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S21 : Digital Innovation - Building a culture on innovation

Date Thursday 8 May 2025
Venue Caterham School, Caterham, CR3 6YA
Cost IAPS members - £ 199 (non-IAPS members - £299)

Course Summary

'Building a Culture of Innovation – Practical Strategies and Tools for School Leaders' is a course designed for school leaders, Directors of Studies, and Heads of Digital Learning who are keen to embed a culture of innovation in their schools. Through a mix of keynotes, interactive talks, panel discussions, and hands-on workshops, participants will explore strategies for creating a culture of innovation, integrating digital tools including AI and developing staff confidence to promote pupil agency and change teaching practices.

Participants will hear from experts in the field, gain insights into practical applications of AI and assistive technologies and learn how to align digital strategies with long-term educational goals. The event includes a walk-and-talk tour showcasing innovation in action at Caterham Prep, providing real-world examples of digital transformation.

Practical and networking session will encourage participants to collaborate with peers, share insights and leave with actionable plans tailored to their school's needs.

Course Objectives

1. To develop strategies for building a culture of innovation within schools.
2. To explore practical applications of AI and assistive technologies in education.
3. To address ethical and safeguarding challenges associated with digital innovation, including data privacy and equity.
4. To create actionable innovation plans tailored to each school's unique context.
5. To gain insights into successful case studies and real-world applications of digital tools in schools.

Audience SLT, Innovation, Digital and Academic leads, Directors of studies.
Course Director **Lex Lang** – Deputy Head - Innovation & Partnerships, Caterham Prep / IAPS National Advisor - Computing, Partnerships and Digital Innovation
Presenter(s) **Dina Foster** - Head of AI Educator Training at Educate Ventures Research and the Shape the Future Leaders Coalition
Dave Presky - Head of Computing, York House / IAPS National Advisor - Digital Innovation, Research & Development
Matt Warne - Head of Computing & Digital Strategy, RGS The Grange / IAPS National Advisor - Computing, Curriculum Design and Digital Innovation



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Programme

Time	Activity - Speaker
0845	Registration & refreshments – Humphreys Theatre
0900	Welcome – Ben Purkiss – Executive Headteacher, Caterham Prep & Cophthorne Prep
0915	Why Not? The Power of Questioning in Innovation – Lex Lang
0930	Building a Culture of Innovation – Dina Foster
1015	Beyond the Tech: How EdTech Transforms Learning – Dave Presky
1100	Coffee break & networking
1115	Change, Not Chaos: Navigating Change Management in Digital Innovation – Matt Warne
1200	Panel Discussion – Move fast but don't break things: Responsibility in innovation – Lex Lang, Matt Warne, Dave Presky
1230	Lunch & networking
1315	From Ideas to Action – Creating Your Innovation Plan – Lex Lang, Matt Warne, Dave Presky
1400	Walk and Talk – Innovation in Action
1430	Building, Embedding, and Sustaining a Culture of Innovation – Lex Lang
1450	Closing remarks

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