



Allied Irish Bank (GB) supports Headmasters' and Headmistresses' Conference 7th October 2003

Allied Irish Bank (GB) goes back to its roots tonight, as it hosts a dinner in Ireland at the world's largest independent schools' conference. The conference sees the heads of more than 240 schools in the UK and over 70 schools internationally meet to discuss the issues currently affecting the independent education sector.

450 people are expected to attend tonight's dinner, many of whom are already customers of the bank including 30 from the Bank's UK offices. The dinner, which forms part of this year's Headmasters' and Headmistresses' Conference, is being held at the Bank's global headquarters in Dublin.

Allied Irish Bank (GB)'s Managing Director, Aidan McKeon, said: "At Allied Irish Bank (GB), we have established a long and recognised history of supporting the education sector - working with educational institutions in Britain for over 20 years. We are delighted to have the opportunity to host a dinner at such an important conference, particularly for an organisation which successfully advises and influences national education policy."

HMC Membership Secretary, Roger Peel, said: "We are grateful for Allied Irish Bank (GB)'s contributions to this week's conference. HMC is a pivotal event in the independent schools calendar and it is good to see a company such as Allied Irish Bank (GB) offering its support".

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