

Wed 6th March

7:30 pm: Evening meal

Thurs 7th March

9:00 am: Arrival & welcome

9:15 am: **Sarah Naish**

12:30 pm: Lunch

1:30 pm: **Contender Charlie**

4:00 pm: Free time

6:30 pm: Drinks reception

7:30 pm: Evening meal

Fri 8th March

9:00 am: Arrival & welcome

9:15 am: **Alex Quigley**

12:15 pm: Lunch

1:00pm: **Alex Quigley**

2:15pm: Free time

Venue



OLD THORNS

HOTEL & RESORT



Longmoor Road
Griggs Green
Liphook
Hampshire GU30 7PE

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Cost

Wednesday - Friday £425*

Thursday & Friday £350*

Thursday delegate £100

Friday day delegate £60

For every school, the first residential booking will receive a discount of £125 — equivalent to a 50% refund on their annual contribution.

* these will be discounted by 10% for additional delegates, subject to a maximum of four delegates per school.

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**Residential
Conference**

6th - 8th March 2024

Thursday

Trauma Informed Teaching - An Overview with

Sarah Naish



Sarah is an international bestseller author and multiple award winning and sought-after media spokesperson, contributing to national publications. She is a keynote speaker and trainer at national and overseas conferences on child trauma and has developed models of specialised parenting that have had a national impact in increasing the recognition of the needs of traumatised children. She is widely recognised as a trail blazer in the field of Child Trauma and Therapeutic Parenting.

Sarah uses her first-hand expertise and understanding, developed through her role as a former social worker, foster parent, and as an adoptive mother of a family of five profoundly traumatised siblings.

Sarah will cover why children struggle in school, Transferring Strategies in Trauma Informed Education and will include Compassion Fatigue.

Surviving the Labyrinth with Contender Charlie



Ben Warwick

As well as being a regular presenter for both Contender Charlie and Olivier Mythodrama, Ben is also a highly experienced theatre, film and television actor. He has taught drama and delivered lectures on presence and leadership in British schools and numerous North American Universities and colleges including Vassar College, Notre Dame and West Point Military Academy.

Using the story of Theseus and the Minotaur, we look at how staff can negotiate the labyrinth of their own job demands to achieve a fulfilling and manageable balance in their work and life.

Friday

Closing the Literacy Gap with Alex Quigley



Alex is a best selling author and former school leader. He is the author of edu-books, including the best selling 'Closing the Gap' series on vocabulary, reading and writing. Alongside this, he is a columnist for TES magazine and he works with schools to support literacy, school improvement and engaging with evidence. For most of the working week, Alex works as Head of Content and Engagement at the Education Endowment Foundation, with a focus on breaking the link between parental income and educational outcomes.

Alex will explore the literacy challenge that proves a barrier for so many pupils in Portsmouth schools. He will analyse how challenges with vocabulary, reading and writing make accessing the school curriculum problematic and limit progress. Alex will share practical solutions and effective implementation to close the literacy gap.