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# Your interview guide

School of Education



# Confirm your interview

Visit [www.ucas.com/track](http://www.ucas.com/track) now to confirm your interview via your UCAS Track.

We look forward to meeting you at your interview, finding out what you're passionate about and what makes you want to study with us.

We have made you this useful guide filled with top tips for the interview, what you need to prepare and things to see and do on the day.

In the meantime, make sure you confirm your interview with us. You can do this now by signing into your UCAS Track at [www.ucas.com/track](http://www.ucas.com/track)

If you have any questions or problems please feel free to get in touch:

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## What to expect

Your interview day will consist of registration and ID check, followed by a welcome talk, your presentation and individual interview.

While you are here please take the opportunity to explore our beautiful campus. Be sure to ask any questions you have about the university and what it's really like to live in Gloucestershire.

You will be sent an email with important details and information about your interview. Please read this through carefully as it will include specific details of what you can expect and need to prepare for your day.

# Your interview



## Good luck from Head of School, Hazel Bryan

Welcome to the School of Education at University of Gloucestershire. For over 150 years, we have been making a significant contribution to education and our practice is based on a clearly defined set of values; the transformational potential of education, the centrality of social justice to our actions, the value of community and a belief that diversity enriches learning.

If you engage with us as an aspiring teacher, you will become part of a close-knit community characterised by exceptional support, specialist subject expertise and a network of over 400 schools for first-rate placement opportunities.

We look forward to meeting with you at your forthcoming interview day and hope you find this guide useful in helping you prepare.

On behalf of myself and my team, I'd like to wish you every success at interview.

**Professor Hazel Bryan,**  
*Head of School of Education*



# Explore our historic campus

We've been training teachers here since 1847. As well as gaining essential experience on placements, you'll develop specialist skills on campus. While you're here, make sure you check out our amazing spaces and see where you could call home.

You will gain an understanding of philosophy for children, discuss and debate amongst your peers and learn from guest lecturers, as well as our own education professionals.

You'll have access to the School's teaching resources library from which you can borrow specialist resources. You'll also have access to specialist equipment and software, including interactive whiteboards, SMART, Promethean World and Scratch, so you stay at the forefront of education techniques and technology.

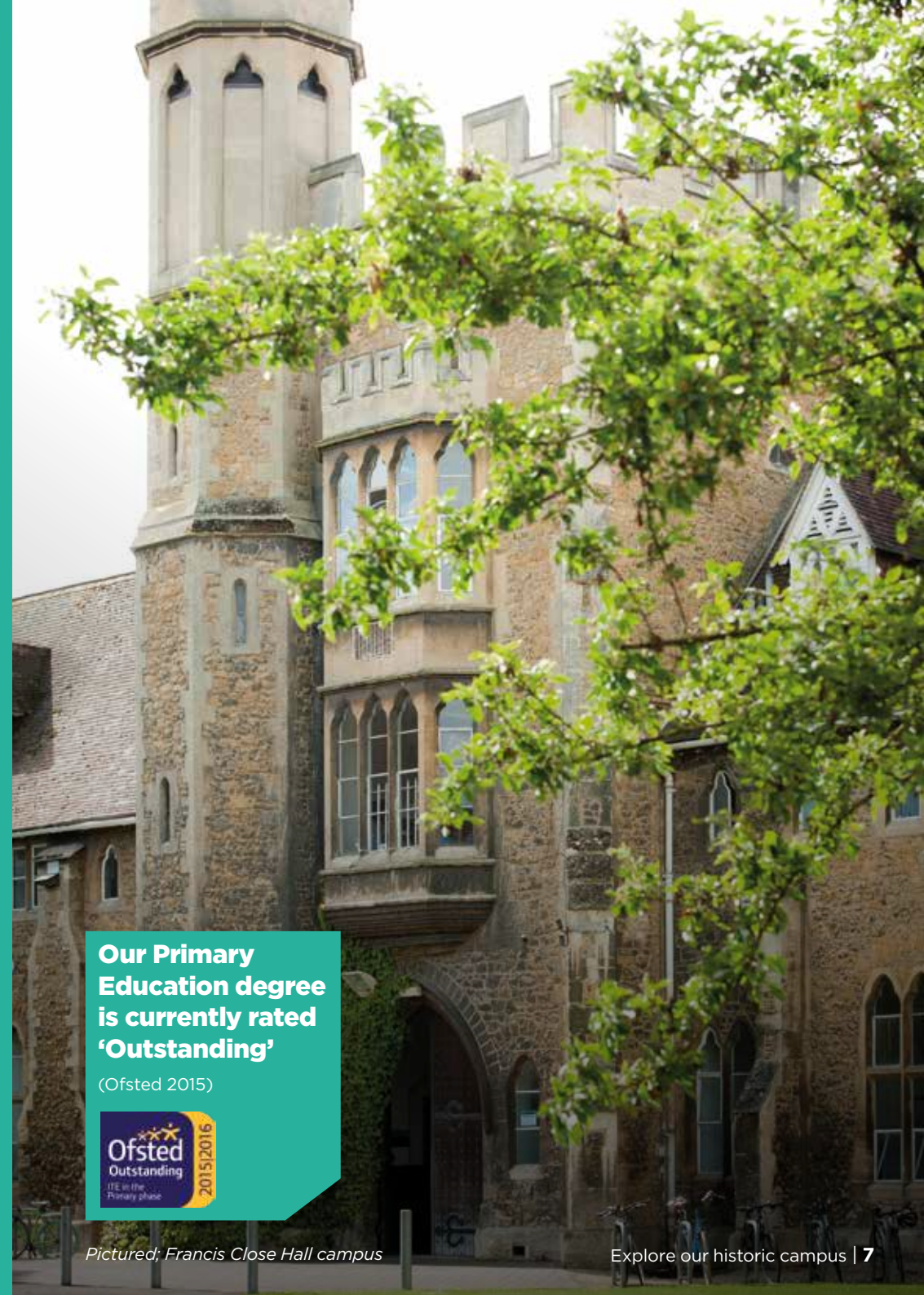
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**Our education courses are ranked top ten in the UK for student satisfaction**

(2019 Complete University Guide - Education subject group)

**Our Primary Education degree is currently rated 'Outstanding'**

(Ofsted 2015)



# Meet the team

You'll be on placement in a range of settings during your education degree, but you'll always have our active community of experienced teachers and practitioners to support you.

You'll have access to personal tutors and mentors while on the course. The Initial Teacher Education Team comprises of staff specialising in fourteen different subjects working alongside professional services and school-based colleagues. Find out more about our close-knit community when you visit us.

## Current Students

**Matt Needham**, Primary Education student

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My confidence has grown so much in the classroom, just from having gained so much valuable experience – although there are 30 pairs of eyes staring at me, I don't feel intimidated because I'm well prepared.”



## Lecturers

**Colin Forster**, Senior Lecturer in Primary Sciences

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For us, it's all about supporting students to become fantastic teachers. They arrive in September and they're not teachers, ten months later they are.”



# Be inspired

Every year our students complete over 3,000 work placements and internships. While you're visiting us, chat to current students and find out what it's like putting learning into practice.

Our partnerships with over 400 placement schools in urban and rural settings mean you'll have plenty of opportunities to discover which setting suits you best. A large proportion of our partner schools are graded Ofsted Good or Outstanding. Supported by working with a wide range of people, you'll develop your skills to a high standard.

Alongside work placements and lectures, you will develop skills through off-campus activities, exploring creative lesson planning and developing a greater understanding of the education sector. A range of additional experiences are available to you during your studies, for example, volunteering at the Cheltenham Literature Festival and with Waterstones bookshop providing storytime sessions for children.

You will be making a difference to young people, supporting children with individual and diverse needs. Our aim is for you to graduate as a well-rounded primary teacher, with lots of varied experience, ready to inspire young minds.