

Dear Headteacher,

We are delighted to have offered a conditional place to a student on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2024 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 practice 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](mailto:Wales-PGCE@open.ac.uk)

On the following page you’ll find further information regarding the student-teacher.

## Personal Profile

From my education and working life, I have recognised my ability of leading and motivating people and have enabled myself to follow my deep passion for Maths and Science. I have learnt to thrive under pressure and have embraced my natural ability of communication, kindness, and patience which I believe are crucial qualities to have in the teaching profession.

I am a dedicated individual with qualities of resilience and equanimity that will enable me to thrive in this next chapter of my life. I will wholeheartedly welcome teaching with enthusiasm and vigour and look forward to sharing my compassionate and encouraging nature with our future generation.

Becoming fluent in Welsh is a huge ambition of mine. I hope that by being involved within my local community, and adapting to our Welsh-speaking schools, it will enable me to progress and ultimately become a bilingual, secondary maths teacher.

## Work Experience

In 2016, I was offered a position at The Swan Hotel and Spa as Trainee Manager. I spent a year training across every department of the hotel and was then offered a new position as Operations Manager. I was responsible for the smooth running of the 4-star hotel and training new members of staff across 4 departments within the hotel as well as many other duties including running weddings and managing the restaurant.

At the end of 2018, I was offered the opportunity to work for a software company as their Project Manager. I quickly learned the requirements of this role and very soon was successfully working on 50-60 projects. My efficiency, planning abilities and organisation skills developed, and my deep understanding of people enabled me to communicate effectively and patiently with every customer to help them through their project.

During my degree which began in 2020, I decided to work for two retail shops and offer my technical support with the transition of global retail brands onto the instore and online point of sale system. I supported the shop staff and managed the website to ensure the products are up to date with the unique SEO descriptions.

## Education Qualifications

- **BSc Marine Biology and Oceanography – Bangor University**
  - Upper second class
- **A-Levels – Sedbergh School**
  - Mathematics (Grade C)
  - Biology (Grade C)
  - Physics (Grade E)
- **GCSE's – Sedbergh School**
  - English Literature (Grade A\*)
  - Mathematics, Biology, Physics, Chemistry, English Language (Grade A)
  - Geography, History (Grade B)
  - Physical Education (Grade C)

## Achievement and Interests

In my final year at Sedbergh School, I was offered the position as Head of House. In my boarding house there were 64 girls ranging from year 9 through to year 13 which was a great achievement and a wonderful challenge. I learnt for myself and taught the valuable lessons of accepting differences, working together, and the importance of kindness and patience.

I successfully completed my first year of university whilst working my full-time role as Project Manager. I also trained up two new members of staff that would replace me and I moved down to North Wales where I found myself some part-time jobs to support myself through the remainder of university. I achieved all of this whilst maintaining a healthy work-life balance which I think is extremely important.

I have a Golden Retriever called Willow, who joins me on my many adventurous walks around the coast of the Llyn and further afield into Eryri. I love surfing and paddleboarding, more so when the water warms up a little. I am also quite creative and love painting, writing poems and doing puzzles.

References: Can be provided upon request by e-mailing [Wales-PGCE@open.ac.uk](mailto:Wales-PGCE@open.ac.uk)