

Finishing your degree? Why not train to teach?

Application opportunities open on November the 5th for the Swale Teaching School Alliance Schools Direct recruitment for training positions starting in September 2013.

What benefits does training with the STSA bring to you?

By training within the Swale Teaching School Alliance there are many opportunities to develop yourself as a teacher and a professional beyond your placement schools.

- Depending on your qualifications, subject and lead placement school you could access bursaries of up to £25,000*
- You will work towards QTS and a PGCE. Your training will be provided by the STSA and Canterbury Christ Church University CCCU – Grade 1 provider for Initial Teacher Training
- Your training placements will both be in the alliance schools, therefore you will be able to familiarise yourself with these schools before starting the programme
- The professional enrichment programme will be organised across alliance schools, allowing you to impact directly on the students in the Swale area
- You will have a lead contact person to help and support you throughout the application process and your training year in addition to CCCU mentors
- You will be part of a 45 strong team of trainees who will meet regularly to train, share experiences and share best practice
- At the end of your placement the alliance will implement a recruitment programme for yourself within the area of your choice, using every effort to find employment for you within the Teaching School Alliance



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What are the criteria for training?

Applicants should hold GCSE (or equivalent) in Maths and English – Primary applicants should also hold Science GCSE.

Training positions will be subject to successful completion of a Degree at a 2.2 level or above. With bursary levels being higher for those with 2.1 / 1st, Masters or Phd.

Further details on funding can be found on the Department of Education / Teaching Agency website.

All training posts will also be subject to the successful completion of National Teacher Skills tests (we recommend that applicants complete these tests prior to interview to confirm their place on the training programme) and a full CRB check (The alliance is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment).

What subject areas being sought?

Primary training – All subjects held within the National Curriculum are suitable.

Secondary subjects – Art, Business Studies, Design Technology, English, Geography, History, Mathematics, PE, Chemistry, Physics and Biology.

What next?

Teacher skills tests are already available to be booked in and as of the 5th of November the STSA will release application guidance on their website that will give a clear structured route through the process. By giving a name and contact email address we can alert you to this information when it is released.

Important Notice

Recruiting schools are all represented through the Swale Teaching School Alliance, hence **applications should not be made to individual schools**, details of the application process will be published in early November on our website www.stsa.org.uk



Taking the Schools Direct route into teaching gave me the chance to meet and talk to the key members of staff that would be involved in my training from the start of my placement, including the mentor and Head of Department. This meant that I have had contacts that I could go to for advice and support right from the start, which has been invaluable to me in preparing for the coming year. With Schools Direct I am also working towards a teaching job in the Teaching School Alliance that I am training with. The fact that with Schools Direct I am also working towards a teaching job in the Teaching School Alliance that I am training with means I have a better idea of where I will be at the end of the course, and hope to be able to repay the support and guidance given to me by taking up a post in a local school.

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Application updates and instructions can be found at www.stsa.org.uk



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