

Interview task for PGCE Science

During the interview, you will be asked to teach a mini lesson which is pitched at key stage 3 or key stage 4 students. You will deliver this mini lesson to the interviewers and any other candidates invited in on the day. You will be required to answer some questions linked to the topic you have presented.

The topic of the presentation is to describe the science of an everyday object. This must be in the same science field as your specialism.

Here are some notes for guidance.

1. You need to speak clearly and audibly.
2. You will have a maximum of 8 minutes for the presentation and 2 minutes for questioning.
3. You will have access to a laptop and projector if you wish to present using PowerPoint.
4. You should have a copy of your notes to give to the interviewer.
5. It is a good idea to practice your mini lesson and to avoid reading it directly from your notes.
6. You may wish to bring the 'everyday object' with you or some demonstration materials to help aid your teaching.
7. Do not embed videos or have links to YouTube within your presentation – these will fail to play on our network.

The language of your presentation should be suitable for either KS3 or KS4. We ask that you inform us which key stage you have chosen at the start of your presentation.

Please also complete a Science Subject Knowledge Audit electronically and bring it with you on a USB stick so we can discuss it at interview. There is no need to print it as it is a large document – you will need to keep a saved copy of the audit. If you are offered a place at Bath Spa University, you will build on this audit throughout the PGCE year.