

Educational Technology Today

2 weeks – face to face

Whether you want to come to Cambridge for the full Bell Teacher Academy experience or prefer to join us online from where you are, both options are available to you. This course is offered as face to face or online. Please note that face to face and online courses are run separately and may take place at different times. Please check our dates and fees for details.

On-campus (face-to-face) participants enjoy:

- 15 hours' course content per week (30 total)
- 5.5 hours of workshops and talks per week* (11 total)
- A full social programme

The sample face to face timetable can be found <u>here</u>

*please note workshops and talks will be on a wide variety of subjects with broad appeal to participants on all Bell Teacher Academy courses and are not specific to this course.

Course summary

This course will help you upgrade your skills and familiarise you with the latest developments in educational technology. You will learn about new tools and also the principles and methodologies that will help you use them effectively with your students. This will include the use of mobile apps, online resources, games and online learning platforms. In addition, you will develop your language skills and be more confident in using English in the context of educational technology.

This course is for:

- English teachers want to use more technology in their classroom, **update** their practice and explore **new technology**.
- Participants with an **intermediate (B1)** language level or above.
- Teachers or managers who want to increase the use and effectiveness of educational technology in their school or institution.

Participants should bring their **own laptop** and any **mobile device** or tablet that they may use for teaching purposes.

What you will gain by attending the course:



- An increased understanding of current educational technology and the pedagogical principles and methodologies that underpin it
- An increased ability to find and exploit online programmes and mobile apps to help learners develop language skills independently
- An increased ability to design and use educational materials, resources and tools to enhance students' learning and address social, linguistic and cultural diversity, including those with learning difficulties, disabilities and the gifted and talented
- An increased capacity to introduce innovation and change into your organisation through ed-tech.
- A greater understanding of interconnections between face-to-face, blended, online, formal and non-formal education
- Increased opportunities for professional and career development, including an opportunity to develop a personal learning network (PLN)
- Improved English language competences

Course content

This course will cover some or all of the following topics:

- Blended learning: making the most of an online learning platform
- The flipped classroom: creating and curating video material
- Exploiting mobile apps for language learning
- Exploiting games and games features to gamify your classroom
- Tools for tracking student progress and digital test-creation
- The future of educational technology
- Online project work and e-portfolios
- Cloud computing and collaboration tools
- Exploiting social networks to create a personal learning network

Please note that each course we run is tailored by our expert tutors to the professional needs and priorities of the group so content may be adapted to best suit the needs of your group.



Location

The face to face course will take place at **Bell Teacher Academy** in **Cambridge**, based at **Bell Cambridge School.** The Bell Cambridge campus is located in quiet and beautiful grounds with easy access to Cambridge town centre. It has first-class learning and social facilities. The training staff at Bell Teacher Campus are all highly qualified and include published authors, materials writers and conference speakers. Afternoons entail a



conference style approach with participants able to join an interesting variety of workshops, cultural talks and a special plenary lecture each week from a prominent speaker.

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