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**Session**

The Good, the Bad, and the New and Shiny: A journey to 1-1

## Session Synopsis

The good: Staff training with intention, cultural change and how we are nudging the distribution of innovation curve to the left. Our blend of CPD, INSET, coaching, and online learning have all contributed to a positive learning culture.

More good: Digital wellbeing and the wicked problem of taming mobile phones.

The 'bad': 1-1 provision as a development beyond BYOD. Raising the bar above the lowest common denominator with mobile devices in the classroom. Exploring the successful interplay of elements beyond the device itself that are essential to making the strategy successful (and how easy it is to end up with a 'bad' deployment if you don't get all these cogs turning together)

The New and Shiny: Microsoft, Apple, Google... reflecting on context, image, brand loyalty, and putting teaching and learning first.

This talk will take delegates through how we have managed Berkhamsted School's digital journey over recent years. We will explore the thinking behind our bespoke strategy for educational technology, and explain how we have created a coherent, dynamic and holistic approach.

## Speaker Profile

Laura Knight is Director of Digital Learning at Berkhamsted School. She has been working in educational technology for many years and is responsible for leading the whole group of schools' (EYFS-Y13) development in technology for teaching and learning, staff training in digital skills, and IT/computing in the curriculum. She is a regular public speaker and is passionate about bridging the gaps between educators, parents and students on issues around digital wellbeing, online safeguarding, privacy, and risk.

Hannah has over a decade's teaching experience in both the state and independent sectors as well as a PPE degree from Oxford University and a Master's in Education from King's College London. After eight years at Merchant Taylors' Northwood, and having become their first ever woman on Senior Management, Hannah joined Berkhamsted as Deputy Head of Teaching and Innovation in September 2018. She leads on CPD, Initial Teacher Training, metacognition and research as well as line managing academic departments. She has been on her own journey in the last 16 months leading the teaching and pedagogical aspects of Digital Device Provision from underconfident sceptic to converted advocate. A journey she has written about here. Allowing expertise to flourish and harnessing the role of positivity have been her big lessons. With over half of Berkhamsted's Senior students using school provided digital devices in lessons she is proud of the work done she and her team have done thus far.