

## Sanderson-White and Tim Henman among sporting debate panel

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Former Tennis player Tim Henman

TIM Henman and Tessa Sanderson-White will be among a panel of sporting stars attending a discussion on how sport can change the lives of disadvantaged children.

BBC presenter John Inverdale will chair the second Andrew Reed Debate at London's Guildhall, which will also be attended by Grant Cornwell, chief executive of Tottenham Hotspur Foundation, and David Stalker, chief executive of fitness charity ukactive, as well as several Harlequins team players.

Organised by Reed's School in Cobham, Surrey, this year's debate will focus on the power of sport in helping to overcome childhood deprivation and disadvantage.

Henman, a former pupil at Reed's School, said: "In sport it's easy to quantify success by winning or losing, but what's really important is giving 100% in whatever you do.

"I was lucky to attend Reed's School as a tennis scholar in their dedicated Slater programme, but was also able to take part in a range of other sports from hockey to golf, cricket to athletics. It was the diversity of pupils who attended the school that made for an engaging community where sport acted as a real catalyst in building life-long relationships."

The event is in partnership with the Tessa Sanderson Foundation & Academy, which offers a holistic approach to the development of young people through sport, Tottenham Hotspur Foundation and the newly formed Harlequins Foundation, which aims to improve access to education, sport and social mobility.

Sanderson-White added: "I am a good example of how sport can change a person's life. As a young black athlete in the 1970s, it was my focus on sport that drove me to succeed – not only on the track and field but in my whole outlook on life."

Mr Cornwell added: "At Tottenham Hotspur Foundation we've seen first-hand the positive impact that engagement in sport can have on young people in our communities, helping to support them to engage in a range of constructive activities. We believe that engagement in sports provision can result in far more than developing sports skills."

The debate in front of 700 business leaders takes place on February 5.