



PGCE Primary Education: Preparation for the Interview Process

The interview process for the PGCE Primary Education programme at Brunel University London will involve the following:

1. An introduction to the programme by Brunel PGCE Programme team, followed by an opportunity to ask questions

2. A group planning activity and presentation activity.

This will last for around 15 minutes and is designed for us to gauge your understanding of the profession and your interaction with others in the group. This activity will be observed by at least one member of the interview team.

3. Fundamental English and Mathematics tasks

All teachers are expected to be competent in Fundamental English and mathematics. You will have approximately one hour to complete an activity to assess your current competence in the following areas:

- Speaking, listening and communicating are fundamental to a teacher's role.
- Teachers should use standard English grammar, clear pronunciation and vocabulary relevant to the situation to convey instructions, questions, information, concepts and ideas with clarity.
- Teachers should read fluently and with good understanding.
- Writing by teachers will be seen by colleagues, pupils and parents and, as such, it is important that a teacher's writing reflects the high standards of accuracy their professional role demands.
- They should write clearly, accurately, legibly and coherently using correct spelling and punctuation.
- Teachers should use data and graphs to interpret information, identify patterns and trends and draw appropriate conclusions.
- They need to interpret pupil data and understand statistics and graphs in the news, academic reports and relevant papers.
- Teachers should be able to complete mathematical calculations fluently with whole numbers, fractions, decimals and percentages.

- They should be able to solve mathematical problems using a variety of methods and approaches including: estimating and rounding, sense checking answers, breaking down problems into simpler steps and explaining and justifying answers using appropriate language.

4. Individual interview

This will last for approx. 10 minutes and will be with tutors from the University and staff from our Brunel ITE Partnership schools. This interview will allow us to explore your experience, skills, knowledge and views about education in more depth. It will also allow you to ask us any further questions that you have.

Decisions about the outcomes of interviews will normally be communicated via the UCAS TT website or the Brunel University London Admissions Office.