

Personal Information:

Name	Sam Witherspoon	Main Subject	Physical Education	Second Subject	Mathematics
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My academic qualifications:

School/College	University
Washington Comprehensive School (2003-2008) GCSE: Physical Education (A), Mathematics (B), English Language (C), English Media (C), Science (C), Religious Education (C) BTEC Level 2: ICT (PPM)	University of Sunderland (2010-2013) BSc (Hons): Sport and Exercise Development: (2.2) North East Partnership SCITT (2018-2019) PGCE and QTS: Secondary Physical Education (Pending)
Gateshead College (2008-2010) BTEC Level 3 National Diploma: Sports Development, Coaching and Fitness (PPM)	

The experience I have had in schools:

PGCE Placements	Park View School, Durham (September - December 2018) Walbottle Campus, Newcastle (January - June 2019)
Undergraduate Placements	Broadway Junior School, Sunderland (January to February 2012). Year 5 and 6
Other Placements and / or Employment in Schools	Teaching Personnel (September 2015 - July 2017). Supply work in North Durham Academy, Belmont Community School, Consett Academy, The Northumberland C of E Academy, Ashington High School, Park View School, St Leonard's RC Comprehensive School, Meadowdale Academy, Bedlington Community High School, St Bede's Catholic Comprehensive School, St Benet Biscop Catholic Academy, Framwellgate School and Southmoor Academy St Aidan's Catholic Academy, Sunderland (September 2017 to July 2018). Cover Supervisor

The strengths I have within my main subject area:

Personal Strengths	NGB/Other Coaching Awards	Teaching Strengths
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School captain for both Cricket and Football teams Represented County in Cricket Play club level Cricket, Football, American Football and Basketball 	Level 1 Qualifications in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Football, Handball, Cricket, Parkour & Frisbee Level 2 Qualifications in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trampolining, Dodgeball & Safety Award for Teachers in Swimming 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strong subject knowledge in a wide variety of sports within the curriculum, including those outlined in my personal strengths section and the NGB qualifications section Keen interest in teaching and learning ideas for examination Physical Education, especially nutrition, due to covering it extensively as part of my degree Strengths that have been identified during placement are questioning, behaviour management and being a positive role model for students

My personal skills and qualities:

I am extremely enthusiastic, especially when it comes to PE and sport. My love for this subject means that I am always trying to learn more, in order to aid my personal development. I have found that I have a really good rapport with students and they find me approachable; a lot of this comes from my keen interest in extra-curricular clubs, where I feel you can find some common ground with a lot of students which helps in lessons. I am very motivated to become the best possible teacher that I can be and I will continue to do as much CPD as possible to ensure that this happens. I am finding that Twitter is an excellent tool to use to find resources and ideas from other professionals and I look forward to gaining more insight from this outlet and sharing ideas of my own. At the beginning of this year I was voted to be the Course Representative by my peers, a role that I take very seriously. I also hold my D1 Minibus License.

My other interests and hobbies:

Along with playing sports, I enjoy watching documentaries about a range of sports and topics within sport. I am spending a lot of my free time at the driving range, trying to make myself a better golfer; however I am a long way away from being able to play 18 holes without losing a plethora of balls. I have just purchased a new mountain bike to keep myself fit and explore some more scenic parts of our country. I also enjoy reading or watching documentaries about history and American history in particular. I love listening to music and have a varied taste in genres of music, which makes a car journey with me very interesting. I am eager to travel more, having already worked 2 summers in America as a Camp Coordinator for multi-sports camps in New York and Boston. I would love to go back and explore cities that I have yet to visit. I would also love to go to New Zealand, Australia, Sri Lanka and/or the West Indies to watch England play cricket.

Preferred location:

North East and Yorkshire