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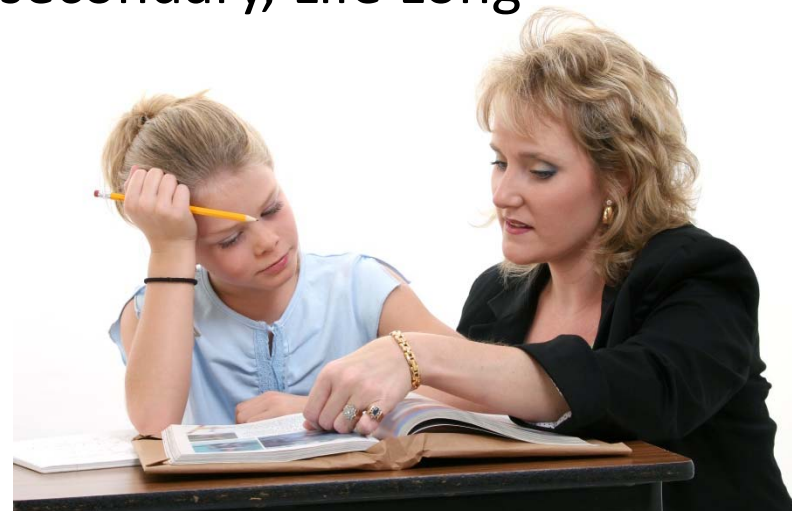
To introduce the essential information you need if you are considering teaching as a career

**Objectives:** *by the end of the session you will have...*

- Started to think about *why* you want to be a teacher
- Considered the entry requirements for Initial Teacher Education and Training (ITET)
- Heard about the different options for ITET

## First things first...

- How do you know you want to be a teacher?
- What subject?
- What level – early years, primary, secondary, Life Long Learning sector?



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## First things first...

Do you / will you have:

- GCSE English, Maths (& double science for primary) at grade C or equivalent
- A 2:2 degree in a relevant subject
- Relevant work experience (with the age group you want to teach)
- Professional Skills Test passes for Numeracy and Literacy



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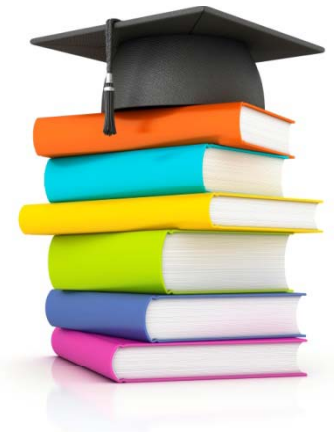
Years 1 - 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
B.Ed degree or BA/BSc with QTS status	B.Ed (if 4 years)	NQT post	Qualified teacher
Degree – relevant subject	PGCE (including OU)	NQT post	Qualified teacher
Degree – but need to strengthen subject knowledge	Subject knowledge enhancement course and PGCE	NQT post	Qualified teacher
Degree	School Direct, SCITT or Teach First	NQT post	Qualified teacher
Degree	L3 Award in Education & Training (post-compulsory education)/PTLLS	L4 Certificate in Education & Training (includes min 30 hours teaching practice)/CTLLS	L5 Diploma in Education & Training */DTLLS

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## Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) University-led route

- Traditional route to QTS
- Delivered by Higher Education Institutions
- Applications are made through UCAS Teacher Training
- Usually one year full-time courses, which will include a substantial period of classroom based experience



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## School-centred Initial Teacher Training (SCITT)

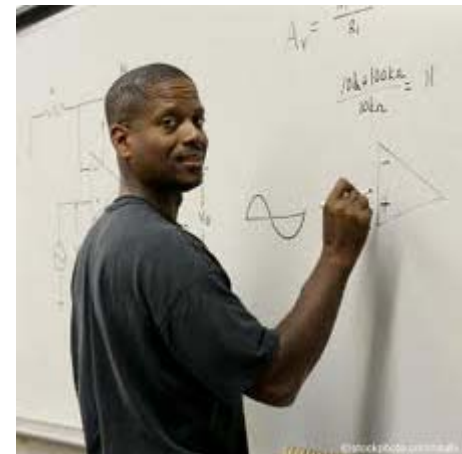
- Usually full-time, one-year programmes, available in England.
- Run by consortia of schools working with partners such as University and LEA but often in areas with no local HEI (e.g. Cornwall). Taught in-school by experienced teachers
- Some SCITTS do deliver the PGCE in collaboration with a HEI
- Will deliver QTS – but not all PGCE
- Apply through UCAS Teacher Training



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## School Direct

- Offers both primary and secondary routes
- Allows schools to recruit applicants based on their needs
- Applicants are based with a school, with training delivered by a partner HEI in most cases
- All offer QTS, most offer PGCE
- Two different routes:
  - **School Direct (Training)**
  - **School Direct (Salaried)**





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## Teach First

- 2 year employment based leadership development programme completed in in ‘challenging schools’
- Participants achieve QTS at the end of year 1 completing NQT year by end of year 2
- Open to applicants with a 2:i or above and 300 UCAS points
- Vacancies for primary (from age 3) and secondary (maths, english, science and MFL). Applicants don’t necessarily have to have a degree in the subject they are going to teach – subject knowledge enhancement is available



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## Training for post-compulsory sector - Further Education

Qualifications:

Level 3 Award in Education and Training/PTLLS

Level 4 Certificate in Education & Training/CTLLS

Level 5 Diploma in Education & Training/DTLLS

Courses can be found by searching the Talent Database

[www.talent.ac.uk/courses](http://www.talent.ac.uk/courses)

FE Advice: [www.feadvice.org.uk/next-steps](http://www.feadvice.org.uk/next-steps)

### **PGCE or Cert Ed in post-compulsory education**

Continue to be offered by higher education institutions either directly or through associated colleges. The PGCE incorporates the requirements of the level 5 diploma, but offers additional units at a higher level.

Can be undertaken one year full-time, incorporating teaching practice, or part-time.

In most cases apply direct to training provider but some may go through **UCAS teacher training**

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## Training for post -16 education - Higher Education

To become a University Lecturer

Study for a Masters or PhD in specialist subject you want to teach

Formal teaching qualification not essential, but often undertaken once in post

Apply for vacancies direct. They will look for:

Experience of , or show your capability for teaching;

Enthusiasm for specialist area and producing original research ;

Having academic work published and speaking at professional conferences and seminars

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## Early Years Initial Teacher Training

- Introduced to train Graduate Leaders for early years teaching (0-5)
- Four pathways:
  - Graduate Practitioner Pathway
  - Undergraduate Practitioner Pathway
  - Graduate Entry Pathway
  - Undergraduate Entry Pathway
- Training is delivered in 8 institutions:  
search [www.education.gov.uk](http://www.education.gov.uk) under EYITT for more information



## Funding for Initial Teacher Education and Training

The table below summarises the standard training bursaries available in 2014/15:

		ITT subject / phase			
		Physics, mathematics, chemistry, computing	Primary maths specialist	Other priority secondary specialisms and primary	General science and non-priority secondary specialisms
Training bursary 2013/14	1st	£20,000	£11,000	£9,000	
	2:1	£20,000	£11,000	£4,000	£0
	2:2	£15,000	£6,000	£0	

**Free school meals premium:** 25% paid on the above bursaries /scholarships to SD trainees whose training is based in a school where more than 35% of pupils are eligible for free school meals

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## Funding for School Direct (Salaried) and Teach First Routes

You will be employed by a school, and earn the unqualified teacher salary whilst working towards qualified teacher status (QTS).

This is the unqualified teacher pay scale:

London fringe: £16,856–£26,052

Outer London: £18,789–£27,992

Inner London: £19,893–£29,088

Rest of England and Wales: £15,817–£25,016



Where you fit into these scales will depend on your position, experience and location, as well as on your individual school

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## Scholarships

- £25,000 scholarships available for graduates with a First or 2:i for trainee teachers of physics, chemistry, maths or computer science
- Best candidates are selected based on subject knowledge, enthusiasm and aptitude to teach
- Applications are made to the subject association and are subject to a competitive process
- All subject scholarships carry eligibility for the 25% Schools Direct Free School Meals Premium



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- For more information and advice go to:  
[www.education.gov.uk/get-into-teaching](http://www.education.gov.uk/get-into-teaching)
- Call the Teaching helpline on 0800 389 2500
- For further information on teaching courses go to:  
<http://targetcourses.co.uk/study-areas/teaching>
- Call into the Careers Centre and get help – Cadman Courtyard,  
open Monday to Friday 9 – 5pm
- Use the online careers advice service [careersadvice@staffs.ac.uk](mailto:careersadvice@staffs.ac.uk)

