

**Personal Information:**

<b>Name</b>	Samantha Walker	<b>Main Subject</b>	Physical Education	<b>Second Subject</b>	Science & Computer Science
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**My academic qualifications:**

School/College	University
<b>Dyke House Sports and Technology College:</b> (2010-2017) <u>GCSE:</u> Physical Education (A*), English (B), Maths (B), Core Science (B), Additional Science (B), Computer Science (A), French (B), Geography (B), History (B), ECDL (D*) <u>A Level:</u> Physical Education (A), Psychology (B), Geography (C), Extended Project Qualification (B)	<b>Northumbria University:</b> (2017-2020) <u>BSc (Hons):</u> Applied Sports and Exercise Science (First Class) <b>North East Partnership SCITT:</b> (2021-2022) <u>PGCE and QTS:</u> Secondary Physical Education (pending)

**The experience I have had in schools:**

PGCE Placements	<b>Manor Community Academy, Hartlepool</b> (September - December 2021) <b>Woodham Academy, Newton Aycliffe</b> (January - June 2022)
Undergraduate Placements	<b>High Tunstall College of Science, Hartlepool</b> (2017) <b>Dyke House Sports and Technology College, Hartlepool</b> (2018) <b>Teesside High School, Stockton-on-Tees</b> (2021) <b>Unity City Academy, Middlesbrough</b> (2021)
Other Placements / Employment in Schools	<b>Holy Trinity C of E Primary School, Seaton Carew</b> (2016) <b>Camp America Programme</b> (2018 & 2019) <b>Holly's Dance Academy</b> (2020 – present)

**The strengths I have within my main subject area:**

Sporting Strengths	NGB/Other Coaching Awards	Teaching Strengths
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School representation: Athletics, Gymnastics, Netball, Rounders, Dance and Tennis</li> <li>National level representation: Competitor and Finalist of the British and English Stage Dance Championships (tap, modern, ballet and song and dance)</li> <li>Current participation: CrossFit and recreational dance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fully Qualified Dance Teacher – Northern Counties Dance Teachers Associate with Honours with Distinction</li> <li>Sports Leaders UK Level 3</li> <li>British Gymnastics Level 1 &amp; 2 Teachers Trampoline Award</li> <li>Introduction to teaching handball award</li> <li>Dodgeball level 1</li> <li>Ultimate Frisbee level 1</li> <li>Emergency First Aid at Work Qualification</li> <li>ECB Secondary Cricket Award</li> <li>Youth Mental Health First Aid Award</li> <li>DfE Accelerated Computer Science</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Specialism in teaching dance, including styles such as modern, contemporary, jazz, ballet and tap.</li> <li>Subject knowledge of a wide variety of sports and activities including archery and trampolining.</li> <li>Strong understanding of theoretical concepts including physiology and psychology which supports my teaching in key stages 4 and 5.</li> <li>Excellent behaviour management in a firm but fair and respectful manner.</li> <li>Carefully planned questioning to elicit evidence of learning and progress of students.</li> </ul>

**My personal skills and qualities:**

I am a highly enthusiastic, positive and motivated individual. These qualities have allowed me to create fun and engaging learning environments, through which I have been able to help nurture talent and unlock potential of young people. I have also proven myself to be organised, punctual and resilient. I have developed a range of interpersonal skills which enable me to communicate effectively with a wide range of audiences, from children to adults. I currently hold the role of course representative for my NEPSCITT cohort. Since embarking on my teacher training, I have begun to develop a strong teaching philosophy, driven by the idea that all students should feel supported and encouraged through their education to achieve beyond their expectations, develop aspiration and acquire skills which will set them up for life outside of the school environment.

**My other interests and hobbies:**

My passion for sports and exercise is reflected in my enjoyment of a wide range of physical activities. I regularly participate in CrossFit, which is a great way of keeping physically fit and active. Alongside teaching in schools, I have been teaching at a local dance school which I find thoroughly rewarding, particularly the moments when a student discovers a new found self-belief. In my free time, when on holidays, I like to participate in skiing and water sports such as water skiing and paddle boarding. Outside of sport and physical activity, I have a passion for travel. In the coming years, I hope to travel to many cities in Europe and to visit friends overseas in New Zealand! I also enjoy spending time with family and friends, sharing new experiences and creating memories.

**Preferred location:**

North East