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We hope you have all had a great start to the new academic year. We have had a busy half term settling back into teaching trainees across all our ITE programmes; we are looking forward to working with you to co-deliver the BCU ITE Curriculum over the coming year. To launch the new academic year we hope very much that Headteachers, senior leaders and BCU partnership mentors can join us our 2021 Curriculum Conference next week – details below:

## **Birmingham City University Initial Teacher Education Partnership Curriculum Conference 2021**

BCU ITE Partnership is a long established ITE Partnership that trains over 1200 new teachers every year and over 75% of these teachers find jobs in the West Midlands.

Over the last 12 months, we have worked with many of you to review and evaluate our ITE Curriculum and the impact that it has on early career teachers. As a valued partner, we would like to share our new BCU ITE Curriculum with you.

**Please join us on 21 October 2021 at 3.45 to 4.45pm via the MS Teams link below.**

3.45	Welcome and curriculum overview	Helen Yorke (Head of ITE)
3.55	The extremely brief guide to driving your brain	Helen Thomas
4.05	Current Issues in Education	Gary Pykitt
4.15	Developing teacher persona	Dr Chris Bolton
4.25	Geography in Today's World	Paul Sanders
4.35	Audience Feedback and Questions to the panel	

'Beginning teachers need to critically consider and articulate the purposes of education' (Boyd 2017: 99-100)

## **Microsoft Teams meeting**

**Join on your computer or mobile app**

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## Strategic Partnership Committees

We are looking forward to resuming strategic discussions about our ITE provision across the BCU partnership after half term. These events are online and we are keen to engage with a wide body of partners from across all areas of the primary and secondary sectors.

### SPC Terms of Reference

The purpose of the BCU ITE Strategic Secondary and Primary Partnership Committees are to ensure that the future direction of all BCU ITE Programmes are driven by a focus on school-led issues and a drive to impact on pupil outcomes in all regional schools. The committee ensures that the needs of the Partnership stakeholders are at the forefront of the all ITE Programmes' visions for continuous improvement.

Each Committee is jointly chaired by BCU ITE Programme Leads and experienced senior leaders from Lead or Principal BCU Partnership Schools. Together they ensure that the future workforce requirements of the region's schools are anticipated, gathered, collated and, implemented, as priority actions for BCU ITE Programmes.

Each Committee has a direct impact on the BCU ITE Departments' Improvement Plans, and through this, the Self Evaluation Document (SED). Through the Committees, BCU ITE Programmes consider the policy landscape and the demographic needs of the region and respond to these in a way that will ensure "profession ready" ECTs at the end of each QTS programme.

Committees fulfil their strategic role by:

- Directly challenging the BCU course team on the Improvement Plan and the SED.
- Gathering Professional and Subject Mentor feedback on placements and the course, and considering trainee feedback from evaluations.
- Addressing requirements within the ITT Core Content Framework

- Providing an essential bridge between HE research and school practice – leading to evidence based research and evidence based practice.

*Details of previous and future Strategic Partnership Committees can be found on your phase specific Partnership webpages*

### Primary Partnership Committee

The next meeting is scheduled for:

**Thursday 4 November 2021 at 15.30 -16.45**

Primary colleagues are cordially invited to attend - please complete [link here](#) to register your interest.

The Agenda is:

- BCU ITE Primary Curriculum
- Developing mentoring within the Partnership
- Recruiting for 2022

### Secondary Partnership Committee

The next meeting is scheduled for:

**Tuesday 16 November 2021 at 16.30-18.00**

Join using this [link](#) (from our Partnerships Page)

The Agenda is:

- BCU ITE Secondary Curriculum Launch
- Developing mentoring within the Partnership
- Secondary Improvement Planning

We have Secondary Subject Mentor representatives within the Secondary SPC and their contact details on our secondary [Partnership webpages](#).

We have a Secondary PE Subject Mentor Representative vacancy – if you, or a colleague, can support by filling this spot please contact Amanda Brougham (email: [Amanda.Brougham@bcu.ac.uk](mailto:Amanda.Brougham@bcu.ac.uk))