



Graduate School of Education

# Welcome to the PGCE Open Day 15 February 2012

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# Our History



# Our School's History

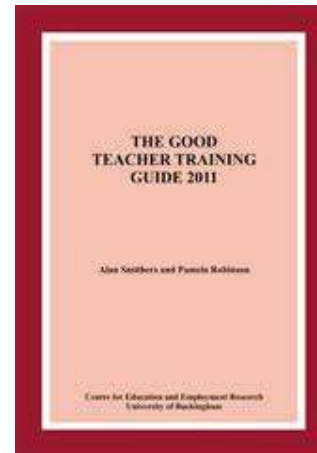
- **1840:** The School started as the Exeter Diocesan Training College, one of the oldest and largest of the Church of England Colleges.
- **1854:** the college moved to its current location after spending 14 years in Cathedral Close.
- **1930:** the college's name was changed to St. Luke's College Exeter.
- **1978:** merged with the University of Exeter to become the School of Education.
- **2001:** The School became the School of Education and Lifelong Learning.
- **2009:** The School became the Graduate School of Education
- **2010:** The School became one of the Schools in the College of Social Sciences and International Studies



# Exeter Excellence



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The Quality Assurance Agency  
for Higher Education



# Exeter Excellence

- Recognised by the TDA and Ofsted as an outstanding provider of Early Years, Primary and Secondary teacher education
- 3<sup>rd</sup> in *The Good Teacher Training Guide 2011*
- Exceptional graduate employment statistics, with 85% of Primary and 89% of Secondary PGCE graduates who achieve QTS securing a teaching post
- A perfect score in the last QAA (Quality Assurance Agency) inspection – a testament to the quality of the teaching and support
- Ranked 5<sup>th</sup> in the UK for world-leading and internationally excellent research in Education (RAE 2008) and influencer of national policy
- Fantastic choice of programmes, making Exeter one of the ten largest PGCE providers in the UK

# Our research

- The success of the School's research activities has a direct impact on the quality and nature of our PGCE programmes
- The understanding and insight gained through this research is an essential element of our teacher education courses
- Highly-qualified PGCE lecturers and tutors, many of whom are directly involved in national and international research, will impart valuable insight and experience into your training
- It is this expertise that helps set Exeter apart from other leading teacher training providers



## Our PGCE team:

### Professional experience:

- Deputy head / headteachers, heads of year, subject leaders
- Ofsted inspectors
- Leaders of national & international subject associations,
- Members of a national working parties
- Authors of schools textbooks

### Leadership in Education Research:

- Authors of professional and academic texts
- International authorities on aspects of education
- International leaders in educational research





# Our Facilities





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- Modern Seminar Rooms and Lecture Theatres
- One of the largest Education Libraries in the UK
- Very good ICT Facilities
- Print Room
- 2 Gymnasias with an Indoor Swimming Pool
- Restaurant/Cafeteria
- Cross Keys Bar and postgraduate common room
- Tennis/Volleyball courts in the summer
- Shared Campus with Peninsula College of Medicine and Dentistry and Sports & Health Science
- Plus, access to all of the facilities available on the Streatham Campus

# PGCE Primary Programme



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## Subject Specialisms

Students following the **Early Years** programme will receive specialist training in early years (3-8).

Students following the **Primary** programme (5-11) will receive training in their chosen specialist field:

Art (7-11), English, Humanities, Mathematics, Modern Foreign Languages (7-11), Music or Science.





# Are you man enough to teach?

Traditionally, Primary Schools have a mainly female staff, however this is steadily changing with the number of men taking Post Graduate Certificates of Education (PGCE) in primary education.

This year the University of Exeter has recruited more men in primary than ever before.

As a way of encouraging this trend and supporting male students in an environment where they are currently in a minority, a mentor scheme has been introduced to prepare trainees for careers in primary schools.



# PGCE Secondary Programme



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The programme has three fully integrated components:

1. **Professional Studies**
2. **School-Based Work**
3. **Main Subject**





# PGCE Secondary Programme

## 1. Professional Studies

The professional studies component introduces key educational ideas and principles within a range of educational contexts.

The component is followed throughout the year with both University and school-based elements and is concerned with classroom issues, whole school issues and the role of education in the wider society.



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## 2. School-based work

The University has excellent working relationships with its partner schools, all of which have mentors trained by the University who are responsible for your learning and development.

You will have a term's placement in the spring term and another term's placement in the summer term.

You will be supported by a university tutor and will come back to the university for five seminar days.



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**3. A specialist main subject course at Masters level forms a major component of the training year.**

Main subjects available:

- **Dance**
- **Design and Technology**  
(Food Technology, Materials Technology, Electronics, Textiles Technology)
- **English** (with media or drama)
- **History**
- **Physical Education**
- **Modern Foreign Languages** (French, German and Spanish)
- **Religious Education**
- **Science** (Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Biology with Psychology)
- **Geography**
- **Mathematics**



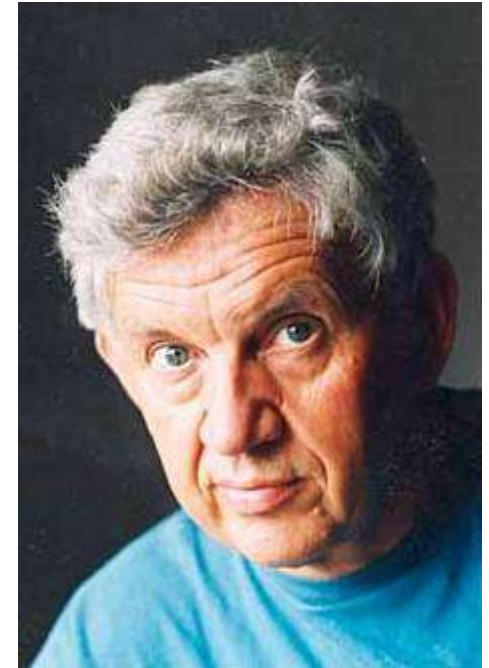


# Ted Wragg Awards for Outstanding Trainees

In honour of one of Exeter's and the UK's great educators, the School awards £500 each to the trainees who best demonstrate excellence both in and out of the classroom.

We look for trainees who not only inspire their students in the classroom, but also encourage their fellow trainees to become great teachers.

The awards are made at the end of the academic year and all Exeter PGCE students are eligible.



Edward 'Ted' Conrad Wragg,  
educationist. Born June 26 1938;  
died November 10 2005.

## Opportunities at Exeter

- We are the only PGCE provider to offer subject specialisms for *Primary* PGCE
- Exeter PGCE students can apply for jobs in any region of the country and any type of school - e.g. Local authority, academy, free school, studio school, university technical college or independent school)
- Exeter PGCE offers 60 Masters level credits
- Ted Wragg awards: £500 prize for most outstanding student in each subject



# Trainees' Success Stories

Primary Science: three trainees published in the *Association for Science Education (ASE)* journal

In their second year of teaching, many of our trainees become Heads of Department or Subject Representatives in Subject Associations

HMI Ofsted Inspector

National Teaching Awards Winner (School and Community Involvement)

English Language Teaching primary textbook author

University lecturer





# MEd Professional Studies (part-time)

The part-time MEd Professional Studies gives you the opportunity to reflect critically on your skills in teaching as you progress in your career in the profession.

- Join the TDA-approved programme in Year 2, having already met the requirements of Year 1 via your PGCE credits
- Share good practice and learn from others' experiences
- Get ahead in the emerging “Masters Profession ” of teaching
- A clear way to demonstrate a commitment to the profession, to enhancing your own teaching and to enriching the learning environment of any school or college



# TDA Bursaries & other support

Our PGCE Trainees in 2012-13 will receive **TDA bursaries** as follows:

	<i>Physics, Maths Chemistry, MFL</i>	<i>Other priority Secondary*, and Primary</i>
1st class degree	£20,000	£9,000
2:1	£15,000	£5,000
2:2	£12,000	£0

\*D&T, English, Dance, Geography, History, Biology, Biology with Psychology, PE, RE

We are currently finalising details of additional financial support available to eligible PGCE trainees under the **University of Exeter's OFFA agreement**. Details available soon:

<http://education.exeter.ac.uk/pages.php?id=106>

# The New National Curriculum

The new National Curriculum will be launched in maintained schools from September 2013. In order to allow schools the time needed to manage the transition to the new curriculum effectively, the new Programmes of Study for **English, Mathematics, Science and Physical Education** will be introduced from **2013**.





# The New National Curriculum

Programmes of Study for other subjects will come into force in 2014. The review will also advise on how the new curriculum should be phased in for each key stage.

The new National Curriculum will, therefore, have a greater focus on subject content, outlining the essential knowledge and understanding that pupils should be expected to have to enable them to take their place as educated members of society.



# The City of Exeter

Exeter is the capital of Devon with a population of 118,000.

This cathedral city is abundant in culture and attractions combining all of the best qualities and activities of a big city with the charm of its surrounding country villages.

Welcome to the gateway to the South West.

*“Exeter celebrates history and embraces today...its thriving night-life, lively cultural scene and rich history make it well worth a visit. This old city is young at heart thanks to a large student crowd and plenty of bars, clubs and cafés, especially around the revitalised dock area.”*

LONELY PLANET GUIDE TO GREAT BRITAIN, 2008



# Exeter – the Arts

Exeter offers a wide range of arts and media activity including:

- **Exeter Festival**
- **Exeter Phoenix**
- **The Northcott Theatre**
- **Theatre Alibi**
- **Bournemouth Orchestras**
- **Spacex Gallery**
- **Royal Albert Museum**





# Exeter – Cinema and Sports

Exeter offers **three cinemas**

- Odeon Cinema
- Exeter Picture House
- Vue Cinema

Beyond the local professional football and rugby clubs, Exeter is the perfect location for any outdoor enthusiast. With local **beaches**, **National Parks**, **coastal paths** and **cycle routes**, there is something of interest for everyone.



# Exeter – Eating Out

## Food and Drink

Like any active city, Exeter has a large selection of pubs, inns, wine bars, restaurants and clubs.

## Inns and Pubs

There are over 40 pubs within Exeter alone, plus the surrounding villages and towns.

## Restaurants

Whether its simple fish and chips or exotic Cuban cuisine, Exeter is guaranteed to keep you well fed.

## Clubs

This may not be Ibiza, but Exeter has a selection of clubs to keep you dancing well into the early hours.



# A word from our trainees...

*“Deciding to do my PGCE at Exeter was probably one of the best decisions I could have made.”*

Camilla Bonham, PGCE Graduate

*“The teaching is excellent; I feel very lucky to have been taught by the tutors on the course – their enthusiasm is infectious!”*

Renuka Sivakumaran, PGCE Graduate

*“During my NQT year I realised how lucky we were to receive the training we did and found that I was much more prepared compared to other NQT's from other PGCEs and that is thanks to the fantastic Course Exeter University offered”*

Ali Mahmood , PGCE Graduate

*“Not only is Exeter one of the top schools for teacher training, it's also a lovely part of the country.”*

Pete Buckley, PGCE Graduate





Questions?