



We are very pleased that you have accepted a place on the PGCE Secondary Science programme at the University of Nottingham. For different reasons, some of you may not have been able to secure classroom experience in secondary schools so, prior to the start of the course, we want to support you to deepen your understanding of UK schools and the role of a teacher.

Listed below are a set of resources you can engage with as an alternative way of developing your understanding. We don't expect you to engage with them all, but to look at two or three and reflect on them as part of your pre-course preparation.

TV Documentaries

There are a range of TV documentaries that can give you an insight into UK schools, for example:

Educating Essex - <https://www.channel4.com/programmes/educating-essex>

Educating Yorkshire -

<https://www.channel4.com/programmes/educating-yorkshire/on-demand/54456-001>

The Great British School Swap - <https://www.channel4.com/programmes/the-great-british-school-swap>

Britain's Biggest primary School - <https://vimeo.com/123122097> and <https://vimeo.com/110365788>

Our School - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/shows/our-school>

As you watch a programme try to notice:

- The relationship the teacher has with pupils
- The different people within the school and the relationships that exist between them – for example teachers, those in a position of leadership, pupils, parents, support staff
- The activities you see happening in the classroom
- The situations you see happening and how they play out over time

Keep asking yourself:

- What surprises you?
- What interests you?
- What questions do you have?

Keeping up with the latest news in education

Follow news and stories about education, for example:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education>

<https://www.theguardian.com/education>

<https://www.tes.com/>

<https://schoolsweek.co.uk/>

Getting some inspiration

If you are looking for some inspiration, there are some good TED talks about the role of a teacher, for example:

Rita Pierson: Every kid needs a champion -

https://www.ted.com/talks/rita_pierson_every_kid_needs_a_champion?language=en

Nick Fuhrman: The one thing all great teachers do - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WwTpfVQgkU0>

Christopher Emdin: Teacher teachers how to create magic -

https://www.ted.com/talks/christopher_emdin_teach_teachers_how_to_create_magic?referrer=playlist-talks_from_inspiring_teachers

- What do you like about what you hear?
- How do the talks fit with your own thinking about what type of teacher you want to be?