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<u>Belliveau's award-winning content</u>, formulated into a week-long 'Explorer-in-Residence' program, quickly reached capacity and proved difficult to scale. Add in the COVID-19 pandemic and this kind of in-person activity became prohibitive. <u>Edify's powerful platform</u> offers educators the ability to create and deliver customised curricula without limits.

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Their platform provides such an incredibly high level of detail. The ability to recreate these pivotal moments in history is simply breathtaking. I am excited that we can use Edify's platform to provide students with opportunities to visit places that they would not be able to otherwise. Having taught in so many underserved schools this ability to level the playing field is beyond impressive."

"History's greatest explorers pushed culture and learning forward by experiencing things most of us can only imagine...until now..." says Fergus Bruce, Director of Education Partnerships at Edify. "Edify is a powerful platform for taking learners on their own journeys of discovery through VR and immersive visualisation [...] When we learned about the vital, innovative, and unique curriculum development and outreach work Denis, Lisa, and the awesome team at In the Footsteps..." were doing, we realised we had an opportunity to present extraordinary learning moments. Utilising the 'superpowers' made possible by VR and following in the footsteps of these great pioneers, under the guidance and expert curation of incredible modern-day explorers like Denis Belliveau creates a blueprint for teaching history. We couldn't be happier with the results, and we very much look forward to turning colleagues at BETT and students worldwide into explorers for a day!"

In the Footsteps...[™] powered by Edify is launching its flagship program, In The Footsteps of Marco Polo at BETT London 23-25th March at the Excel Centre. Find out more about the partnership here.

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