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USING FLEXIBLE LEARNING SPACES
TO FOSTER PROJECT-BASED LEARNING

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Project-Based Learning
& FLEXIBLE SPACES
“It’s education that’s meant to take us into this future that we can’t grasp. Nobody has a clue…what the world will look like in 5 year’s time, and yet we’re meant to be educating them for it.”

– SIR KEN ROBINSON
“PERMANENT BETA”

The old way of doing things – getting a college degree and working for a company for 30 years – is finished. Everyone is now an entrepreneur. To adapt, workers must be in a permanent beta phase, constantly learning and gaining new skills.

- Reid Hoffman, LinkedIn Co-founder at SXSW Conference
21st Century Skills

- Critical Thinking
- Creativity & Innovation
- Communication
- Collaboration
21ST CENTURY THEMES

• Radical Personalization
• Relevant Purposeful Work
• Dynamic Flexibility
• Creative Collaboration
• Ubiquitous & Useful Technology
• Rapidly (re)configurable
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How To Design The Googleplex Of Schools

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