

BA (Hons) Childhood: Primary Education with QTS

Interview instructions for applicants (online)

This information is for applicants who, as part of the application process for process for BA (Hons) Childhood: Primary Education with QTS, have been invited to attend a virtual interview day at the University of Suffolk.

This will take place online via Microsoft Teams.

Approximately 3 days prior to the interview day, the course team will email you with the details about the timings of your interview.

Please ensure you check your emails in the run up to the interview day for this information, and have the relevant software downloaded.

The Interview Day will begin with a virtual introduction from 9.30am, followed by a range of tasks (see the interview schedule below). It is essential that you attend the interview day from 9.30 to ensure that you conduct all required tasks and are fully prepared for your individual interview in the afternoon. Your individual interview will last for approximately 45 minutes and will be conducted by a member of the BA (Hons) Childhood: Primary Education with QTS course team (academic) and a representative from an Initial Teacher Training (ITT) Partner. Your interview will include discussions around:

- your presentation
- your personal statement, interests, and skills
- your knowledge of the teaching profession

Your interview will include:

Maths and Writing Task

- Maths Test (approx. 45 mins)
- Writing Task (approx. 15 mins) – to be handwritten

These tasks will be provided to you prior to the interview and will need to be returned via email at the end of the allocated time.

Group Task

- All candidates will be put into groups for a group discussion on a range of statements relating to behaviour management.

Feedback from groups

- You will need to speak for 1-2 minutes about one of the statements discussed in the group.

An individual Interview

Please refer to your interview invitation for your individual interview time

As part of the interview, you are asked to prepare a 10-minute presentation

TASK: Select a children's book suitable for a Year 2 class (6-7-year-olds) and briefly explain a learning activity you could undertake with the children in relation to the book for one lesson.

- Consider how you would begin the lesson, what are the aims?
- What activity might you choose to do?
- How would you conclude the lesson?
- Anything else you might need to consider?

You have 10 minutes for the presentation. You can use note cards and show resources/ the book. You may use screensharing if you wanted to share slides during your presentation.

Outcomes from the interview process could be:

Offer: Conditional/Unconditional | Alternative course offer | Reserve List | Reject

Feedback to those unsuccessful candidates is available on request via the Admissions office only. Please email admissions@uos.ac.uk and your request will be forwarded to the Admissions Tutor for reply.

We hope that you will find this information useful. However, if you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the Student Centre (01473 338833 or studentlife@uos.ac.uk), where the staff will be happy to assist you.

Finally, we look forward to speaking with you soon and wish you well in interview. Please give yourself the best chance of success, by ensuring that you are well prepared.

Best wishes on behalf of the Course and Admission teams

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