EVENT AGENDA

Teaching and Learning Conference

Strategic Teaching & Learning: Enhancing Skills, Systems, and Student Outcomes

13 - 14 November, 2026 | European Azerbaijan School, Baku, Azerbaijan

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17:30-18:00	**Registration and Coffee**
18:00 - 18:20	**Welcome** *Francesco Banchini, European Azerbaijan School; Deniece Wheeler, COBIS*
18:20 - 19:00	**Unlocking the Future-Ready Skills of Every Learner** *Calvin Eden and Hayden Taylor, Global Edge*
19:05 - 20:00	**Break-Out Sessions** ***1)Beyond the Poster: Turning a Vision for High-Quality Learning into Classroom Practice*** *Jill Robinson, Vice Principal, DSB International School, Mumbai* ***2)From Data to Differentiation*** *Milana Kusmanova, Aida Kondakova, Yuliya Samulyak, Arailym Korabayeva, Upper Elementary EAL Teacher / Elementary EAL Team, Kazakhstan International School - Almaty* ***3)What Universities Wish Students Had Learned*** *Jonathan Egid, Co-founder, Quincunx Academic / Lecturer in Philosophy, SOAS, University of London* ***4) Classroom Management*** *Aida Isazade, Deputy Principal of Student Affairs, and Sakhavat Garayev, Deputy Head of Student Affairs, European Azerbaijan School*
20:00 - TBC	**Welcome Reception**

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08:30-09:00	**Coffee and Exhibition**
09:00-09:50	**AI for Thinking: Metacognition in a Post-AI Classroom** *Stephanie Holt, Senior Leader in Teaching and Learning, Riverside International School, Prague*
10:00-11:00	**Break-Out Sessions** ***1)Competencies vs. Content: How do we really plan a Future-Ready Curriculum?*** *Lauren Binnington, Director of Learning, St Christopher's School, Bahrain* ***2)Concepts to Conceptual Understanding*** *Aynur Akhundova, IB PYP Coordinator, Baku International Education Complex* ***3)Teacher-Led to Student-Driven: Practical Strategies for Agency, Inclusion and Inquiry*** *Mila Chaika, PYP Homeroom and Observation Lead, Invento the Uzbek International School* **4) *Student-Centered Learning*** *Zeynab Aliyeva, PYP Homeroom Teacher, European Azerbaijan School*
11:00-11:25	**Coffee and Exhibition**
11:30-12:30	**Break-Out Sessions** ***1)If AI Can Write the Essay, What Are We Assessing?*** *Stephanie Holt, Senior Leader in Teaching and Learning, Riverside International School, Prague* ***2)There Is No Average Learner: Removing Barriers While Maintaining High Expectations*** *Sumit Chopra, Head of Senior School, Heritage Xperiential School, Gurugram, India* ***3)Visual Mapping in the Classroom: Practical Strategies for Student Engagement, Thinking and Independence*** *Zhansaya Tleubay, EAL PYP Teacher, International Steppe School of Astana* ***4)From Strategy to Impact: Adaptive Teaching in Practice*** *Anoushka Mehta, Primary School Teacher and Gifted and Talented Coordinator, The British School, New Delhi*

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12:30-13:25	**Lunch and Exhibition**
13:30-14:30	**Break-Out Sessions** ***1)Why do schools need a Digital DSL? – Roundtable*** *Nicky Millar, Head of Welfare, Riverside International School, Prague* ***2)Project-Based Learning as a Cross-Curricular Engine: A Journey Toward Deeper Learning in International Schools*** *Mehriban Taghiyeva, Head of Project-Based Learning, Baku-Oxford School* ***3) Developing Students' Speaking and Writing Skills through CLIL Strategies*** *Zhanna Kassenova, Social Studies Teacher, International Steppe School of Astana* ***4)How Schools Decide: why good decisions do not survive*** *Dulat Irzhanov, Director for School Development, International Steppe School of Astana*
14:30-14:55	**Coffee and Exhibition**
15:00-15:55	**Break-Out Sessions** ***1)From Scaffolding to Independence*** *Aksana Sarsenova, Teacher of Russian Language and Literature and Gulzira Narkulova, Kazakh Language Acquisition Teacher, Kazakhstan International School-Almaty* ***2)Beyond the Textbook: Questioning Bias in Classroom Materials*** *Ilyas Mukanov, MYP Individuals and Societies Teacher, International Steppe School of Astana* ***3)From questions to discovery: Bringing Inquiry to life*** *Aysel Jabbarova, MYP Coordinator, European Azerbaijan School*

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16:00-16:45	**Embedding Entrepreneurship as a Mindset** *Calvin Eden and Hayden Taylor, Global Edge; Jack George, Aiglon College*
17:00	**Depart**