



UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER

AUTUMN 2025 NEWSLETTER



As the new academic year begins, we are delighted to welcome our latest cohort of Primary PGCE trainees. Much like the season of autumn, this is a time of new beginnings, growth, and change. Our trainees are embarking on their journey into teaching with energy and curiosity, and your continued support helps them turn their potential into practice. We are deeply grateful for the guidance you provide and look forward to working with you in the months ahead as together we nurture the teachers of tomorrow.

KEY DATES

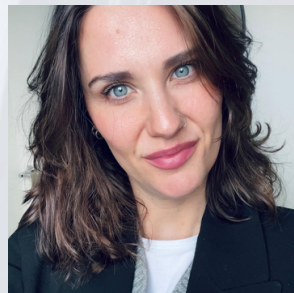
- **SE1 mentor training sessions** (p.m) (mentors attend one) – 07/10, 08/10, 14/10
- **SE1 placement – meet your mentor day** – 17/10
- **SE1 Placement** – 20/10 – 09/01
- **Short block A** (Inclusion) – 26/01 – 06/02
- **Short block B** (EYFS) – 02/03 – 13/03
- **SE2 mentor training sessions** (p.m) (mentors attend one) – 12/03, 13/03, 17/03
- **SE2 placement** – meet your mentor day – 20/03
- **SE2 placement** – 23/03 – 25/06
- **Primary Partnership Committee Meetings**
Meeting 1 – 21/11/25
Meeting 2 – 06/03/26
Meeting 3 – 12/06/26



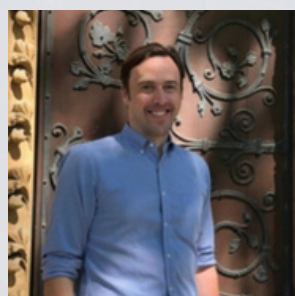
NEWS



We are delighted to introduce two new Professional Tutors joining us this year. They bring valuable experience and a strong commitment to supporting our trainees and partnership schools. We look forward to the contributions they will make as part of our team!



I'm Clare Bate and I am delighted to join the Primary PGCE programme as a Professional Tutor. Most recently, I have worked as an Assistant Headteacher with experience in school improvement, ECT mentoring and NPQ facilitation. The University of Manchester is such a special place for me as I completed both my Undergraduate and PGCE here. It is fantastic to return to such a highly commended course and have the opportunity to work with the new cohort of trainees, the partnership schools and of course my new lovely colleagues on the team.



I am John Primrose and I am delighted to have joined the Primary PGCE team here at the UoM, as a Professional Tutor. It has been great getting to know my new colleagues and to welcome our newest cohort of trainee teachers. Prior to joining the university, I was most recently a headteacher in London, having worked in leadership and school improvement for some years. It is a real pleasure getting to know a new city, its excellent schools and of course this wonderful university itself!

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CISV Manchester & North West is part of a global peace education charity that helps young people (aged 11+) build friendships across cultures and develop skills for life. Through local activities and international programmes, children learn cooperation, leadership, and how to make a positive difference in the world.

Our Manchester & North West chapter meets monthly in Chorlton, and we are now inviting more young people and families to get involved. Participation gives children the chance to join fun local activities as well as opportunities to travel to international camps and exchanges with other CISV chapters around the world.

If you would like your pupils or their families to learn more, please complete & share our registration form here: <https://forms.gle/V13bKXTc1cexMcLh9>.

For questions, please contact CISV Manchester at manchester.cisv@gmail.com. We'd love to connect and share how CISV can support your school community.

**Look out for our upcoming press release later
this Autumn, sharing recommendations from
the first year of our UoM AI research project**