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**To all PGCE English Student Teachers 2024-2025**

Dear English student teacher

Congratulations on your successful application to the PGCE English programme! We are very much looking forward to working with you across the forthcoming academic year.

We would advise you to develop your subject knowledge as far as you can before you start, to provide a strong foundation for your PGCE year. Please initially focus on the bespoke targets and reading that we set after your interview, and also consider the following:

**1. The English Curriculum and Teaching English: Core texts**

The National Curriculum for English, available at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/national-curriculum>

The core course text:

* Watson, A and Newman, R (eds) (2022) *A Practical Guide to Teaching English in the Secondary School* (2nd edition). Abingdon: Routledge.

The following have been selected as additional recommended reading. All will be available to you through the library in the School of Education, but you may wish to have your own copy/ies:

* Brindley, S & Marshall, B (2014) *Masterclass in English Education: Transforming Teaching and Learning* London: Bloomsbury
* Davison, J et al (2019, 5th ed) *Learning to Teach English in the Secondary School* London: Routledge
* Dymoke, S. (2009) *Teaching English Texts 11-18,* London: Continuum
* Elliott, V. (2020) *Knowledge in English: Canon, Curriculum and Cultural Literacy* London: NATE/Routledge
* Gordon, J (2015) *Teaching English in Secondary Schools* London: Sage
* Mason, J & Gianvelli, M (2020) *Studying Fiction: A Guide for Teachers & Researchers*, London: Routledge

**2. Literature for Children and Young Adults**

You should also aim to build your experience of Young Adult literature: an early task will be to produce a review for a PGCE anthology of YA and teen texts. Look for recommendations in schools, bookshops and online (e.g. [The Diverse Book Awards](https://www.thediversebookawards.co.uk/) and the [Carnegie Prize](https://carnegiegreenaway.org.uk/about-the-awards/)).

We wish you well as you prepare for the start of the programme. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you require any further guidance.

With best wishes,

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