

RESEARCH FESTIVAL 2026 - PRESENTER BIO

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Presenting: Embedding Outdoor
Learning; supporting effective practice in
secondary curriculum



I am a Secondary Science teacher and Subject Leader specialising in Rural, Agricultural and Environmental sciences. I recently graduated with a MA in Educational Leadership from UCM/Chester via the Work Based Integrated Studies (WBIS) programme, and am now undertaking a PhD in Education at the University of York (distance learning), focusing on how learning outside the classroom (LOtC) can be embedded into everyday secondary education.

I also manage the school farm at Ramsey Grammar School, where I have seen first hand the powerful impact that LOtC can have on learners of all ages, backgrounds and abilities. This experience has inspired my research into outdoor learning and its potential to create meaningful and inclusive educational experiences for all, with benefits that extend across the curriculum. My work explores how outdoor learning can enrich teaching and learning in all subject areas, not just those traditionally associated with the outdoors.