**University of Exeter PGCE Interview Days (Wednesday)**

Candidates invited to interview for 2020 – 2021 primary and secondary PGCE courses will participate in a full day programme of activities structured as below. Please report to ***Baring Court foyer*** (ground floor of the Baring Court building) on the St Luke’s Campus for 8.45 a.m.

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| **Time** | **Activity** | **Details** |
| 9.00-9.05 | **Welcome** |  |
| 9.05-9.25 | **Written Task**  (20 minutes) | Complete a subject/pathway-specific written reflection.  *Note: For some subjects/pathways, some preparation for this task will be required. For other subjects/pathways, there will be no preparation needed. Please check the subject/pathway-specific interview information (available at* <https://www.exeter.ac.uk/teachertraining/apply/howtoapply/pgceinterviews/>*) to check what is relevant to you.* |
| 9.30-10.00 | **Introduction to the Course** | A brief introduction to the Exeter PGCE Programme. |
| 10.00-11.40  Carousel of 3 x 30 minute  activities | Small Group Activity 1  **Observation of Teaching**  **& Discussion** | Watch a short extract of a lesson on video and take part in a discussion about the teaching and learning observed. The activity is led by a teacher from one of our partnership schools, or a member of the University academic staff. |
| Small Group Activity 2  **Presentation**  (2 minutes each) | Choose a teaching resource from your subject/pathway area and give a short (2 minute) presentation to the group explaining how it might be used in teaching. This activity will be led by a member of the University academic staff.  *Note: you should prepare your presentation in advance and bring the teaching resource with you on the day. You will not have access to any technology on the day so do not prepare Power-point presentations, video clips etc.* |
| **Document / visual identity check** | Show required documents to admissions staff  *(please see the interview email from the PGCE Admissions Team for details of what documents to bring with you)* |
| 11.40-12.15 | Break |  |
| From 12.15 onwards | **Individual interviews with subject/pathway tutors** | Candidates meet subject/pathway tutors at 12.15 then disperse for subject/pathway–specific interviews and tasks. |

Please note that candidates will be expected to have accessed the Graduate School of Education website (<https://www.exeter.ac.uk/teachertraining/apply/howtoapply/pgceinterviews/>*)* prior to attending the interview day in order to find out about:

* any required subject/pathway specific pre-interview tasks
* where appropriate, details of the subject/pathway specific written task (to be completed on the day)
* any specific requirements for the afternoon subject/pathway interviews

The interview programme is designed to evaluate candidates’ suitability for the Exeter PGCE course. Each activity is designed to contribute evidence towards this. Teachers and pupils in our partnership schools have contributed to the activities of the day and to the questions that candidates will be asked.

**What are we looking for?**

We are looking specifically for candidates who are able to demonstrate:

* Good subject knowledge;
* Good communication and interpersonal skills, including the ability to:
  + work as a member of a team ;
  + interact with others;
  + show an empathy with young people;
  + communicate clearly in speech and in writing.
* Good understanding of the current educational policy context, including any subject-specific curriculum developments;
* An ability to reflect on classroom practice;
* An aptitude for teaching;
* The ability to reflect on any prior experience;
* Resilience and self-knowledge of their own strengths and weaknesses;
* Adaptability, including openness to new ideas, creativity and a willingness to learn;
* Good organisation;
* Enthusiasm and aspiration for a career in teaching;
* Leadership potential.

*If you need to know an approximate finish time for the day for travel purposes, please contact the relevant individual subject leader who may be able to advise you further.*