

Dear Headteacher,

We are delighted to have offered a conditional place to a student on the xxx 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 practise 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 mature individual, who has the capability to understand and help others. My motivation and enthusiasm to teach will be proven throughout my daily routine. In person, I have had an extraordinarily positive experience in both secondary and further education. I am a very caring and supportive person making me adapted and well-suited to work with children of all abilities to reach their potential and achievement. I believe in a positive impact, resilience, cheerful and enthusiastic personality that I can engage with children effectively, help my understanding of pupils and also to build up a good rapport with students. 'I wish to teach and develop students, with the focus of success and achievement in life'.

Work Experience

Cardiff Chinese Society	1997- 2000	As A Chinese Teacher, Cardiff
Self-Employment	2000 - 2003	As A Private Tutor, Cardiff
Zenith Print and Packaging	2001 - 2019	As A Mac Operator/ Technical Drawing/Graphic Designer
Monmouthshire County Council	2016 - 2020	As an Adult Workforce Support Worker
Mihomecare	2016 - 2018	As an Adult Workforce Support Worker
Tesco PLC	2019 - 2021	As A Customer Assistant
Welsh Refugee Cardiff Council	2019 - 2021	As A Placement Teacher for PGCE
Cowbridge Art Society	2019 - 2021	As A Placement Teacher for PGCE
Vale of Glamorgan Council	2021 - 2022	As a Art and Design Lecture
Bridgend College	2021 -	As a Learning Support Assistant
Apollo Teaching Agency	2021 -	As a Cover Supervisor

Education Qualifications

- Aspire2be,
City and Guilds Level 3 Diploma in Specialist Support for Teaching and Learning in Schools in 2023–
City and Guilds Educ8 – ES Digital Literacy – level 2 2023–2024
- Coleg Y Cymoedd, University of South Wales,
from 2019 and completed in 2021: (Nantgarw) PGCE Teaching Qualification.
- Coleg Y Cymoedd,
from 2018 and completed in 2019: (Ystrad Mynach) VTCT Level 2 Certificate in Barbering: (Hairdressing and beauty).
- Pontypridd Technical college,
from 2007 and completed in 2009: (Pontypridd), City Guilds English Literacy Level 1 and Level 2.
- University of Glamorgan,
from 1998 and completed in 2001: (Pontypridd), Bachelor of Arts: Graphic Design.
- Coleg Glan Hafren,
from 1996 and completed in 1998: (Cardiff), A-level: Maths, Art and design.
- Pontypridd College and College Glan Hafren,
from 1994 and completed in 1996: (Pontypridd and Cardiff), GCSE: Maths, Chinese, Art and Design, Account, and Physics.

Achievement and Interests

In my spare time, I like to swim, listen to the radio and use my computer. I also enjoy playing badminton and cycling. I love travelling and outdoor activities and of course socialising with friends and family. I am technically minded and competent with technology. I am intelligent and enjoy reading and learning new things. I am open-minded and analytical.

I am a graphic and packaging designer living in Cardiff and have worked for a printing and packaging company since I finished my degree in 2001. I like to describe myself as an

amateur artist and have had my work exhibited all over South and West Wales. Recently, I had a successful solo exhibition in the Pierhead Building in Cardiff Bay, supported by Mick Antoniw, a Welsh Politician.

In my opinion, 'Unique' is the best word to use when describing Wales, from its breathtaking coastline to its striking castles and majestic mountains. I have always had the urge to transfer these wonderful sights onto canvas, as well as the unique Welsh streets and buildings that surround my everyday life.

My greatest achievement was when I won the 'open art' competition in Cowbridge, this piece of art was displayed within the local town hall for many art lovers to view.

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