

## **DHMAT and the University of Worcester launch new local PGCE primary teacher training route based in Hereford**

For the first time ever, aspiring primary teachers in Herefordshire will be able to complete their teacher training with the University of Worcester without leaving the county.

It's thanks to an expanded partnership between the University and the Diocese of Hereford Multi Academy Trust (DHMAT), which will see all training delivered locally in Herefordshire.

The development expands the county's existing Regional Training Hub, where trainees split their time between local schools and the University's Worcester campus.

The upgraded Regional Training Hub Plus model means that all academic study and practical training for the primary PGCE will now take place within Herefordshire schools.

Andrew Teale, CEO of Diocese of Hereford Multi Academy Trust, said: "This is a significant and hugely positive development for education across the Diocese of Hereford. By delivering the full PGCE programme locally, we are removing barriers and opening doors for talented people within our communities who feel called to teach but previously found the logistics too challenging."

He continued: "Through our partnership with the fabulous University of Worcester, we are investing in local people and growing the next generation of teachers within our own schools. That strengthens not only the schools in our Trust, but the wider family of church and community schools across the Diocese."

Andrew added: "This is about opportunity, community, and ensuring that every child is taught by highly trained, committed professionals who understand and care deeply about the places they serve."



The fully local 36-week Primary PGCE will see trainees placed in DHMAT schools across the county, with academic sessions delivered at the Hereford Church of England Academy.

The University of Worcester, rated Outstanding by Ofsted for its teacher training, will oversee and deliver the programme, providing a high-quality, flexible, and community-based route into the profession.

Andrew Taylor, Senior Lecturer at the University of Worcester, said: "This new fully local training route has been designed for career changers, parents, and anyone who has the potential and passion to teach, but previously felt unable to start training because of travel, family commitments, or the logistics of attending the campus in Worcester."

If you are interested in applying or would like further details please email: [rth@dhmat.org.uk](mailto:rth@dhmat.org.uk)

We would love to hear from you.