



The Turing Conference

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DAY 1**TUESDAY 13 OCTOBER**

Prep/Primary School Day

An exciting session of Problem Solving, Enterprise and Adventure, hosted by Sherborne Prep.

DAY 2**THURSDAY 15 OCTOBER**

11.00-13.00 | Gryphon School (Innovation Hub)

Welcome - Joe Miles and Alastair Poulain

A Demonstration of AI-Driven Robotics by Thales UK

14.00-15.30 | Gryphon School

Professor Özgür Şimşek, Director of the Centre

for Artificial Intelligence, University of Bath

*Reinforcement learning: Artificial agents that learn from their own experience**Drinks Reception - Sponsored by Mogers Drewett*

17.45-19.00 | The Sherborne – Main Hall

Welcome - Mr Les Redwood, Mogers Drewett and The Lord Sedwill



Evening Event

19.30-21.00 | Sherborne Abbey

Alan Turing - A Celebration of the Life of Alan Turing

A Concert of Varied Music, Poetry and Readings



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DAY 3**FRIDAY 16 OCTOBER**

09.30-1530 | Merritt Centre, Sherborne Girls

Welcome and opening remarks - Dr Ruth Sullivan, Head, Sherborne Girls

09.45-11.00

Expert panel-led discussion and debate: The Future of AI

What Will Your Generation Decide; What Controls Should Apply to its Application; What Impact will it have on the Job Market?

- **James Cary** - BBC comedy writer and a member of the House of Laity of the General Synod for the Church of England.
- **Professor Özgür Şimşek** - Director of the Centre for Artificial Intelligence, University of Bath.
- **Nick Sinnott** - Head of Technology Strategy and Innovation, BAE Systems Digital Intelligence.
- **Sol Rogers** - Global Director of Innovation, Magnopus, and Chairman of BAFTA's Immersive Entertainment Advisory Group.
- **Suki Fuller** - International award-winning geopolitical strategic intelligence advisor and technology advisor to BBC Panorama, BBC News, and BBC World News Service.
- **Professor Alison Honour** - VC Bournemouth University.
- **Introductory remarks - Professor Sir Christopher Coville**
- **Facilitator - Ben Keene, Director of Entrepreneurship, Sherborne**

11.00-11.30 – Break

11.30-12.15

*It's About Time: Technology, Creativity and the Race for Our Attention***Sol Rogers, Global Director of Innovation, Magnopus**

From reimagining The Wizard of Oz for Sphere in Las Vegas to bringing Daft Punk into Fortnite and turning Expo 2020 Dubai into a digital twin for a global audience, Dr Sol Rogers has spent over 20 years where technology, creativity and reality meet. In this talk he takes us behind the scenes of those projects to make a bigger point: every screen, game and app is competing for our time. In the attention economy, time is the currency, and AI is about to make that competition faster, smarter and far more personal.

So what does it mean to be human when machines can create, predict and persuade? Drawing on his work at Magnopus, a decade teaching creative technologists, and honest reflections on success, Sol argues the real question isn't what technology will do next, but how we spend the one resource we can never get back. A fitting conversation for the school that helped shape Alan Turing.

12.15 – *Closing Remarks* - Professor Sir Christopher Coville

12.30 – Tech Fest

Showcasing the many ways that AI is being and could be used to make real changes to processes and working practices – from drones to medical research across a spectrum of private sector companies, universities, GCHQ and HMGCC.

15.00 – Tech Fest open to parents and other pupils

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