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Celebrating Initial Teacher Education (ITE) Partnerships

30,000 teachers begin their teaching journey through ITE partnerships, like ours each year. ITE partnerships produce first-class, committed teachers who provide our country's children and young people with the best start in life and the greatest opportunities to succeed after school. The DfE's survey of NQTs showed more than 80% of new teachers regularly rated their ITE highly. Ofsted agrees, judging every single teacher education partnership as Good or Outstanding.

Therefore, as we return to schools after a much-deserved Easter break, we thought we would take a few moments to share some of our good news stories from across the BCU partnership.

Our Secondary Teachers in Training

Our secondary undergraduates are very new to the game, but quick to recognise the value of their QTS training:

My passion for teaching stems from seeing the progress the students make through rich learning experiences over time. Now I feel a sense of achievement, as I know that I have helped the student to develop their learning. My BCU BA (Hons) Physical Education with QTS has helped me to develop my teaching skills and my pedagogical approach to learning. I have learnt the different approaches and techniques involved with teaching and how to keep the students engaged throughout lessons to maximise their potentials. I have all learnt ways to minimise behaviour disruption in a lesson that plays a vital role in the learning outcome. **Lewis: Yr1 PE BA with QTS.**

Our Postgraduate trainees are embracing their school-based training, despite the challenges of the pandemic:

Phoebe (Art and Design trainee) led Arts Award activities at Harborne Academy for their well-being week immediately after lockdown, supporting her

Head of Dept. to guide non-specialist teachers diplomatically to deliver a range of creative activities for all pupils.

Amelia's music Subject Mentor told us that she has 'been a big help since school started back ...she's also taken it all in her stride even with the timetable confusion and class changes. Also, she has just sorted out a Year 7 class that wasn't on anyone's timetable and had no music work - she popped over, set them some work and sorted out issues with the cover staff!'

School mentors appreciate the quality of our trainees and the support they receive from BCU.

Our trainees are employable:

Arena Academy are working within their trust to secure posts for some of the 19 extraordinary trainees they have hosted this year. Trainees in the school have developed a strong community of practice and they are well-supported by both mentors and BCU tutors.

We have 2 strong English trainees at **Smiths Wood Academy** - one has already secured a SEND position in the school and they are keen to find a role for the second one!

Our partnership schools are amazing:

Holte School have 'worked wonders' with Michael (Computer Science). Our BCU tutor states that 'being placed at Holte has changed his life!' And that he feels well supported and able to achieve his potential within his School Based Training placement.

Teachers committed to research:

As part of the Big Brum Drama Hub here at BCU 5 Drama PGCE alumni have successfully achieved their Masters in Teaching and Learning this term - well done **Orlagh, Lee, Jennifer, Katie and Stacie** ... and of course **Dr Chris Bolton** as lead tutor!

BCU Primary tutors' contributions to 'Dragon In My Skin'

Professor Fiona Cowdell (Health at BCU) and a range of colleagues in primary education at BCU have worked with The Centre of Evidence Based Dermatology, University of Nottingham to create "The Dragon In My Skin": book, animation, and



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Key Stage 1 teacher resource pack to raise awareness about life with eczema and encourage self-care. If you'd like to learn more please do visit [Dragon](#).

PCET newsletter

To support post 16 training the PCET team have launched a separate PCET newsletter which was circulated to all post 16 partners and will soon be published on the PCET partnership pages [here](#).

ECF Briefing

If you would like to hear more about both the ECF, and the BCU support you can expect within the partnership, you are cordially invited to attend a virtual briefing at **4pm on Thursday May 6th** via our [Early Career Teacher Support meeting link](#) on our partnership webpage.

We are sending a separate letter from Prof. Kevin Mattinson about our ECF partnership with a DfE national provider with this newsletter!

ECT drop in sessions

BCU Strategic Partnership Leads and local teachers will also be hosting two further NQT drop-in sessions via our [Early Career Support meeting link](#). Any early career teacher is welcome to attend these sessions - even those who did not train at BCU!

- **Thursday 20 May** - with a focus on report writing and parents' evenings.
- **Thursday 1 July** - with a focus on identifying SMART Performance Management Targets.

ECT Science Partnership with Bishop Challoner Teaching School Alliance

Message from Chris Catto from the Science Learning Partnership at BCTSA:

*Practical science is an important part of every science teacher's training. Unfortunately, the current circumstances have meant that trainees and early career teachers have not had the same experience to develop their practical teaching. Therefore we have developed our **early secondary science teacher career network** - that*

sits alongside and enhances the Early Career Framework. The network will consist of six remotely delivered CPD and networking sessions on science specific pedagogy, and four laboratory-based sessions that will give the participants an opportunity to practice and improve their practical skills.

For further details contact:

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Final ECF notice!

Something else to share with your Early Career Teachers The Chartered College is hosting its online Early Career Fest in May for students and NQTs - #ECFEST21
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/151078324335/>

Strategic Partnership Committees

Scheduled meetings for all phases within the partnership next term are listed below. Please make a note for your diaries:

PCET

Wednesday 16 June 2021 at 2pm by invitation.

PGCE Secondary

Wednesday 24 June 2021: 4.30pm by invitation.

Undergraduate Secondary

T.B.C.

Primary

Thursday 13 May 2021 3.45 -5.00 pm and Wednesday 7 July 2021 3.45-5.00 pm by invitation.

The first meeting of this committee took place last term, but we are looking for other colleagues to join us. If you are interested and would like more information, please email jane.lloyd@bcu.ac.uk.

Although we are still facing many operational challenges following the pandemic, things are starting to feel like they are stabilising. We hope that you are looking forward to a long weekend and some sunny days ahead.

Thank you as ever for your continued support within the BCU Partnership.