



EVENT AGENDA

Teaching and Learning Conference

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

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

13 November, 2026

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

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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, 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 and Gulzira Narkulova, Teachers, Kazakhstan International School, Almaty

2) Think Before You Trust: Inquiry, Critical Thinking & AI Literacy

Zhanat Kaparova, History Teacher, TOK Coordinator, Elite Kazakh School @Zaman

3) Beyond the Textbook: Questioning Bias in Classroom Materials

Ilyas Mukanov, MYP Individuals and Societies Teacher, International Steppe School of Astana

4) From questions to discovery: Bringing Inquiry to life

Aysel Jabbarova, MYP Coordinator, European Azerbaijan School

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16:00-16:45

Building Innovation and Entrepreneurship into the Curriculum

Calvin Eden and Hayden Taylor, Global Edge; Jack George, Aiglon College

17:00

Depart