

Dear Headteacher,

We are delighted to have offered a conditional place to a student on the xxx PGCE programme at The Open University commencing in September 2023. The student-teacher has applied for the unendorsed route which means they are looking for a school to endorse them for the duration of the programme.

Why endorse a PGCE student from the OU?

- English medium Secondary schools receive a 100% salary grant for endorsing a student on the Welsh subject route and 50% salary grant for endorsing students on the D&T, Science, Maths, English or ICT routes and
- Welsh medium schools receive a 100% salary grant for the 6 secondary subject pathways on offer.
- A “grow your own model”, shaping the next generation of teachers in your school.
- Supporting the diversification of the profession in Wales.
- Access to professional learning opportunities, close to practice research projects, mentoring and coaching.

Further information regarding the programme and the salary grant can be found on the [OU ITE Partnership](#) website, but in the meantime, please find below a summary of the student’s qualifications and experience.

If you are interested in endorsing a student and require further information, please don’t hesitate to contact the PGCE Wales Team by emailing Wales-PGCE@open.ac.uk

On the following page you’ll find further information regarding the student-teacher.

Personal Profile

I am very passionate about the English language and literature with most of my interests delving from this subject. Having chosen to study Film and English in university has deepened my understanding and appreciation of the subject whilst also allowing me to understand the multifaceted nature of the subject and how it interacts with different mediums. As well as this however, I have a passion for teaching, having taken on numerous volunteer roles in both my local and university lifesaving clubs as a training officer/trainer and assessor which involves classroom-based learning as well as physical learning. My academic career also entails being Head Boy at Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg which resulted in being quite a challenging role insofar as the impact of Covid-19 introduced an inability to gain much out of the role.

Work Experience

Beach Lifeguard with the RNLI (May 2021–Present Day)

- A seasonal summer role that involves managing a team of lifeguards on the beach whilst dealing with incidents, communicating with external agencies and educating and informing the public about possible dangers.

Swim Teacher with Splash Swim School (Jun 2019–May 2021)

- Created dynamic risk assessments ensuring safety measures are in place as well as developing a physical curriculum through session plans and an overarching goal.

Front of House Staff at The Old Arcade (Oct 2019–Mar 2020) and The White Lion (Sept 2022 – Dec 2022)

- Working knowledge of hospitality industry and developed communication skills with customer clientele as well as gained presentational and organisational skills.

Education Qualifications

GCSE (Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg, 2019)

- 1 A*, 8 A's, 3 B's

A-Level (Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg, 2021)

- English Literature > A
- Drama and Theatre Studies > A*
- Design and technology > B
- Welsh Baccalaureate > A

Undergraduate (University of Bristol, 2024)

- Projected 2:1 (Unverifiable until 24/7/2024)

Achievement and Interests

As well as English studies my interests lie within the realm of surf lifesaving for which I have competed for Wales, gaining a Welsh cap back in 2019. I also partook in DofE silver and gold awards which reignited my passion for the outdoors and highlighted the necessity of environmental protection.

References: Can be provided upon request by e-mailing Wales-PGCE@open.ac.uk