

Dear Headteacher,

We are delighted to have offered a conditional place to a student on the **Secondary Science** Unendorsed, to commence the PGCE programme at The Open University in September 2024. 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 a Maths, Physics and theatre graduate with experience in music and performance. As a mature student I also have experience working in the restaurant and entertainment industries.

I have always been drawn to helping others realise their potential and, from a young age, prefer to teach others how to solve problems.

I have spent the last two years working at Crickhowell high school developing my skills as a teacher and it has been very fulfilling. From the daily challenges of teaching to developing the relationships that encourage students to flourish, I enjoy the day-to-day business of being a teacher.

Work Experience

- 2021 – Current – Cover Supervisor at Crickhowell High School
- 2018 –2021 – Self employed – Systems integrator
- 2012 – 2015 – Harvester Bar and Grill – Chef
- 2011 – 2011 – MTCBC – Trainee Arts Development officer
- 2008 – 2009 – New Theatre – Front of House
- 2006 – 2008 – McDonalds – Crew Member

Education Qualifications

- 2022 – BSc Mathematics and Physics – 2:1
- 2009 – BA (Hons) Drama (Theatre and Media) – 2:1
- 2006 – Music practice – Double Distinction
- 2005 – Performing Arts (Acting) – Triple Distinction

GCSE – 2003

- Maths – A
- Science (Double) – BB
- English Language – C
- English Literature – C
- History – C

Achievement and Interests

During my time studying with the Open University for my BSc Maths and Physics, I completed a group project aimed at classifying potential binary stars and determining their properties. Working as a remote team we had to analyse the list of potential stars for particular properties and determine if we might be able to view the star on the dates we able to use the PIRATE telescope (Tenerife).

Once data collection was complete, which was hampered on 2 out of 3 nights (luckily we got good data from the first), we collaborated calculating the properties of the binary system (we did our early analysis well and choose a true binary), the more mathematical members of the group (including myself) would independently perform our calculations and present them to the group, with the most robust solutions winning a place in the final report.

I play guitar, read fiction and non-fiction, spend time with my family and enjoy learning new things.

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