**University of Exeter PGCE Interview Days**

Candidates invited to interview for 2021 – 2022 primary and secondary PGCE courses will participate in an online interview, structured as below.

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| **Time**  | **Activity** | **Details** |
| Before the interview | 1. Watch PGCE Welcome video on the PGCE Interviews page
2. Prepare your 2-minute presentation (see below)
3. Make sure you have completed any subject-specific interview preparation
 | 1. Watch the short welcome video and make a note of any questions you have. You will be able to ask these in your one-to-one interview
2. You will be presenting this to your interviewer during the one-to-one interview
3. *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 to check what is relevant to you*

Be ready to email any requested subject-specific information to your interviewer (see below\*) |
| On the Monday before the interview | You will receive an email from Dinah Warren (Interview Coordinator) with instructions for the interview. | This email also introduces you to your interviewer, as they will be copied in. Sometime between Monday and Wednesday, your interviewer will contact you to arrange a mutually convenient one-to-one interview slot for the Wednesday.Your interviewer will then send you an invitation on either MS Teams or Zoom. |
| On the day (normally a Wednesday) – 0900 onwards | You will receive a second email from Dinah with instructions for the day. | This email will include details about a timed (20 minutes) written task which you will need to complete prior to your interview and email to your interviewer. |
| On the day – at an agreed time (total time – approx. 20 minutes) | 1. One -to -one interview with a member of the primary team (primary) or the relevant subject team (secondary)
2. 2-minute presentation
 | Choose a teaching resource (artefact/piece of equipment/book, etc.) from your subject/pathway area and give a short (2 minute) presentation explaining how it might be used in teaching. NB: applicants for the primary Teaching & learning pathway can choose a resource from any curriculum area.*Note: you should prepare your presentation in advance and have the teaching resource with you on the day. Do not prepare Power-point presentations, video clips etc.* |

**\*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 the interview day in order to find out about:

* any required subject/pathway specific pre-interview tasks
* any specific requirements for the 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.

*Once you have the details of your interviewer, this person will be your main point of contact on the day. Prior to this, any questions concerning the interview arrangements can be directed to Dinah Warren, Interview Coordinator, at* *d.warren@exeter.ac.uk*

*NB: any communication regarding admissions needs to go to* *pgce-admissions@exeter.ac.uk*