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**	**Canteen**
18:00 - 18:20	**Welcome** *Francesco Banchini, European Azerbaijan School; Deniece Wheeler, COBIS*	**Auditorium**
18:20 - 19:00	**Unlocking the Future-Ready Skills of Every Learner** *Calvin Eden and Hayden Taylor, Global Edge*	**Auditorium**
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*	**Room 105**
	2)From Data to Differentiation *Milana Kusmanova, Aida Kondakova, Yuliya Samulyak, Arailym Korabayeva, Upper Elementary EAL Teacher / Elementary EAL Team, Kazakhstan International School - Almaty*	**Room 106**
	3)What Universities Wish Students Had Learned *Jonathan Egid, Co-founder, Quincunx Academic / Lecturer in Philosophy, SOAS, University of London*	**Room 109**
	4) Classroom Management *Aida Isazade, Deputy Principal of Student Affairs, and Sakhavat Garayev, Deputy Head of Student Affairs, European Azerbaijan School*	**Room 110**
20:00	**Welcome Reception** sponsored by English Book Education	

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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)*Concepts to Conceptual Understanding* *Aynur Akhundova, IB PYP Coordinator, Baku International Education Complex*	**Room 105**
	2)*Teacher-Led to Student-Driven: Practical Strategies for Agency, Inclusion and Inquiry* *Mila Chaika, PYP Homeroom and Observation Lead, Invento the Uzbek International School*	**Room 106**
	3) *Student-Centered Learning* *Zeynab Aliyeva, PYP Homeroom Teacher, European Azerbaijan School*	**Room 109**
	4)The Invisible Curriculum: What Are We Really Teaching When We Teach? *Aysel Alasgarova, MYP English Language and Literature teacher, European Azerbaijan School*	**Room 110**
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*	**Room 105**
	2)There Is No Average Learner: Removing Barriers While Maintaining High Expectations *Sumit Chopra, Head of Senior School, Heritage Xperiential School, Gurugram, India*	**Room 106**
	*3)**From Strategy to Impact: Adaptive Teaching in Practice*** *Anoushka Mehta, Primary School Teacher and Gifted and Talented Coordinator, The British School, New Delhi*	**Room 109**

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12:30-13:25	**Lunch and Exhibition**	**Auditorium**
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*	**Room 105**
	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*	**Room 106**
	3)How Schools Decide: why good decisions do not survive *Dulat Irzhanov, Director for School Development, International Steppe School of Astana*	**Room 109**
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*	**Room 105**
	2)From questions to discovery: Bringing Inquiry to life *Aysel Jabbarova, MYP Coordinator, European Azerbaijan School*	**Room 106**
	3)Practical Classroom Management for Modern Educators *Nuraddin Khalilzade, Head of Science Department & Physics Teacher, Buckswood School Baku*	**Room 109**

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