

# Professional Development Centre

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## Wednesday, January 24th

10.00 **Open Day at Lenovo College**

10.30 **Beginning Esports: Level 1**

In this session, we will talk about how to start your esports program, from goal setting and engagement to solutions, products and implementation. We'll even throw in a few facts that most schools would never even think of to get you on the right track.

**Jeff Palumbo, Sr. Global Esports Manager, James Fraser Murrison, QMC**

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**Andy Caffrey, CEO at Canopy**

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13.30 **Waste isn't waste until we waste it**

Hear about how we can help teachers and learners to support sustainability ambitions. The innovative project "Turning Waste into Educational Wonder" provides schools with the tools they need to convert the packaging from Lenovo education products into educational resources.

**Luca Scalzullo, Technology Teacher at the Rita Levi Montalcini Comprehensive Institute of Salerno**

14.00 **Empowering Education: Harnessing Intel SFI & ChatGPT for Innovative Learning and Creative Engagement**

Join us at the Lenovo booth for a concise introduction to Intel's Skills for Innovation (SFI) initiative, where we spotlight two SFI ChatGPT Starter Packs aimed at enhancing classroom engagement. We'll conclude with clear steps for incorporating these technologies into your educational toolkit, preparing learners for a digital future.

**Krystle Lau, Intel, Intel Skills for Innovation Global Program Manager**

14.30 **Sharing your project in one minute: Effective communication in a fast-paced world**

Technology is more present than ever in classrooms and organisations. We use it to improve our classes, but what about helping teachers use it to share what they know? This session will share tools that a good educator must have to reach all kinds of audiences and students.

**Agueda Gras, European Schoolnet, Head of the Science Education Department**

15.00 **Save money and improve reading levels with Microsoft's Reading Progress and Accessibility Tools**

Join former Head of English Samantha O'Leary as she demonstrates how you can deploy free Microsoft Accessibility Tools and Reading Progress solutions to improve student reading levels whilst reducing staff workload and school costs.

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15.30 **AI 101: Empower Your Students**

How can you teach students about the building blocks of artificial intelligence so they can understand this technology and create their own AI-enabled future? Join Lenovo and Anaconda for this workshop and leave with resources to empower students in grades K-12.

**Delia Decourcy, Lenovo Education portfolio manager Joshua Lowe, Team Lead EduBlocks, Anaconda**

16.00 **AI-powered tools to transform teaching and learning with Google for Education**

Join Google for Education for a deep dive into some of their latest products, practice sets and interactive questions for YouTube videos. Learn how these tools can save educators time, personalise learning for all students, and amplify impact through live demos.

**Ben Whitaker, Former Education Senior Leader**

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Hear Intel talk about "Intel SFI Starter Packs: Lenovo's High-Performance Computing for Cancer Research and Smart Cities for Sustainability". You'll get introduced to their offers and learn how to help students prepare for future challenges in technology and sustainability.

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12.30 **School Case Study: How to prepare for and deploy a sustainable 1:1 student device programme**

After preparing for 12 months, Queens Elizabeth's School successfully deployed their first 1:1 student devices in September 2023. Hear from the school leadership about this journey and what they learnt from it.

**Sarah Westcott, Assistant Head, Queen Elizabeth's School**

13.00 **Smarter Collaboration for Education**

Lenovo's ThinkSmart product range equips and enables teaching and meeting spaces to collaborate and communicate effectively using any of the three main video conferencing platforms. Our certified solutions ensure a like-for-like experience in both classroom and remote learning location using different technologies such as AI.

**Sean Langley, EMEA Smart Collaboration Technologist**

13.30 **Esports: So Much More Than Gaming**

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**Cat Lamin, Former Primary School Teacher**

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15.00 **Microsoft 365 Automation + Professional Development = Reduced workload and time saved**

Discover the power of effective professional development by attending this 20-minute session on automation within Microsoft 365. Within this session, we will show you a range of tools that will save your staff hours of admin time every week.

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- 11.30** **Innovating Motorcycle Design: Lenovo & Ducati's Tech-Driven Education with Intel SFI**
- Join to explore the Intel® Skills for Innovation (Intel® SFI) initiative, a program designed to enhance education through technology. We'll delve into how Intel SFI, Lenovo, and Ducati collaborate to bring real-world applications into learning environments
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**Stuart King**  
Global Head Of Education, Lenovo

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