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Bett 2017 opens today!

Bett 2017 opens at ExCeL London today and runs until Saturday 28 January. It hosts over 800 exhibitors that will demonstrate technology-based teaching and learning solutions and is expected to attract more than 30,000 visitors. As well as an exhibition, Bett 2017 includes several keynote speakers in the Bett Arena. Look out for Sir Ken Robinson, Heston Blumenthal, Sir David Carter and Elspeth Finch, as well as sessions covering exploding science, 3D printed school dinners and collaboration with thought leaders. Learn Live seminars and workshops are a great place to gain practical advice. They cover primary, secondary and special educational needs with a focus on issues in contemporary education. Other areas of interest include the School Leaders Summit, which will discuss the challenges and opportunities of leadership, and the STEAM Village, an interactive space for teachers and students to try out STEAM – science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics – products and solutions. If your school is a Microsoft user, head to the Microsoft Village where you will find plenty of Microsoft solutions and third-party products. For innovative ideas, visit the Bett Futures section where some of today's best known names in educational technology started out.

If you cannot get to BETT (or even if you can), register to attend one of the 8 regional conferences being hosted in 2017 by ICT for Education. These conferences address real-world issues and give you solutions and ideas to take back and use in school. See the bottom of this newsletter for how to register.

LGfL showcases Cornerstone Maths and Moovbank

London Grid for Learning (LGfL) will showcase two of its educational resources that are shortlisted for an award in the secondary digital content category at Bett 2017 – Cornerstone Maths and Moovbank. Cornerstone Maths helps teach Key Stage 3 students hard to grasp concepts including linear functions, geometric similarity and patterns and expressions. Moovbank provides high quality, digital teaching materials for PE, dance and drama teachers that has been filmed in collaboration with the renowned BalletBoyz and aims to make dance accessible to all through lesson plans, tutorials, interviews with choreographers and streamed events from the BalletBoyz studio.

LGfL will also present TRUSTnet, which provides schools with significant internet bandwidth at a reasonable cost. TRUSTnet can be combined with the company's SuperCloud solution to facilitate cross-school collaboration and support the use of bandwidth hungry multimedia, and augmented and virtual reality resources that bring learning to life.

Also featured will be LGfL's newly launched educational resources, including: Developing British Values, a Key Stage 2-5 resource for PSHE, Citizenship and RE; and Symbol Library, a Key Stage 1-4 symbol pack for learners with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) and English as an Additional Language (EAL). The library has been developed by Widgit and is designed to support text by making the meaning clearer and easier to understand.

Coming soon are compelling real world examples of cyber security designed to help Key Stage 2-4 learners develop an awareness of the key issues around online protection. All these resources and many more come free with TRUSTnet and LGfL broadband packages.

Visit London Grid for Learning on Stand D260

Accrosoft offers Weduc communication platform

Education technology provider Accrosoft will introduce a two-way, whole school educational communication platform at Bett 2017. The platform, Weduc, is designed to enhance communication and engagement between parents, teachers and students. It includes targeted communication, facilitates two-way engagement and provides multiple routes of communication and involvement, allowing schools to choose communication channels such as SMS, push notification, email, chat, notice or social media.

The platform is configurable and uses a secure cloud-based network to exchange messages, photos, videos and achievements, giving teachers the opportunity to bring parents closer to the activities that students engage in when they are at school. Classes, tests and assessments can be managed, with secure access to post content, comments and pictures.

Jason Staniforth, marketing director at Weduc, says: "The platform is a social network inspired communication and engagement platform that offers complete security for all users while adding an enhanced point of interaction and knowledge sharing between students, teachers, parents and all involved in the education process."

"We believe the ability to safely and securely exchange information across the whole school community is key to the formation of a successful and integrated learning society. The platform has proved highly successful in Europe, and we expect it to do equally well in the UK."

Find out more about Accrosoft's Weduc platform on Stand D365

Smoothwall Visigo keeps children safe online

Smoothwall, a web filter provider, introduces Visigo enhanced monitoring software that is designed to improve children's safety online in schools, at Bett 2017. The software can be installed on school-owned devices and is able to intelligently monitor keystroke activity, both online and offline, allowing visibility of conversations or content being created in chatrooms, documents and messaging apps.

Visigo builds a profile of its users, allowing accurate moderation between a one-off incident or a chain of events. Its intelligent profiling capability takes into consideration age, gender and other characteristics of the user, along with activity and behaviour on the device. Accurate information about a user can then be relayed back automatically to a child's teacher or safeguarding lead in the school.

The software provides monitoring against all risk areas identified by the UK Safer Internet Centre including, but not limited to, illegal activity, drugs, extremism, suicide, violence, bullying and child sexual abuse.

Claire Stead, online safety ambassador at Smoothwall, says: "With the rise of digital use in our classrooms, it is only logical for schools to take appropriate steps to ensure they have children's safety as a top priority. Although lessons on online safety from teachers and parents are important, they are only half the story. Schools must have a proactive, technical way of safeguarding their pupils. Visigo will provide a comprehensive picture of any suspicious activity undertaken on a device whether on premise or offsite."

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XYZprinting introduces class of 2017 3D pens and printers

XYZprinting extends its range of accessible 3D printing packages for schools and educators at Bett 2017. Giving teachers tools to encourage new dimensions of creativity, the company is introducing an enhanced da Vinci 3D Pen educational package, which costs £74 and enables children to draw and doodle in 3D. The educational package includes guidance for teachers on how to make the most of the 3D pen in the classroom, as well as easy-to-use XYZmaker 3D modelling software and double the usual filament quantity, helping more children create 3D artwork. Alongside the 3D Pen, XYZprinting is promoting its free K-12 STEAM curriculum exchange programme for schools, which gives teachers the tools to develop students' critical thinking using 3D printing. As a special package for educators, schools that purchase over £2,000 of XYZprinting's models will receive XYZprinting's STEAM projects for free.

The exhibition will also host the retail launch of XYZprinting's new professional 3D printer. The da Vinci Jr 1.0 Pro costs £449 and is XYZprinting's most compact professional-grade 3D printer to date, the perfect size for desktop use. The Pro creates prints with a resolution of 100 to 400 microns and maintains a robust build size of 5.9 x 5.9 x 5.9 inches. Dedicated to ensuring accessibility for users at all levels of experience, XYZprinting has bundled its latest model with easy to use software that enables users to adjust settings like speed, print support and retraction. XYZprinting is also showing the da Vinci Jr. 2.0 Mix, its first printer that lets users print in gradient colour. This model costs £529 and is Wi-Fi enabled for remote printing.

Find out more about XYZprinting on Stand E270

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