

Gloucestershire Initial Teacher Education Partnership

PGCE Main Subject - Science

Science interviews

Format of Interview

Outline of course (whole group) (15-20 minutes)

- Structure - school - university (SC: Subject Co-ordinator [=college tutor])
- Role of school - Training manager and subject mentor (SM: Subject Mentor [=school-based mentor/teacher])
- Role of University and assessment structure - Subject co-ordinator (SC)
- Travel, funding and general admin. - structure of interview (SC)

Then in approximate order:

Group interview (whole group) (lead by SC) (30 - 45 minutes)

You will be sent a set of elicitation questions and asked to consider suitable responses. For each question each of you put forward your preferred response. By taking questions in turn each of you then leads and promotes a discussion to sort out any disagreement. When everyone is happy (including interviewers) proceed to next question.

Working with Children

We assume that you will have spent at least a couple of days in a secondary school before you come to interview. Please be ready to provide evidence about this and talk about your experiences in your individual interview.

Individual interviews (led by SM/TM, but SC there as well) (10-15 mins each)

There may be questions relating to your reasons for wanting to teach, your background experiences in school, your science background, your knowledge of the science National Curriculum, and your understanding of the nature of the scientific process.

Written English

You will be asked to write a learning log of your time with the pupils and the science questions used in the interview to cover one side of A4 whilst waiting your turn to be interviewed.