

Personal information:					
Name	Rhys Gardner	Main Subject	Physical Education	Secondary Subject	Maths
My academic qualifications:					
School/College			University		
<p>Kenton School, Newcastle-upon-Tyne (2012-2019) <u>GCSE</u>: Maths (7), Physical Education (6), English Literature (6), English Language (6), Geography (7), Physics (5), Biology (6), Chemistry (5), Religious Education (4) <u>NCFE</u>: Food Technology (Distinction)</p> <p><u>A Level</u>: Geography (C) <u>BTEC</u>: Diploma in Sport and Physical Activity (Distinction, Distinction)</p>			<p>Northumbria University (2020-2023) <u>BA (Hons)</u>: Sports Coaching (2:1)</p> <p>North East Partnership SCITT (2023 - 2024) <u>PGCE and QTS</u>: Secondary Physical Education (pending)</p>		
The experience I have had in schools:					
PGCE Placements	<p>Valley Gardens Middle School, Whitley Bay. (October - December 2023) Thorp Academy, Ryton - (February - June 2024)</p>				
Undergraduate Placements	<p>Kenton School, Newcastle-upon-Tyne (September 2021- June 2023) - PE department assistant</p>				
Other Placements / Employment	<p>Cardinal Hume Catholic School, Gateshead (July - September 2023) - 'Active Future' Summer Camp Active Future, Gateshead, Coach - (July 2023 - Present)</p>				
The strengths I have within my teaching:					
Sporting Strengths		NGB/Other Coaching Awards		Teaching Strengths	
<p>I have a range of experience across a number of sports and physical activities and in particular:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Represented MCC Northumberland county cricket team (2013 -2015). • Represented Kirkley cricket club (u11s, u13s, u15s, 2Xi, 1Xi). • Opened the bowling for the Senior 2nd XI aged 15. • Represented local football team from the age of 9 (Kingston Park AFC). • Captained the team for 5 years to 4 cup finals. • Played district football and trialed for county football team. • Represented my school at basketball reaching national finals. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to Teaching Handball • British Gymnastics Level 1 & Level 2 Teachers Trampoline Award • Youth Mental Health First Aid Award • First Aid at Work • Secondary FA Teachers' Award • Youth Sport Trust Inclusion in PE workshop • Ultimate Frisbee Level 1 Award • Kinball Level 1 Award • ECB Chance to Shine Cricket • Secondary Teachers' Award • Paediatric First Aid trained • Safeguarding Children Level 2 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishing strong positive relationships with students in order to develop a positive learning environment within lessons. • Developing positive work relationships with staff and colleagues to create a collegiate and effective working environment. • Utilising a range of different behaviour management strategies to maximise student potential in lesson time. • Succinctly sequence modules of learning for students and lesson to lesson development taking into account how pupils learn. • Maintaining of exceptional professional standards for students and importantly myself. • Strong curriculum knowledge around invasion/team sports and the TGFU approach. 	
My personal skills and qualities:					
<p>I am an ambitious, curious and inquisitive developing PE practitioner. I always look to further myself, take feedback willingly and act on advice from more experienced colleagues. I have an enormous passion and love for Physical Education and the role it plays in developing young people. Having competed in a wide variety of sports throughout my primary and secondary education, not only my love of sport but the love and enthusiasm for competition in sports shines through in my dedication to extra curricular clubs and fixtures as well as within my PE lessons. Building relationships with staff and more importantly my students is a real strength in my teaching, allowing me to create a suitable positive learning environment for ALL students to flourish, feel safe and learn within that lesson. I am my own harshest critic but this shows my passion for the teaching profession and is not necessarily the worst trait to have!</p>					
My other interests and hobbies:					
<p>I love playing sports and socialising with my friends in my spare time. I regularly play 5 a side football every week in a local league to get my weekly dose of competition! It is fair to say I have caught the bug of golf recently and love it. My sporting new year's resolution is to get my handicap to below 20 by the end of this year - not something I may easily achieve after losing a full 18 pack of brand new pink golf balls last time on the course. I love watching all sports. I am a season ticket holder at Newcastle United and I also enjoy watching Durham Cricket in the summer. In the school holidays I like to help run activity camps for children in and around Newcastle/Gateshead to help increase opportunities for children in more deprived areas and help parents in need.</p>					
Preferred location:		Newcastle, Gateshead and North Tyneside			