



Get ready for PGCE Secondary

We hope that you are looking forward to starting at UWE Bristol. As your Programme Leaders, we warmly welcome you onto our **PGCE Secondary programme**.

We have provided some information below that will help you to prepare for starting with us, while Subject Tutors have provided further important, subject-specific, information which can be found linked in a latter section of this document.

You have a year ahead that will provide both challenge and reward; we look forward to meeting you and working closely with you across the PGCE programme.

Nicola Rew & Terra Glowach

Programme Leaders

Before you start

We are looking forward to welcoming you on **1 September 2025**.

Your [timetable](#) will be available to you via [MYUWE](#) (login required) once you have started the registration process. Please visit the '[Understanding your teaching timetable](#)' website to find out when your timetable will be published.

Students can typically find key dates for the academic year 2025/26 on our [term dates](#) webpage, however the PGCE programmes are rather unique in their scheduling.

The below are the key programmatic dates:

Programme Start: **1 September 2025**

Christmas Vacation: **20 December 2025 – 2 January 2026 (5 January 2026 the programme restarts)**

Easter Vacation: **30 March 2026 – 10 April 2026** (please note these are approximate dates so do check with your placement school)

Programme Finish: **26 June 2026** (Please avoid booking any holidays or arranging anything vital in the first few weeks of July, as sometimes students are required to complete extensions to their teaching placements).

Preparing and Arrival

You can find everything you need to know about registration, and the start of teaching, on our [Preparing and Arrival](#) webpage. Take a look at our website to familiarise yourself with our facilities and services such as the [library](#), [study skills](#), [academic support](#), [health and wellbeing support](#) and much more.

Registration

Once you have satisfied all admissions requirements, we'll send you your login details for our IT systems to enable you to activate your university email account. Once your account has been activated, you'll gain access to the [MYUWE](#) platform where you can register. You can find guidance and further information on our [Registration](#) website.

ID card - upload your photo now

We can only print your ID card if you have added your photo to [MYUWE](#). To avoid delays, upload your photo as soon as you receive your login details. For help, go to our [student card guidance](#).

How to make a successful start to your programme

You will have already been informed about our additional requirements which *must* be completed ahead of registration and induction:

- **Academic certificates**
- **Disclosure and Barring Service check**
- **Occupational Health clearance**

Please view and complete the bursary form below to prepare to start your studies:

- Please read the Get Into Teaching website for more information on [Bursaries and Scholarships](#).
- **Bursary Application Form**- Please complete this having read the [Initial Teacher Training Bursary Guide](#). Please note that bursary applications will not be authorised for payment until satisfactory DBS and occupational health checks have been completed and all educational certificates, which gained you entry to the course, have been seen by the Admissions Office. If your bursary hasn't been processed due to outstanding requirements, any missed payment will be made the following month along with your next scheduled payment. Bursary payments are typically issued at the beginning of each month, from October through to July inclusive.
- For any bursary-related queries, please contact EDU.SPS@uwe.ac.uk

Engage with your programme

Start your learning

In anticipation for the library induction, please read the [welcome from the Library team](#). In advance of arriving at UWE, please fill in the workbook. This workbook will help you to make the most of the resources that are available to you within the library and point you to where you can find extra help and support in any areas that you feel would be useful during your time here at UWE.

Read around your subject

To succeed you will need to think critically about key issues and practices. You will find some books and resources related to one of our module called Curriculum, Pedagogy and Practice below. The subject-specific welcome information will also detail further texts designed to help you to understand the scope of your programme.

Understanding current educational issues: Begin to familiarise yourself with some pertinent debates within Secondary education. This can be achieved through habitual engagement with appropriate sections of popular press publications, such as the [Times Educational Supplement](#), or the Guardian's [Education section](#). There are also some sector specific journalistic sources such as [Schools Week](#) that contain free-to-access content. If you use twitter, there are numerous educational stakeholders who share insightful news and developments through this medium too.

To get ahead on the **Curriculum, Pedagogy and Practice** module, you may find it useful to access the following readings, although purchase of these four books is not compulsory and some will be available to you digitally through the UWE Library on registration:

- Allison, S. and Tharby, A. (2015) *Making Every Lesson Count - 6 principles to support great teaching*. Carmarthen: Crown House Publishing Limited.
- Capel, S., Leask, M. and Younie, S. (eds.). (2019) *Learning to Teach in the Secondary School* (9th ed.). London and New York: Routledge.
- Lemov, D. (2021) *Teach like a Champion 3.0*. San Francisco: Jossey Bass.
- Sherrington T. (2019) *Rosenshine's Principles in Action*. London: John Catt Educational

Connect with others

Join the Chartered College of Teaching (CCT), our professional body, which looks to celebrate, support, and connect UK teachers. It is free to join as a student member and highly recommended that you do, such that you become part of a growing organization at a very interesting time for the professionalisation of teaching. Go to chartered.college for information.

Be prepared

Access support

Check information on our [Disability webpages](#) so you know what actions you need to take. [Contact Disability Service](#) and the programme leaders to let us know if you need any additional mobility or other support to fully access all activities during your studies.

Clean up your online presence

Before you begin the programme, you will need to secure and remove your personal details, online history and any documented activity that may be construed as unprofessional. Prospective employers, our partnership school leaders, and your potential pupils will be looking for you online.

Get equipped

The University has computers on all our campuses for you to use during your studies. These provide access to our core digital learning tools and any specialist software required for your course. You may have scheduled sessions in computer labs or other specialist facilities, and you will be able to use open-access PCs for self-study.

Centre and practice-based sessions do require the use of a laptop (or alternative) to be able to fully engage during lectures and seminars. We do advise that a personal device is essential for this programme.

UWE Bristol licenses many specialist software packages for use on personal laptops for the duration of your course. If you're struggling to meet the financial demands of your course, please contact [the Student Money Service](#) team for advice and guidance.

See the UWE website for detailed information on [choosing your IT equipment](#) including [recommended specifications](#).

Subject provision at UWE Bristol/school

Please view the relevant subject-specific pre-programme information below:

- [Art and Design](#)
- [Business](#)
- [Computer Science](#)
- [English](#)
- [Geography](#)
- [History](#)
- [Maths](#)
- [Modern Languages](#)
- [PE](#)
- [Science: Biology, Chemistry, Physics](#)

All subjects are linked to specialist UWE Subject Tutors, who have prepared the resource above. Subject-specific aspects of our programme's provision are delivered by UWE Subject Tutors, who also provide assignment support and undertake placement observations.

Who to contact if you have questions

For any questions about the programme, please contact the Programme leaders:

Terra Glowach via email at terra.glowach@uwe.ac.uk

Nicola Rew via email at nicola2.rew@uwe.ac.uk

Please note: this information has been provided on the assumption that you will meet the conditions of your offer and be eligible to take up your place.

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