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To find out what's trending at Bett 2015 and discover some of the hot topics that will be discussed at the show Click [here](#) to go to the ICT website to download a copy of the ICT for Education BETT 2015 Preview

Bett awards

The winners of the 17th Bett Awards 2015 were announced last night by 2i2i Events Group, the organisers of Bett, and the education sector's trade association and Bett founder, BESA.

Debbie French, portfolio director at i2i Events Group, says: "The Bett Awards are recognised around the world as a sign of excellence. This has evolved over the past 17 years because of the increasing calibre of the entries that we receive year on year. Each pushes at the very boundaries of what is new, innovative and possible in technology." Caroline Wright, director of BESA adds: "The winners of the Bett Awards join an elite circle, enjoying recognition within the sector in the UK and from around the world. The Bett Awards will continue to offer educational suppliers the opportunity to showcase their most innovative and engaging resources and provide the sector with a measure of quality."

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Lego Education adds app for Mindstorms EV3

Lego Education will introduce its first app for use with the Lego Mindstorms Education EV3 solution at Bett 2015. The programming app is a simple and effective way for secondary schools to get started with programming as part of the new Computing Curriculum. Its supporting materials include: nine robotics lesson plans linked to the national curriculum and including suggested assessment areas; six step-by-step Robot Educator tutorials and quick start videos; building instructions for the Robot Educator model; and a user guide and teacher introduction pages.

The App is currently compatible with iOS-based tablets and will be available from March 2015 via the Apple iTunes App Store and Lego Education downloads. René Lydixsen, managing director of Lego Education Europe, says: "We are always looking to innovate and provide educators with what they need. Lego Mindstorms Education EV3 already

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has a very robust curriculum offering. The addition of an app enables teachers and pupils to take advantage of the intuitiveness and mobility of tablets, allowing greater flexibility, simplicity and quick access to manageable, curriculum relevant programming content.”

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Renaissance Learning offers STAR assessment software

Educational software company Renaissance Learning has upgraded its STAR assessment to help teachers and schools assess without levels. The software is fully aligned with the new curriculum and uses computer adaptive assessment to track individual students’ progress in maths and literacy, and allow teachers to test a whole class while monitoring the progress of each pupil.

STAR assessment helps teachers understand not only what their students already know, but also what they are ready to learn next via learning progressions. It provides schools with reliable progress tracking for both day-to-day teaching and Ofsted inspections.

James Bell, director of professional services at Renaissance Learning, says: “Following the decision by the Department of Education to remove levels of learning from the curriculum, we have upgraded the STAR assessment software to help teachers better assess. Using skills tests, the software can accurately measure students’ attainment and track and predict progress over time.”

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EagleMoss makes 3D printing accessible

EagleMoss Collections, a publisher of partworks and collections, is making 3D printing and design more accessible for schools with the introduction of the Vector 3 3D printer. The publisher teamed up with design innovator Sebastian Conran to produce the printer, which is accompanied by a step-by-step 3D design tutorial course that is ideal for school learning.

To assist schools with purchasing the product – and with special offers available to Bett attendees – EagleMoss has developed a multi-printer pack of up to six printers specifically for schools, plus a schools retail pack of one printer that comes with associated design projects and an easy to follow 3D design course for classroom teaching. The company has also introduced the 3D printer as a partwork collection that is accompanied by a magazine. Built in weekly instalments, each issue comes with all the necessary components to build the EagleMoss Vector 3 printer, step-by-step guides and easy-to-use software.

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iboss Network Security Support Sweyne Park School

iboss Network Security is providing Sweyne Park School with iboss Secure Web Gateway to overcome IT challenges and deliver enhanced pupil learning. Neustro Consulting suggested the iboss Secure Web Gateway to Sweyne Park IT staff so they could gain comprehensive visibility across all data channels on the network and filter everything from malware to viruses. Using integrated bring-your-own-device management, the gateway can address personal devices by enforcing policies and securing them against malware, botnets and data loss. The bandwidth management functionality offers increased internet speed and access to critical applications. Dan Joslin, IT Manager at Sweyne Park School, explains: "Getting the balance right between pupil trust and security is a real challenge with IT, so having the freedom over what we can allow pupils to do, knowing we can closely monitor their activity and prevent them from searching for explicit content, is a real benefit. We find that this approach greatly improves accountability and creates a mature culture that pupils respect."

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