# Secondary PGCE EPS Assignment 2022-2023

Task = to conduct an investigation into a particular area of practice in the first school placement.

Aim = to focus on an aspect of teaching and learning in the first placement school that interests the trainee, to investigate what the literature says about this topic, and to use the tools of the Exeter model to reflect on the trainee’s own practice in relation to it. Trainees will need to consider their own investigation focus, the reasons for exploring this and the theoretical context within which this sits.

The focus of the investigation is deliberately open so as to allow the trainee to investigate and explore something that interests them within their subject area. However, experience shows us that **trainees benefit most when the investigation focus is also reflected in targets for trainees from their school-based Weekly Subject Development Meetings, or when a focus for investigation is identified through discussion with their Lead Mentor**.

Trainees will need to **choose one of the four Framework Tasks** they completed in their EPS seminars in the Autumn Term:

1. Curriculum
2. Assessment
3. Pedagogy
4. Behaviour Management

The formative assignment gives them an opportunity to discuss their understanding of this topic in relation to their wider reading and should conclude with a **specific, focused question** that has arisen from their discussion of this topic. This question should be a much more narrow area of the broad framework topic, and will be the specific issue that they want to address in their summative assignment.

Trainees will need to identify which training tools (e.g., Lesson Plans; Demonstrations; Agendas; Lesson Observations; Exeter Model Framework) they intend to draw upon to investigate the topic in practice.

See links below for further information on these training tools:

* <https://education.exeter.ac.uk/partnership/mentor_zone/practical_support/>
* <https://education.exeter.ac.uk/media/universityofexeter/collegeofsocialsciencesandinternationalstudies/education/partnership/secondary/2022-23_PGCE_Secondary_Handbook.pdf> (pages 26-31)

**Formative assignment deadline:  30th January 2023.**This should be emailed to your tutor. Feedback will be returned by 13th Feb 2023.

**Summative assignment deadline: 19th April 2023.**This is submitted to eBART. Feedback will be returned by 11th May 2023.