To Final Year Undergraduates at Loughborough University

June 2013

Dear Student

**Re: Opportunities to Train as a Secondary Teacher at Keele University**

Now that you have come to the end of your undergraduate studies, you may well be using the time to consider your next step. Some of you may already have applied for, and been offered, a place to train as a Secondary teacher – at Loughborough,Keele or at another institution within the Midlands or further afield.

There have been a number of changes in the way in which an application can be made for an Initial Teacher Education/Training (PGCE or other route leading to Qualified Teacher Status) in England and this has created some confusion; the consequence of this is that there are still vacancies for this coming September at Keele.

Those considering Secondary teacher training can apply through the Graduate Teacher Training Registry (GTTR) for a place on a PGCE as has been the case for many years ([www.gttr.ac.uk](http://www.gttr.ac.uk)). An alternative route for this September is called school Direct. Training numbers have been allocated to schools and the schools are required to work with providers such as Keele. Applications to this route are made via the Department for Education’s (DfE) website ([www.education.gov.uk/teachschooldirect](http://www.education.gov.uk/teachschooldirect)).

Keele University works with schools across Stoke on Trent, Staffordshire, Shropshire and Telford and Wrekin. The teacher training portfolio offered at Keele has some overlap with PGCE subjects at Loughborough (Science and Mathematics) but there are a number of curriculum areas where Keele is the only Higher Education provider in this part of the Midlands. The programme undertaken by students/trainees on School Direct, with Keele, is more or less identical to the ‘standard’ programme and all successful students are awarded a PGCE.

We currently have vacancies in the following subjects:

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| **PGCE ‘Standard/Conventional’** | **School Direct with Keele University** |
| Computer Science with ICT | English |
| Mathematics | Geography |
| Modern Foreign Languages | History |
| Science: Biology | Computer Science with ICT |
| Science: Physics | Mathematics |
|  | Modern Foreign Languages |
|  | Science: Biology |
|  | Science: Chemistry |
|  | Science: Physics |
|  | General Science (successful applicants will be placed on a specialist route in either Biology, Chemistry or Physics, thus ensuring that they will receive a training bursary (subject to eligibility – determined by degree classification) |

Tax-free training bursaries of between £4,000 and £20,000 are available to those eligible (determined by degree classification) students from the United Kingdom and European Union.

If you have not yet decided on your future profession, we hope that you will give serious consideration to a career that enables you to make a real difference to the lives of hundreds of children and young adults.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions and would like guidance/information. The PGCE support team will be ready to assist you:

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We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely



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