

PGCE in Secondary English – Roehampton University

Welcome to the PGCE English course at the University of Roehampton! We hope you are excited about the year ahead.

English is a creative, dynamic subject that enables students to understand the human condition through the reading of great literature and non-fiction. In English classrooms, your job will be to teach young people to find their voice and express themselves in speech and in writing. By the end of the course, you will be able to plan and teach purposeful, playful lessons that spark curiosity, build knowledge and develop skills.

Pre-course Preparation

Subject knowledge enhancement is a lifelong project for any English teacher. There are always more poems, plays and novels to read; there is always another insightful piece of non-fiction to get to grips with. Here are some prompts to help you with your subject knowledge before you start the course:

- ✓ [Poetry by Heart](#) is a beautifully curated collection of poems. You can search by Key Stage. There is also a helpful timeline to help you to put poets into a historical context.
- ✓ This English and Media centre [blog](#) will help you to think about the importance of oracy.
- ✓ The School of Life has some great videos on a range of topics. Watch this one on [Romanticism](#).
- ✓ [The Globe](#) and the [British Library](#) have fantastic ideas for English teachers.
- ✓ Check out a range of resources from the main exam boards ([OCR](#) and [AQA](#)).
- ✓ Start collecting short pieces of non-fiction that you would like to share with your classes. What topics interest you? What articles would you like to introduce to young people?
- ✓ Read [Experiencing English Literature](#) by Andrew Atherton.
- ✓ Read [Doing English](#) by Robert Eaglestone.
- ✓ Familiarise yourself with the [ITT Early Career Framework](#) which sets out the core content that you will need to know by the end of the course.

Contact Details

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