



## 2025 Annual Conference Voco St David's Hotel, Cardiff Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> and Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October

### THURSDAY 9<sup>th</sup> October

- 9.00am Coffee, Registration and Conference Exhibition opens in the Dylan Suite and Dylan Thomas Pre-Function area
- 10.00am Welcome by the Chair and CEO in the Thomas Suite followed by **KEYNOTE ADDRESS TBC**
- 11.00am *Gold Sponsor: Engage*
- 11.10am *Refreshments and Conference Exhibition*
- 11.40am Annual General Meeting – all delegates are expected to attend
- 12.00pm **ESTYN Update:** led by Assistant Director Dyfrig Ellis, and HMIs Mary Hughes and Richard Murray
- 1.00pm *Lunch*
- 2.00pm **WELSH GOVERNMENT UPDATE, TBC**
- 2.30pm **ESTYN TRAINING/BREAKOUT SESSION**
- 3.45pm *Refreshments and Conference Exhibition*
- 4.00pm *Gold Sponsor: Assured Partners*
- 4.10pm **EDUCATION WORKFORCE COUNCIL UPDATE,** Hayden Llewellyn, CEO EWC
- 4.40pm Conference Closes
- 6.30pm Drinks Reception for New Head Teachers: Dylan Thomas Pre-Function area



7.00pm Pre-Dinner Reception for delegates, partners, and guests: XXXX

7.30pm **ANNUAL DINNER:** Thomas Suite (Black-tie optional)  
Entertainment: TBC

## FRIDAY 10th October

9.00am Conference Exhibition opens in the Dylan Suite and Dylan Thomas Pre-Function area

9.30am **WISC OPEN FORUM:** Breakout Session for Independent Mainstream and Special Schools

10.30am *Gold Sponsor: Rivervale Leasing*

10.40am *Refreshments & Conference Exhibition*

11.00am **Panel of Heads talking of their recent Estyn inspections:** -  
Mainstream Schools  
Special Schools

12.00pm **'Beyond the cloak, leading with Authenticity':** Andrew Jenkins,  
Motivational Speaker

1.00pm Concluding remarks

1.05pm *Lunch & Conference Exhibition Closes*