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Heart of England
International Academy

Teacher Development Programme

for Chinese Teachers of English and Shakespearean Studies



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Introduction

Through the Heart of England International Academy (the international education partnership between City College Coventry and Stratford-upon-Avon College), City College Coventry has partnered with the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust to provide a unique and innovative teacher development programme designed specifically to enhance the teaching skills of Chinese teachers of English, Shakespearean and Cultural Studies.

The Trust, established in 1847, is the independent charity that cares for the world's most important Shakespeare heritage sites, artefacts and literary collections, enhancing the enjoyment and promoting the further understanding of Shakespeare's works, life and times for the global citizen.

To promote the study, further research and appreciation of Shakespeare, his works and the renaissance period, the Trust offers a unique and world-class programme of formal and informal educational study and literary lectures. In addition and, in partnership with Stratford-upon-Avon College, a bespoke and unique full-time international foundation programme aimed at pre-undergraduate students is also available.

The programme entitled 'International Foundation Programme in Shakespeare Studies and Performance' has been specifically designed for those young people who aim to improve their knowledge and appreciation of Shakespeare's work, the renaissance period and theatrical performance, before continuing their studies with world-class universities. Stimulating International Summer Schools are also offered by the partnership. For further information, please visit www.heia.ac.uk or www.shakespeare.org.uk

Top Ten Features

1. City College Coventry, established in 1832, has a long history and an excellent reputation in teaching and training.
2. The Shakespeare Birthplace Trust has unique access to Shakespeare-related archives, on-line resources and Shakespeare properties.
3. City College Coventry has been an IELTS test centre since 1995 holding IELTS examinations every month. The College runs British Council accredited English language programmes to improve students' English language skills and to prepare them for university or employment.
4. City College Coventry provides a state of the art learning environment through its new multi-million pound

city centre campuses. The College's facilities were given high praise by former British Prime Minister, Gordon Brown when he visited in April 2010.

5. Advanced teaching methods are employed in the delivery of the programme, combining lectures, seminars, observations, shadowing, workshops, visits and demonstrations of leading edge teaching technology, incorporating world-class Shakespeare Birthplace Trust resources.

6. The Shakespeare Birthplace Trust welcomes in excess of three-quarters of a million international visitors annually whilst the College prides itself on its harmonious, friendly and supportive multi-cultural teaching and learning environment.

7. The Shakespeare Birthplace Trust provides an excellent base for excursions, social and cultural activities which are appropriately blended with classroom studies. Visits to places of exceptional interest, local schools etc. can also be arranged, thereby enhancing the delegate experience.

8. City College Coventry celebrates its partnership work with many top UK and international companies including Jaguar Land Rover, the University of Warwick and many more.

9. This Teacher Development Programme is certificated by City College Coventry and, subject to specific assessment criteria being met, can also be accredited by the University of Warwick.

10. This course runs over 4 weeks but the programme is flexible and can be tailored to individual needs.

Teacher Development Programme

This practical programme focuses on developing the skills of teachers in a supportive learning environment. Participants are proactively encouraged to critically reflect on the key elements of the teaching and learning cycle and to engage in personal reflection and critical self-evaluation of their own practice. In particular it places emphasis on the following:

- What is learning and how do different students learn?

- How do I plan my teaching?
- How do I deliver the teaching that I have planned to ensure that my students learn? *In this section of the programme opportunities are provided for delegates to practise, develop and demonstrate their competence with constructive criticism from their tutors.*
- How do I assess my students? *In this section we not only consider how we can tell whether our students have learned what they have been taught but also how we can assess them for learning i.e. to improve their ability to learn and maximise their achievements.*
- What resources can I use to help my students learn? *In this section particular emphasis is placed on ILT - using interactive computer-based technology and resources available from the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust.*
- The roles and responsibilities of the teacher in the 21st century. *In this section delegates will examine the ways in which teachers are not only responsible for teaching their subject but have other roles and a range of further responsibilities linked to policies such as safeguarding, equality and diversity, and social cohesion.*

Plus Factors

As indicated, this programme also has a number of additional elements designed to enhance the professional development of all delegates. These include:

- Specialist workshops to develop particular professional skills e.g. using ILT in the classroom, advanced questioning techniques to challenge learners.
- Opportunities to teach sessions with students at City College Coventry or at the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust.
- Opportunities to work with advanced practitioners and subject coaches.
- Opportunities to observe classes taken by staff at City College Coventry in a range of different curriculum areas.
- Opportunities to visit other colleges and universities as

well as the Shakespeare archives.

- Opportunities to extend the delegates' knowledge and understanding of British society through a range of cultural activities and trips to places of interest in particular the Shakespeare properties and historic Stratford-upon-Avon.
- Opportunities to develop their communication skills in the English language with the support of specialist tutors and resources at the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust.
- Opportunities to acquire additional qualifications. This will include an internationally recognised TEFL qualification (Teaching English as a Foreign Language) and some of the CPD qualifications (Continuous Professional Development) offered by the University

of Warwick to enable teachers in the sector to update their skills e.g. E-Learning

- Opportunities to receive ongoing support when the delegates return to their home countries both through email, by videoing their teaching at their educational organisations and receiving constructive comments from generic teacher training specialists and/or advanced practitioners who teach in the same curriculum area at City College Coventry.

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