovering purposeful learning.

You will learn more about why CPD matters, what qualifies as CPD and then take practical steps to assessing the skills and identifying any areas of weakness. You will be able to take steps to feel in control and start to identify steps to ensure you are future-ready.

## Buying for schools – supporting schools to achieve great value

**SPEAKER: DFE OFFICIAL FROM SCHOOLS COMMERCIAL TEAM**

The team will host a buyers' workshop to offer support on today's buying challenges in schools. This is a great opportunity to learn more about DfE's current recommended deals, helping you save time, money and improve outcomes by reducing non-staff spend.

This session will give you the opportunity to meet with members of the DfE's School Commercial Team: hear about the progress that they are making in delivering the [Schools' Buying Strategy](#) as part of the [School Resource Management](#) programme; and learn about future plans to extend the reach and impact of their work.

The session will signpost what deals are currently available, what's recently been launched and what's in the pipeline in areas such as facilities, business services, IT and utilities.

## Building a Change Culture

**SPEAKER: 'THE REAL DAVID CAMERON'**

This workshop will give you the chance to hear about some of the key lessons in making effective change and allow you to share your experiences and hear from colleagues on what has worked in making a difference.