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#SkolonEdTalk

Wednesday



10.10 – 10.25 James Roach Using Technology for Belonging

James Roach will share how simple technology—from real-time translation to name pronunciation—can amplify human dignity and remove the barriers to true belonging.



10.30 – 10.45 Jo Stone Beyond Single Sign-On: Why Skolon Is Our Next Step Forward

Jo Stone will walk us through her expert insights on why Discovery Schools Trust chooses Skolon to power education.



10.50 – 11.05 Rory File Protecting Literacy in the Age of AI

In this session, Rory will explore building an “AI compass” to ensure technology serves practice rather than subverting it.



11.10 – 11.25 Abid Patel GDPR, Cyber Security and the School Reality Check

Experienced EdTech leader, Abid, will provide a crucial “reality check” on GDPR and cyber security, offering actionable steps to protect your school’s data and reputation.



11.30 – 11.45 Louise Jones ThingLink: What Immersive Learning Really Looks Like in the Classroom

In this session, Louise will reveal what immersive learning really looks like—moving beyond headsets to empower students through interactive, real-world creativity.



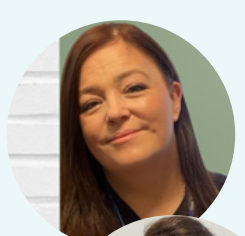
11.50 – 12.05 Helene Öberg Dyslexia – Research and Practice in Sweden in an International Context

Secretary General of the Prince Couple’s Foundation, Helene, will explore international research on early identification and inclusive practice, introducing innovative tools like Dexi Ville.



12.10 – 12.25 Nici Foote Vision on Belonging

In this session, Nici will discuss how schools can move beyond mere integration to create environments where every learner feels truly seen and valued.



12.30 – 12.45 Antoinette Hamilton and Dr Stella Schäringer Driving Equity and Inclusion Through Immersive EdTech for Every Learner

In this session Toni and Stella will explore how to drive equity and inclusion through immersive EdTech, sharing practical strategies to personalise learning and empower every student to thrive.



12.50 – 13.05 Martin Byrne It’s Not Just an IT Issue: A Whole-School Approach to Filtering and Monitoring

During his session, Martin will tackle the critical intersection of technology and safeguarding, outlining a whole-school approach to filtering and monitoring that ensures compliance and protects your students.



13.10 – 13.25 Oliver Lundgren Skolon – News of the Year

AI, new functionality, and Skolon Guardians – what’s new? Skolon CEO Oliver Lundgren shares the latest highlights from the platform.



13.35 – 14.05 Steven Hope and Ben Whittaker Pick n Mix Education

Bringing back a nostalgic classic for a modern challenge. Prepare for “Pick & Mix Education”—an approach that’s less 1999 and more Woolworths counter—showing you how to curate the perfect blend of tech and pedagogy.



14.10 – 14.40 Udo Kempers, Thomas Schulze & Norman Jahn Digitalisierung nicht zum Selbstzweck: Warum Digitalisierung im Unterricht pädagogisch gedacht werden muss

Digitalisierung im Klassenzimmer ist mehr als neue Geräte – sie ist eine strategische Aufgabe. Entscheidend ist das Zusammenspiel von Technik und Pädagogik. In dieser Session zeigen wir, wie Sie Strukturen schaffen, die Lehrkräfte entlasten, den Zugang zu digitalen Ressourcen vereinfachen und Lernen für Schüler:innen interaktiver und nachhaltiger gestalten.



14.45 – 15.25 Johnathan Viner, Peter Reeves, James Roach and Jonna Rådegård The Nordic Reassessment of Digital Tools in Education

This panel will explore where digital tools clearly improve learning, where they add friction, and why some systems are rethinking their approach. Drawing on policy, school, and classroom perspectives, they’ll share what a well-designed digital strategy should look like now—and what we might do differently next time.



15.30 – 15.45 Dr Fiona Aubrey Smith The Global Shift from EdTech to PedTech

In this session, Dr Fiona will explore research-backed, high-impact uses of digital technology in schools, offering insights, provocations and practical next steps.



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10.10 – 10.25 Essi Alho The new era of Online Safety at Schools

Essi Alho takes us on an exploration through SomeBuddy, an expert-led online safety solution providing anonymous support and a proactive curriculum to combat digital harm.



10.30 – 10.45 Matilda Westerman and her daughter Lo An Introduction on Choosing Skolon

In this session, Matilda and her daughter Lo will share the life-changing tricks, the teachers who made a difference and how to thrive in everyday life with a dyslexia diagnosis.



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11.10 – 11.25 Joe Jackson-Taylor Innovation, Impact & Equity

In this session, Joe will explore the impact of Generative AI, balancing its power for efficiency and personalised learning with essential ethical guardrails for equity.



11.30 – 11.45 Michael Wilkinson Video in Schools and Global Social Media Bans

Michael from ClickView will lead us on an exploration through global social media bans, including YouTube, and the potential impact on teaching and learning in UK schools.



11.50 – 12.05 Lisa Thompson From Infrastructure to Impact

This session explores how Liberty Academy Trust embeds digital strategy to overcome barriers, build staff capability and maximise impact.



12.10 – 12.45 Udo Kempers and Torsten Frank Globale Verantwortung im Klassenzimmer: Das Projekt, das Technologie zwei Leben schenkt.

Die digitale Transformation stellt eine zentrale Frage: Was passiert mit ausrangierter Technik? Die Stadt Wilhelmshaven und „Lehrerinnen und Lehrer ohne Grenzen“ zeigen in einem Pilotprojekt, wie Umweltschutz und Bildungsgerechtigkeit zusammenwirken.



12.50 – 13.05 Trond Ingebretsen Of Course You Are Ready to Prove Your Impact!

This session will explore why evidence is becoming EdTech's key differentiator and how independent evaluation and certification help products prove impact and stand out.



13.10 – 13.25 Ramsay Melhuish Don't Wait for the Right Book

This session explores how Pickatale enables teachers to create personalised, curriculum-aligned digital books in minutes, boosting reading engagement, inclusion and confidence through flexible, teacher-led content creation.



13.30 – 13.45 Neil Cleverley Finding Standard Candles in the Rapidly Expanding Universe of EdTech

Twinkl's Neil Cleverley explores how to identify high-impact EdTech tools that protect professional judgement and genuinely save teachers time in a crowded market.



13.50 – 14.15 Dave Wright and James Fendek Leading a People First Digital Transformation

In this session, Dave and James from The Mercian Trust will explore "People First" digital transformation, highlighting workforces through cloud skills, continuous learning, and AI integration to boost productivity and innovation.



14.20 – 14.35 Jason Giddens Reducing Exam Stress with Readspeaker TextAid

TextAid moves beyond simple accessibility to become the ultimate study companion. Transform learning and exam performance with tools that save teachers time and empower students to read, write, and revise with total confidence.



14.45 – 15.25 John Hayes and Elexa Antweil Simplifying EdTech at Scale: Centralise Access and Creative Learning with Skolon and Canva

In this session, John Hayes, Director of Digital Strategy at Greenwood Academies Trust will be joined by Elexa Antweil from Canva for Education to explore how thoughtful technology can drive sustainable impact in education.



15.30 – 15.45 Danny Young Inspiring Learners to be Creative with Digital Literacy Using the Just2easy Tool Suite

The talk will focus on the breadth of tools that can be used right across the primary phase in all areas of the curriculum. Areas will include coding, databases, animation, writing, maths, science and more.



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10.10 – 10.55 Pupil Panel with Peter Reeves **Student Voices on EdTech: Accessibility, Equity, and What Really Works**

In this session, Peter Reeves will lead a pupil panel exploring how accessibility and digital devices promote equity, inclusion, and effective learning for all students.



11.10 – 11.25 Neil Emery **Reclaim Your Screens: From Complex Systems to Student Success**

Neil will share how to move beyond complicated corporate systems to reclaim your school's screens—turning them into powerful tools to showcase student success with ease.



11.30 – 12.00 Jonny Hays **Learning with AI Through Stories: A Classroom Perspective on Pickatale**

In this session, Jonny Hays will be joined by some of his pupils to show you firsthand how Pickatale transforms learning through an authentic, student-led perspective.



12.05– 12.35 Mike Garra **Boost Student Engagement with Padlet!**

Mike Garra, Account Manager with Padlet, will show you how fun and easy it is to use Padlet's Boards and Sandboxes to turn any lesson or assignment into a dynamic and collaborative experience for students.



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13.10 – 13.25 Heine Jensen **Attendance as a Strategy: How Better Data and Engagement Reduce Absence**

Heine will share how schools can modernise attendance registration, improve engagement, and gain meaningful insights that support retention and student outcomes.



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13.50–14.05 Tom Webb **How to Save Money and Remain GDPR Compliant**

In this session Tom will run through the cost saving benefits of the Skolon platform, with a live look at ROI analytics, contract register and procurement options. In addition to this, Tom will demonstrate how Skolon ensures you remain GDPR compliant with tool usage in this digital age.



14.10 – 14.25 Olivia Walters & Anjali Dayton **Kami: Making Geography Sustainable**

Olivia Walters and Anjali Dayton will share how Insignis Academy Trust replaced costly paper booklets with Kami, saving £9,000, improving feedback, digital literacy, and inclusion for EAL and SEND learners.



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