

Agenda

09:30 AM - 10:00 AM - Reception/Registration

10:00 AM - 10:15 AM - Welcome to Cambridge Day

Catherine Lloyd (Business Development Director for Cambridge University Press & Assessment) and Barnaby Georghiou (CEM)

10:15 AM - 10:45 AM - Sheridan: "Where your Cambridge English journey starts"

Barnaby Georghiou (CEM) and Samantha Mooney (Educational Consultant for Cambridge Cyprus)

10:45 AM - 11:30 AM - Opening Plenary: "A Recipe for Teacher Learning"

Peter Lucantoni (Professional Learning Development Manager for Cambridge University Press & Assessment)

'Every teacher needs to improve, not because they are not good enough, but because they can be even better' (Dylan William, Emeritus Professor of Educational Assessment, IOE, UCL). Teacher learning is a critical element in any teacher's professional development, as well as for the organisations where they work. In this session we will discuss the aims of teacher learning, what we are striving for, and the benefits in terms of classroom impact. We will also consider a four-step process to support teachers' professional development and the organisations that they work for, and define three elements for successful teacher training input: personal, professional, practical (Ellman & Lucantoni, 2022).

11:30 AM - 12:00 PM - Break / Book Display

12:00 PM - 12:45 PM - "Think: How Integrated Learning and Assessment Can Engage Students and Motivate Them to Succeed"

Colin Williams (Assessment Group Manager at Cambridge University Press & Assessment)

The workshop will look at how to get the most out of Think so as to focus on specific skills and exploit the resources which come with the course in the classroom. It will show how Cambridge English exam practice resources interlink with the student's book and digital tools to engage students and keep them motivated to succeed in English. The workshop will also examine the relationship between assessment and learning and how the authentic practice materials in Think can provide teachers with vital evidence on what students have learnt and understood and what needs to be revisited as part of an Integrated Learning and Assessment (ILA) approach. We will see how combined practice and both formal and informal assessment can boost student motivation, provide effective feedback and help the teacher and learners to set and redefine their own task objectives in line with student progress.

12:45 PM - 13:30 PM - "Fostering Young Learners' Minds Through Critical Thinking Practices"

Maria Stefanidou (Teacher Trainer)

Teaching English to Young Learners is not just about teaching the four skills of Reading, Writing, Listening and Speaking. Nor is it just about teaching Grammar and Vocabulary in a fun way. Many experts and educators have argued for the importance of promoting critical thinking skills in the classroom. Critical thinking, however, is a complex concept; what is it and how can it be fostered in our students? In this workshop, we are going to explore this concept and share practical ideas on how we can help young learners develop their thinking skills, shaping them into confident individuals ready to embrace the world. We will also refer to Cambridge Super Minds and see how this course develops critical skills in young learners.

01:30 PM - 02:00 PM - Lunch Break / Books Display

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02:00 PM - 02:30 PM

"Cambridge One and the benefits of digital Pedagogy"

Samantha Mooney (Educational Consultant for Cambridge Cyprus)

Join us to explore how digital pedagogy can maximize learning potential for teachers, students and parents using Cambridge One - Your home for digital learning. With interactive materials, personalized assessments, and collaborative spaces, it empowers students and offers real-time progress tracking for both teachers and parents.

IELTS - "The World's First Choice"

Speaker: Philip Christofi (Teacher-Trainer and IELTS Administrator for IELTS Cyprus)

Join us for an insightful presentation on why IELTS is the first choice for language assessment worldwide. Explore its rich history, global recognition, and unmatched reliability. Learn how IELTS sets the standard for language evaluation, empowering individuals to pursue their academic and professional goals confidently. Don't miss this chance to uncover the secrets behind the International English Language Testing System.

02:30 PM - 03:15 PM - Closing Keynotes

"Empowering Tomorrow's Global Citizens: Preparing Learners for the Interconnected World"

Maria Stefanidou

As 21st century educators, we have a moral obligation to make learning relevant to the changing world outside and inside the classroom. In the age of globalization, the ability to effectively interact with individuals from various cultural backgrounds is of paramount importance, therefore equipping learners with the skills and perspectives needed to thrive in an interconnected world is essential. In this session we will explore practical ideas on how we can help our learners become responsible cultural beings and enable them to navigate the opportunities and challenges of the multicultural world.

"Developing Speaking Skills to Improve Student Confidence and Performance in Cambridge English Tests"

Colin Williams

The keynote will centre on helping students to improve their oral competence by developing confidence and proficiency in speaking in English. We will examine the assessment criteria in Cambridge English Qualifications to help teachers to focus on the key elements in Speaking assessment, including exposing the myths around how students are evaluated in Cambridge exams. The session will also see how the resources in Think can be best incorporated to improve student performance, encouraging students to speak in English and promoting confidence in their speaking skills to achieve better learner outcomes.

03:30 PM - Certificates will be issued after the raffle draw

Don't miss out on this opportunity to engage with renowned speakers and explore a range of topics to enhance your teaching and learning experience! Join in our raffle where you could win free Cambridge exams for every level and vouchers for Cambridge books. It's your chance to win some fantastic prizes, so be sure to join us for a day of educational enrichment!