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Amazon Web Services and the Royal Anniversary Trust renew collaboration for UK education success

New two-year collaboration extends to 2028

WASHINGTON DC, 6 October 2026 – The Royal Anniversary Trust and Amazon Web Services (AWS) are pleased to announce the two-year renewal of their collaboration, extending to a six-year collaboration dedicated to recognising and celebrating outstanding achievement across UK universities and colleges.

Since 2022, AWS has supported the Trust's mission to spotlight the people and institutions honoured by the Queen Elizabeth Prizes for Higher and Further Education. The renewed agreement deepens that commitment to elevate institutional contributions, convene educational leaders, and champion excellence and innovation across UK tertiary education.

Richard Meddings CBE, Chair of the Royal Anniversary Trust, said:

"We are delighted that AWS has renewed its support for a further two years. Over the past four years, our partnership has been strengthened by a shared conviction that education is vital to progress. This renewed commitment will help us continue to celebrate and amplify the exceptional work of universities and colleges in the United Kingdom, and the difference they make to people, communities and the wider world."

Kim Majerus, Vice President of Global Education and Local Government at Amazon Web Services (AWS) said: "Education is one of humanity's most powerful catalysts for change, and collaboration is essential if we are to address the complex challenges facing society. Technology can help institutions share ideas, advance research and widen access to world-class learning, but its true value lies in empowering educators, researchers and students. We are proud to renew our support for the Royal Anniversary Trust and to help celebrate the extraordinary contribution of UK universities and colleges."

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The Royal Anniversary Trust is a charity that celebrates and champions the outstanding work of universities and colleges across the United Kingdom. We are best known as custodians of the prestigious Queen Elizabeth Prizes for Higher and Further Education, part of the UK national honours system, recognising excellence, innovation and public benefit in work by universities and colleges across the United Kingdom. www.royalanniversarytrust.org.uk

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