



About the speakers

Natasha Devon

Natasha Devon MBE is an internationally renowned expert on mental health, body image, gender and equality. As a regular presenter on LBC and a journalist she is well aware of the challenges of 21st century life and work and the importance of balance and a positive mental outlook in a fast paced world. Natasha is an ambassador for charities Glitch UK and The Reading Agency, as well as a patron for the charity No Panic and Pride at Global. She is a certified instructor for Mental Health First Aid England and eating disorder charity Beat.

Natasha is passionate about education and has been working with schools for 15 years, encouraging pupils to think about and self-regulate their approach to their personal wellbeing which is of vital importance for their future lives. Areas such as positive body image, managing anxiety, navigating social media and self-reliance are just some of the topics she regularly discusses with young people to ensure they are as well prepared and resilient as they can be to fulfil their goals and face the world beyond school with optimism and confidence.

Darren Coxon

Self-styled 'AI guru' Darren Coxon is the Founder of Coxon AI, a consultancy specialising in helping make sense of developments in AI. He has worked with schools and colleges for over 25 years, advising and guiding teachers and young people on how technology can support them and ways to use it to their advantage, both during their time at school and in preparation for future work. Darren has been at the forefront of educational technology, including leading the first state Sixth Form in the UK to move to an iPad 1:1 model. He is a major thought leader on AI in education and has delivered training, keynotes and workshops for education bodies including the HMC and Girls School Association. Independent Schools Portal, the National College, and GESS Dubai.

Darren believes that AI will bring about the biggest shift in education and the working world in 250 years. And, like every seismic shift, there will be winners and losers in the race for AI adoption. AI offers the chance to better strategise, plan and deliver projects faster, analyse data better and allow pupils to take ownership of their learning. His mission is to ensure that educators and all young people are on the side of the winners, viewing AI as something to be embraced, not shied away from.

Tim Porter

Tim has over 30 years of experience in banking, finance and consultancy at Managing Director level. He is no stranger to handling change in the workplace, and has successfully delivered a broad range of large and complex global change programmes including post-acquisition integration, offshore shared services, business process reengineering and government and regulatory investigation and remediation. Tim also held senior management positions in support functions including operations, technology, HR and finance, giving him insight into the many personal and professional skills needed to thrive within a busy workplace environment.

Tim is currently the Chief Risk Officer at Loqbox taking responsibility for risk, compliance and legal matters across the Nooli group of companies. This extends across the breadth of risk types including operational, financial crime and information security risk, in the UK and US, so he is well versed in technology developments including the importance of cyber security. Tim is a Fellow of the International Compliance Association and holds the ICA's professional post-graduate diploma in Governance, Risk & Compliance, and a diploma in Financial Crime Prevention. He is a member of the Fraud Advisory Panel and the Royal United Services Institute.

Tim is an OC and was a boarder in School House.

Kate Rayner

After graduating from Royal Holloway University in 2013 with a BA in Politics and International Relations, Kate returned home and spent seven months working as a Floor Manager at small café chain with a hands-on role in all aspects of the business, from barista skills to full food service, stock management and product merchandising and marketing. She then moved on to South Central Ambulance Service where she spent nearly two years as a Non-Clinical Emergency Operations Centre Auditor and Trainer, completing routine audits for all I I I call handlers and team leaders for quality assurance purposes.

Eight and half years ago, Kate was encouraged by her family to apply for the Civil Service HR Fast Stream Programme. Being unsuccessful was the first pivotal moment of her career, as she knew that HR was not what she wanted to do. Instead, Kate joined the Ministry of Defence within the Cabinet Office Direct Appointee scheme, starting as an IT Service Manager, and then moving to Whitehall, before securing a role in operational policy that was the second pivotal point in her career journey thus far. As a Policy Advisor, she helped shape and assure all deployments of military personnel within the UK, most notably throughout the Covid-19 pandemic and has spent the last two years as Policy Advisor to the Chief of Staff of the Field Army. From September this year Kate will be returning to academia, as a student at the Defence Academy, joining 250 military students from approximately 50 nations on the Advanced Command Staff Course.

Kate is an OC and was a boarder in Beaufort House.