m-learning in International and Arabic Education

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‘Every device that is switched off is a student that is switched off ‘
Stephen Heppell
m-Learning

• Share the findings of several m-learning projects in education

• Discuss the challenges of innovation of m-learning in education today in the Gulf and Internationally
Why mobile learning now?
Digital native
Arabic project
ASPIRE Academy for Sports Excellence
Doha, Qatar
Where are we at ASPIRE?
Learning & Technology

- IT suites
- Lap Tops
- Interactive Whiteboards
- Blackboard LMS

- Mobile Learning ???
What happened?

How does the apple i Touch help us to learn?
What did the students think?
Which way round?
A disappointed Salesman!

Know your audience!!
What are the challenges of innovation and mlearning?

People
- Leadership development and support
- Developing a risk taking change culture
- Developing teachers skills
- Evaluating the learning
- Distraction or engagement?
Leadership - Innovation
‘Change of Mindset’

• See the value ;
  ‘Educating for acceptance’

• Use budgets effectively

• Allow ‘seed time’

• Target for success

10% technology

20% about the processes inside a school

70% about effective change management
Developing skills and risk taking for Innovation

Teaching (can be)
- Neat
- Orderly
- Sequential
- Managed
- Documented

Learning Coaches

Learning (often is)
- Messy
- Spontaneous
- Irregular
- Non Linear
- Complex
‘Risk taking culture’
‘The capability is here, the devices are here but more importantly the students are here!’