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 **UNIVERSITY OF  
GLOUCESTERSHIRE**  
at Cheltenham and Gloucester

# PRIMARY TEACHER TRAINING OPEN DAY

Join us on  
**Saturday 23 September**

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# JOURNEY

**STARTS AT OUR OPEN DAY**

## **Our Teacher Training courses are rated Ofsted 'Outstanding' (2015)**

**Welcome to our Teacher Training open day programme. The day has been designed to give you the information you need to stand out from the crowd and secure a place on a teacher training course at the University of Gloucestershire.**

You'll also discover why we're among the UK's leading teacher training providers, meet our students and lecturers, and find out what our students get up to – both on and off campus.

Everything you need to know about the day is in this booklet including the programme and on-the-day activities.

If you can't make the date, check out other dates at [www.glos.ac.uk/open](http://www.glos.ac.uk/open). You'll get all the information and advice you need at our upcoming undergraduate and postgraduate open events.

**Find out**

about the career support you'll receive  
[www.glos.ac.uk/yourfutureplan](http://www.glos.ac.uk/yourfutureplan)



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If you haven't yet booked your place, visit

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# UNI ESSENTIALS



**As part of your preparation for university, you will need to write a winning UCAS application including a personal statement. You may also need to arrange a student loan and secure a room in halls of residence.**

**Our Uni Essentials Sessions will get you started and help prepare you, so that you're ready to grab university life with both hands.**

## » WELCOME AND STUDENT LIFE TALK Chapel (10.00-10.45)

Find out what makes us different; what we're passionate about and the support we offer every student to create their own unique career plan, Your Future Plan.

You don't need to rely on what we say, as you'll hear what our students think too!

## » THREE BIG QUESTIONS Chapel (15.00-15.45)

- How do I get on to my dream course?
- How can I afford to go?
- Where will I live?

These are the questions all students considering university face. This handy session will provide you with all the essential information and top tips for your journey to university. We will tackle the all-important UCAS personal statement, demystify tuition fees, explain all the options available for student housing and answer any questions you have about applications, finance and accommodation. This is a session not to be missed.



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the UK for  
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# » OPEN DAY

## HUB

The Open Day Hub is a dedicated exhibition space where you can find information about different subject areas and a range of university departments.

This is your chance to have one-to-one chats with lecturers as well as finance and accommodation teams, support staff and Your Future Plan representatives. Students will also be on hand for you to talk to.

Take a look below for a sneak preview into what's going on.

### » REGISTRATION

You can register from 9.30 onwards. Let us know you are here and get started with your 'Glo' open day experience.

### » CAMPUS TOURS

You can book your campus and accommodation tours from here at a time to suit you.

### » ADMISSIONS AND APPLICATIONS

Have a one-to-one chat about the UCAS application process. No question will be left unanswered.

### » ACADEMIC SCHOOLS

Meet teaching teams and current students at our school stand to find out more about your course: teaching methods, assessments, placements and more.

### » YOUR FUTURE PLAN

We will help you make the most of every opportunity during your time with us to ensure you grab what life has to offer.

### » HELPZONE

From finding course timetables and learning how to write assignments to accessing dyslexia support, our helpzone advisers are dedicated to making your university experience the best it can be. Our disability and dyslexia advisers will be available between 10.00-15.00.

### » STUDENTS' UNION ACTIVITIES

Discover more about our 100 plus sports clubs and societies, part-time employment and work experience opportunities. Find out about our exciting Freshers' Fortnight too (students rated our Fayre as number one in the country in 2016, source BAM).



# » PLANNING YOUR DAY

## All you need to know

	When	Where
Registration	9.30-10.00	Marquee
Welcome talk and student life talk	10.00-10.45	Chapel
Three Big Questions	15.00-15.45	Chapel
Academic and student support information	Throughout the day	Open Day Hub
Campus and on-site accommodation tours	Throughout the day	Open Day Hub

## Academic sessions

	When	Where
<b>BEd Primary Course talk</b>	11.00-11.45 and 12.00-12.45	TC001
<b>PGCE Primary Course talk</b>	12.00-12.45	TC007
<b>Ace Your Interview</b> We'll show you how to prepare for an interview, how to connect with the interviewer and how to deliver the perfect presentation.	12.00-12.45, 13.00-13.45 and 15.00-15.45	TC006
<b>Partner School Presentation</b> Hear from one of our partner schools. Find out what you'll do during your placements - how you'll apply theory to practice as you learn from school staff and pupils.	13.00-13.45	Chapel
<b>Newly Qualified Teacher Session</b> Recent graduates share their experiences - the challenges, achievements and rewards as they embark on a teaching career.	13.00-13.45, 14.00-14.45 and 15.00-15.45	TC001
<b>Men into Teaching</b> Find out about our close-knit community of male trainee primary teachers, and specific support available.	15.00-15.30	TC007



# NEW PITTVILLE STUDENT VILLAGE

**NOW OPEN**

**PITTVILLE STUDENT VILLAGE: GL52 3JG**



## **£38 million investment in Pittville Student Village**

Our new student village is now open. The accommodation will be available for viewing during the open day. For a virtual tour and to check out the different types of room available visit: [www.glos.ac.uk/pittville](http://www.glos.ac.uk/pittville)

### **Choice of homes**

From town houses and studio apartments to en-suite rooms, the development offers high-quality living options to suit a range of budgets.

### **Social spaces**

A gym, outdoor games area, landscaped grounds, bar, café, shop and faith space are just some of the facilities you will enjoy.

### **Location is everything**

Pittville is a short bus or bike ride to our Cheltenham campuses and an easy walk into the town centre. The famous Cheltenham Racecourse (think Gold Cup week and big festivals) and the stunning Pittville Park are also close by. Cheltenham town centre hosts specialist student nights and there's a late-night bus service to get you home safely.

For more information please visit the accommodation stand in the exhibition area or watch our virtual tour.

Accommodation is also available on campus at Francis Close Hall. You can arrange a tour of this accommodation by visiting the Open Day Hub.

*\*All graphics are illustrative and development details may be different*

Townhouse kitchen and social area\*



Standard bedroom\*



Studio bedroom\*



Find out  
more at the  
Uni Essentials  
Session



# BEFORE

# YOUR INTERVIEW

**Every teacher training course has a different interview procedure so make sure you understand what's going to happen on the day.**

Getting some classroom experience will help you find out if teaching is really for you. It will also show the interviewer you're committed to your choice of course.

Many universities will expect you to have at least 10 days' school experience under your belt when you apply for teaching training.

Not only is this a great way to get an insight into the world of education, it's a chance to show that you've started developing your own strategies for inspiring others.

- Be flexible on placement dates
- Get experience with different ages if you can
- You may need to undergo a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check in advance so leave plenty of time. See [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) for more details

## Stay up to date

Read the Times Educational Supplement (TES) to find out the latest education news and research

Get connected through social media, eg [@tes](https://twitter.com/tes) and associated accounts, eg [@tesPrimary](https://twitter.com/tesPrimary) [@tesResources](https://twitter.com/tesResources)

## Keep a record

Track your classroom experience - it will be a good reference tool when writing your personal statement and at interview

# » HOW TO STAND OUT

## » ACE YOUR INTERVIEW WORKSHOP

*(see page 6 for times and location)*

**Although you may be asked similar questions from one interview to the next, don't rehearse stock answers as you can't predict exactly what will be expected of you.**

Confidence coach and interview trainer, Angie Belcher, provides tips on performing your best at interview.

The session draws on the physiology of nerves and how to overcome them. We'll show you how to prepare for an interview, how to connect with the interviewer and how to deliver the perfect presentation.





# THE SKILLS TEST

**You may be required to sit skills tests as part of your interview. Even if you don't, you'll need to pass the government's professional skills tests in literacy and numeracy before you start your teacher training.**

These tests ensure that all teachers are competent in literacy and numeracy, regardless of any chosen specialism.

## **Why might I be asked to sit a skills test at interview?**

Tutors can get an insight into your strengths and areas for potential development by setting you informal skills tasks.

## **Sitting the Government's professional skills test**

The first attempt at each test is free. After that you can pay to re-sit each test up to two times after the initial sitting. If you fail a test three times, you must wait two years to retake it. The tests must be taken at a learndirect test centre and you can book online up to three months in advance.

## **Planning toolkit**

Sit the tests early in the application process

Book the tests well in advance as the centres are often busy

Find out more at  
[sta.education.gov.uk](http://sta.education.gov.uk)

## **Need to know**

You will spend at least 24 weeks in partner schools, most rated Ofsted 'Good' or 'Outstanding'!



“The vast number of placements was simply outstanding, which made the transition from student to graduate teacher really enjoyable. Also, the lecturers were all enthusiastic and genuinely passionate teachers themselves.”

**Andrew Shelton**, Primary Education graduate

# » DISCOVER

# GLOUCESTERSHIRE

From students to celebrities, people from all walks of life are proud to call Gloucestershire their home. HRH Prince Charles, Lily Allen, rugby's Phil Vickery and artist Damien Hirst all have homes in the county. And many of our students choose to stay after graduating, finding work with multinational businesses including Superdry, Dyson and Zurich.

With over 45 festivals each year, Gloucestershire offers something for everyone – music, cricket, cider, food – it's all here, drawing in big names and rising stars.

We've also got the great outdoors in abundance, from the picture-perfect Cotswolds to the ancient Forest of Dean. You can take the plunge at the Cotswold Water Park or scale new heights at the Warehouse Climbing Centre.

If you prefer to shop 'til you drop, chic boutiques, chain stores and plenty in between offer a shopper's paradise. And with a diverse nightlife boasting everything from dance floors to traditional pubs, comedy evenings to cocktail bars, our students grow and thrive here.

Our students work behind the scenes at the biggest international events in Gloucestershire. And when it's time to play, they can be found on the pitch, out on the town, or soaking up the atmosphere of our festival county.



# » GETTING

# HERE

## FRANCIS CLOSE HALL CAMPUS

### » ADDRESS

Swindon Road, Cheltenham,  
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### » BY RAIL

Cheltenham Spa is served by direct rail services from London, Birmingham, Bristol, Cardiff and Plymouth. Francis Close Hall is approximately 25 minutes' walk from the train station. A taxi from the train station will cost around £6.00.

### » BY CAR

Cheltenham is easily accessible from the motorway and dual carriageway network, located close to Junction 11 on the M5. For more detailed information please visit [www.glos.ac.uk/travel](http://www.glos.ac.uk/travel)

### » PARKING

There is limited parking at FCH campus, as well as at Hardwick campus which is just a few minutes' walk away. The nearest pay and display car park to FCH campus is the NCP on St Margaret's Road, Cheltenham (postcode GL50 4EJ). Please allow sufficient time for parking.

### » ON ARRIVAL

Head straight to Registration in our Open Day Hub where you will also find our academic, finance, accommodation and student support teams.

### » FINDING YOUR WAY AROUND

Our student ambassadors can show you around and help answer your questions about student life.

### » EMERGENCIES

Contact the nearest member of staff or student ambassador.

### » DISABLED VISITORS

Disabled parking spaces are available on campus and campus buildings have been adapted for wheelchair users. Please call student support for more information, **01242 714541** or email [disability@glos.ac.uk](mailto:disability@glos.ac.uk)

### » LOST PROPERTY

Report any lost items to a member of staff or student ambassador.

### » WHERE TO EAT

We will serve tea and coffee in the Open Day Hub. You can also grab some lunch in our refectory.





# FRANCIS CLOSE HALL

## CAMPUS



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|--|---------------------------|
| 1 Clegg Building (CL)                    | 10 The Design Studio (CE) |
| 2 Clegg Old Pottery (CL)                 | 11 Lodge (LO)             |
| 3 Bodley Building (BO)                   | 12 Quad West (QW)         |
| 4 Clegg Building (CL)                    | 13 Principal's House (PH) |
| 5 Hospitality Centre/teaching rooms (HC) | 14 Quad Tower QT)         |
| 6 Hospitality Centre (HC)                | 15 Teaching Centre (TC)   |
| 7 Chapel (CH)                            | 16 Teaching Centre (TC)   |
| 8 Quad East (QU)                         | 17 Teaching Centre (TC)   |
| 9 Priory (QU)                            |                           |

- Car Park
- Disabled parking
- Smoking Area



# PLAN

# YOUR DAY

**WHERE**

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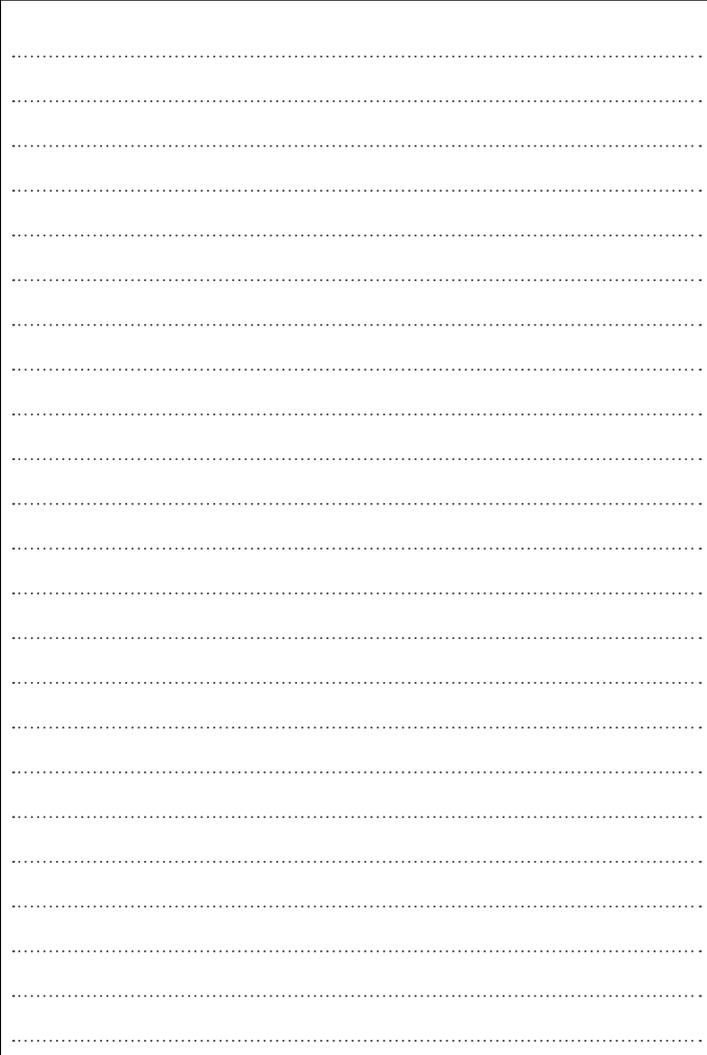
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# » NOTES

Use this space to get prepared for your open day. Note down your questions and anything else that will help you get the best from the day.



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