

## **SHA press release on Miliband speech to GSA conference**

Commenting on David Miliband's speech to the Annual Conference of the Girls' Schools' Association at Alton Towers, in which he announced that the DfES and SHA will be carrying out a survey of best practice in tailoring school organisation to the different needs of boys and girls, SHA General Secretary, Dr John Dunford, said:

*An increasing number of mixed schools teach some subjects and some age groups in single sex classes.*

*SHA welcomes the opportunity to work with the government in surveying practice of single sex teaching in mixed secondary schools, as well as considering wider issues of the different learning needs of boys and girls.*

*The issue of mixed versus single sex teaching is less often debated than it used to be. What is important is that practice should be based on evidence and the SHA survey will help to bring this out into the open.*

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