



Information to candidates for PGCE Secondary Art & Design/Design & Technology

Congratulations!

You have been invited to interview for a place on the PGCE Secondary Art & Design/Design & Technology programme at Cardiff Metropolitan University - we are very much looking forward to meeting you and hearing about what you have to offer as a potential teacher of secondary Art & Design/Design & Technology. This letter gives you information on what you will be asked to do during the interview day, and also gives you a clear idea of what we are looking for in a potential teacher of Art & Design/Design & Technology. It is designed to help you prepare accordingly so you have the best chance possible to be successful.

There will be three parts to the interview process, which may not take place in the order given.

Part 1

You will undertake tests in literacy, numeracy and digital competence. There will also be an extended writing task in response to an article on an educational topic, in order to assess your reading and writing skills in both English and Welsh. You will receive the article in advance of the day for preparation, so take the opportunity to read it thoroughly and understand its main points. This part of the day will take approximately two hours.

Part 2

Individual Portfolio Discussion - 10 minutes: Review of your portfolio and how these skills can be adapted for the 21st century classroom

You will be required to discuss your most recent work within your portfolio and the teaching and learning styles you have experienced that have inspired and supported you to reach this point. You may use a script or notes to help you during the presentation.

There will be an opportunity to answer questions at the end of your presentation – an opportunity to share opinions and ideas!

We are looking for:

- clear articulation / expression of ideas and information;
- confident communication, engaging the interest of listeners;
- an ability to demonstrate subject expertise and experience;
- an emerging ability to apply your subject knowledge into a teaching and learning context;
- effective responses to questions;
- good level of preparation.

Part 3 will consist of a short individual interview in which you can explain your motivation for becoming a secondary Art & Design/Design & Technology teacher, and demonstrate your understanding of the role of the teacher in a mainstream school setting. You will also have an opportunity to ask us questions so that you can make an informed choice. We also want a chance to tell you about our university and PGCE Secondary programme, as we think we have lots to offer a keen and aspiring trainee teacher and are as excited about your future as you are!

We look forward to meeting you at interview and wish you well for the day. Please arrive 15 minutes before your allotted time so we can start the programme promptly.

Best wishes
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Find out more about our course on <http://www.cardiffmet.ac.uk/education/courses/Pages/Secondary-PGCE.aspx>

