

Personal information:					
Name	Alan Thomson	Main Subject	Physical Education	Secondary Subject	Science
<b>My academic qualifications:</b>					
School/College			University		
<p><b>Joseph Swan Academy</b>, Gateshead (2012 - 2017)  <u>GCSE</u>: Maths (6), English language (4), English literature (4), Biology (B), Physics (C), Physical Education(B), Geography (C), Resistant Materials (B)</p> <p><b>Newcastle College</b> (2018 - 2020)  <u>BTEC Level 3</u>: Extended Diploma in Sport and Exercise Science (Distinction*, Distinction*, Distinction)</p>			<p><b>Newcastle College University Centre (2020 - 2023)</b>  <u>BSc (Hons)</u>: Physical Education and Sports Coaching (First Class)</p> <p><b>North East Partnership SCITT</b> (2023 - 2024)  <u>PGCE and QTS</u>: Secondary Physical Education (pending)</p>		
<b>The experience I have had in schools:</b>					
PGCE Placements	<p><b>Walker Riverside Academy</b>, Newcastle (October – December 2023)  <b>Astley High School</b>, Northumberland (February – April 2023)  <b>Whickham School</b>, Gateshead (February - June 2024)</p>				
Undergraduate Placements	<p><b>Newcastle College</b>, Newcastle Upon Tyne, (2021)  <b>Joseph Swan Academy</b>, Gateshead, (2022)</p>				
Other Placements / Employment	<p><b>Evolve Sports Academy</b>, Lead Sports Tutor, Sunderland, (2022 - 2023) - Taught maths, English and PE  <b>Washington Academy</b>, Cover supervisor, Sunderland, (2021 - 2022) - Taught PE, maths, English and science  <b>Beacon Hill</b>, Cover supervisor, Newcastle Upon Tyne, (2021) - Assisted in primary and secondary classes  <b>Park View School</b>, Cover supervisor, Chester-le-Street (2021) - Taught PE and science  <b>Farringdon Academy</b>, Cover Supervisor, Sunderland (2022) - Taught ICT and maths</p>				
<b>The strengths I have within my teaching:</b>					
Sporting Strengths		NGB/Other Coaching Awards		Teaching Strengths	
<p>I have experience participating in a variety of sports which has played a huge role in developing my passion for Physical Education. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Football: Playing football at grassroots level from a very early age playing both Saturdays and Sundays. Representing school and county. Currently playing Northern league football. Playing football and captaining teams from an early age helped me develop significant strengths as a teacher such as communication skills, confidence, resilience and leadership skills.</li> <li>Basketball &amp; Table Tennis: Representing school team in regional competitions</li> </ul> <p>My experience playing team and invasion sports has developed me deeply as a person and a teacher and given me a greater understanding of the importance of having the social, mental, technical and physical skills required to be a healthy, positive person. Consequently I take pride in providing learning opportunities that support the holistic development of students, not just their physical or technical development.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Introduction to teaching handball</li> <li>British Gymnastics Level 1 and 2 Teachers Trampoline Award</li> <li>Mental Health and First Aid Award</li> <li>First Aid at Work</li> <li>FA Playmaker Award</li> <li>FA Level 1 Award</li> <li>Level 1 Kinball</li> <li>Level 1 Ultimate Frisbee</li> <li>ECB Secondary Teachers Chance To Shine</li> <li>FA Secondary Teachers Award</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Creating a positive learning environment due to a calm but assertive presence to ensure behaviour is good and learning can take place.</li> <li>Effective use of formative and summative assessment to ensure that students are making progress.</li> <li>Experience of teaching a broad range of sports including handball, trampolining, dance, fitness, swimming and gymnastics.</li> <li>Effective questioning and plenaries to check student understanding and progress.</li> <li>Effective use of adaptive practice and inclusion to ensure that the lower, middle and higher ability students are challenged and scaffolding is used to build confidence.</li> <li>Experience teaching multiple subjects including science and PE.</li> <li>Experience of teaching examination PE including A level, GCSE, Cambridge National and Cambridge Technical courses.</li> </ul>	
<b>My personal skills and qualities:</b>					
<p>I have a passion beyond developing students physically and technically. I strive to develop students into confident, healthy, knowledgeable and socially competent young people who leave school as happy, healthy and successful individuals. My effective communication, confidence and presence allow me to build positive relationships with my students and create a positive learning environment where all students can achieve. I am passionate about teaching, have a strong work ethic and have the ability to empathise, thus allowing me to adapt my teaching to meet the needs of all students and create physically literate people for life.</p>					
<b>My other interests and hobbies:</b>					
<p>My passion for health and fitness continues into my personal life where I enjoy weight training, cycling and running. I enjoy trying different sports and challenging myself to improve and develop in those sports. I have recently started playing squash and padel tennis in my free time. I enjoy listening to music, trying new restaurants, going to the cinema and watching football with my friends.</p>					
<b>Preferred location:</b>		North East			