

**UP TO  
£25,000  
BURSARY  
AVAILABLE**

# Train to Teach

with



**Weatherhead**

Teaching School Alliance

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In partnership with



**St George's  
Primary School**





## Would you like a career as an Early Years, Primary or Secondary teacher?



Most positions are training route, some are salaried. For further details of EYFS and primary vacancies and subjects available at secondary level, go to [www.weatherheadtsa.co.uk](http://www.weatherheadtsa.co.uk)

What better way to train to teach than to learn from outstanding teachers in great schools!

School Direct allows you to do just that, because School Direct trainees spend more time in schools learning to become outstanding teachers from outstanding teachers and school leaders.

Our practical programme is balanced with theoretical education input, with graduates not only gaining QTS but also a Post Graduate Certificate in Education (PGCE), through our partnership with Liverpool John Moores University.

School Direct also attracts bursary funding of up to £25,000.



# What can we offer?

We are an alliance of early years, primary, secondary and special schools in the Wirral area who have an excellent reputation for working collaboratively to deliver high quality School Direct training. The group of schools involved is diverse, and led by Weatherhead High School, an outstanding school and National Teaching School. Our strategic partner, St George's Primary School, lead on the Early Years and Primary aspects of our alliance's programme.

You will spend the vast majority of your one-year full time training programme in the classroom, getting to the heart of what outstanding teaching looks like. Learning from outstanding teachers, you will enjoy a rigorous training programme (in areas such as behaviour management and meeting the needs of student learning) and excellent 1-1 subject and professional coaching and mentoring. Our alliance draws on its vast experience to provide professional learning training days where trainees across the alliance have a chance to learn together as a larger group.

You will have a home-school where you will begin your training, spending time in a contrasting school-based experience with a school in our alliance. All schools in the alliance are experienced in providing ITT and excel at developing and training their staff.

We recruit and select our own trainees and, whilst we cannot guarantee employment, we aim to employ the majority of our trainees within our alliance of schools, offering excellent opportunities for career development. Perhaps unique to our alliance, is our Career Teaching and Leadership Development (CTLTD) programme, which accelerates the most talented graduates into school leadership positions by providing a framework of professional development and support that goes far beyond simply training you to teach. Details of our CTLTD programme is shown on the back page of this document.





## Thinking of applying?

Potential applicants should familiarise themselves with the entry requirements at [www.weatherheadtsa.co.uk](http://www.weatherheadtsa.co.uk) and must be available for a summer school in the last full week of August (not including Bank Holidays).



Places are limited and offered on a competitive basis in 'waves' of recruitment. Applications for September usually open at the end of October in the year before entry. Interviews in our alliance begin soon afterwards. Find out more at [www.ucas.com/how-it-all-works/teacher-training](http://www.ucas.com/how-it-all-works/teacher-training)



# Funding available

for those who train in 2015/16

	Eligibility 2015/16 <sup>1</sup>				
	Bursaries				
	Scholarships <sup>2</sup>	Trainee with 1st/PhD	2:1/Masters	2:2	Other <sup>3</sup>
Physics	£25,000	£25,000	£25,000	£15,000	£9,000
Maths	£25,000	£25,000	£20,000	£15,000	£9,000
Chemistry, computing	£25,000	£25,000	£20,000	£15,000	£0
Languages <sup>4</sup>	-	£25,000	£20,000	£15,000	£0
Biology	-	£15,000	£12,000	£10,000	£0
Primary maths <sup>5</sup>	-	£12,000	£12,000	£12,000	£9,000
Geography, D&T	-	£12,000	£9,000	£4,000	£0
Music	-	£9,000	£4,000	£4,000	£0
English, History, RE, primary	-	£9,000	£4,000	£0	£0

<sup>1</sup> Applicants with a degree from outside the UK should refer to the equivalency table to see if their degree is likely to attract a bursary, or should consult their chosen training provider.

<sup>2</sup> Trainees in maths, physics, chemistry and computing with a 2:1 or above are able to apply for a teacher training scholarship with the appropriate professional body.

<sup>3</sup> Trainee teachers in maths and physics, and on primary maths courses, with a relevant degree and at least a B at A level in maths or physics (or equivalent) will be eligible for a bursary of £9,000. Trainees will not be entitled to this bursary if they are also entitled to a higher bursary based on degree class.

<sup>4</sup> Bursaries are available to train to teach modern foreign languages, community languages and ancient languages including Latin and Ancient Greek.

<sup>5</sup> Bursaries are available to trainees on either primary maths specialist courses or primary general (with mathematics) courses. Trainees on other primary courses will be eligible for the standard primary bursary.

The schools involved in the Weatherhead Teaching School Alliance School Direct Programme are:

St George's Primary School

Liscard Primary

Park Primary School

Mount Primary

Weatherhead High School

The Mosslands School

Birkenhead High School  
Academy

Wirral Grammar School  
for Boys

Wirral Grammar School  
for Girls

Bebington High Sports  
College

Kilgarth School

Leasowe Early Years &  
Adult Learning Centre

Claremount Specialist  
College





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## Career Teaching and Leadership Development Programme

**YEAR 1**

### PGCE with QTS (including 60 MA credits)

- ▶ School Direct programme provided by Weatherhead Teaching School Alliance and strategic partner Liverpool John Moores University
- ▶ High-quality school based professional development programme, working with outstanding teachers for subject and professional development
- ▶ 60 credits towards MA programme through 3 modules in teaching & learning, professional studies and research and development

- ▶ Employment within the Weatherhead Teaching School Alliance\*
- ▶ NQT induction programme facilitated in school by outstanding teachers and supported by strategic partners Wirral LA and LJMU
- ▶ Engagement in teaching and learning development through LJMU's PedLabs
- ▶ Subsidised masters modules in teaching and learning / leadership development
- ▶ Support to attend the Prince's Trust Institute New Teacher Subject Days

\*not a guarantee

**YEAR 2**

### NQT INDUCTION (potential to add 40 credits)

**YEAR 3**

### LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT (work towards MA Education)

- ▶ Optional leadership development summer school
- ▶ Subsidised masters modules on an aspect of school improvement
- ▶ Engagement with the WTSA (e.g. coaching and mentoring, teaching & learning development)
- ▶ Take on or prepare for first leadership role
- ▶ Future Leaders training programme

**YEAR 4**

### ESTABLISH LEADERSHIP ROLE

- ▶ Establish leadership role by attending WTSA's Beyond Outcomes - a middle leadership development programme
- ▶ National Professional Qualification for Middle Leaders
- ▶ Support to attend the Prince's Trust Teaching Institute Summer School for Subject Leaders

