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BITTERNE PARK TEACHING SCHOOL ALLIANCE

Train to Teach with the Bitterne Park Teaching School Alliance
School Direct Information Booklet
2021 ENTRY



The Bitterne Park Teaching School Alliance is a growing partnership of secondary schools across Hampshire and Wiltshire working closely with the Universities of Southampton, Winchester and Chichester to provide a School Direct initial teacher training programme leading to a PGCE with QTS and the opportunity to gain Master's level credits. We are proud to celebrate a 100% pass rate for trainees completing our programme in 2019-20, with a large percentage of trainees continuing to have successful careers in the BPTSA family of schools.

For more information, contact us on:

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About us

The Bitterne Park Teaching School Alliance is a growing partnership comprising a diverse range of secondary schools across Hampshire and Wiltshire which present dynamic and exciting training possibilities for those wishing to pursue a career in teaching. Our School Direct training programme is delivered in partnership with the Universities of Southampton, Winchester and Chichester, and combines the best elements of a traditional university-led PGCE training model with the benefits of a school-centred approach. Our partner universities have a long-established record of excellent initial teacher training, and successful completion of our course will lead to Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) with Qualified teacher status (QTS). The programme also contributes towards a Master's level qualification.



About our Programme

As a trainee teacher on our programme, you will have the opportunity to fully immerse yourself in school life and will be treated like any other member of the teaching staff. This approach will allow you to experience all aspects of the role of a teacher, both inside and outside the classroom. The practical nature of our course, combined with the opportunity to work alongside and learn from experienced, outstanding practitioners, constantly reinforces the link between theory and practice. We aim to ensure that by the end of the course you can teach your subject confidently and successfully by developing your skills as a problem solver, and by encouraging you to explore theoretical ideas and their practical application in the classroom.

Tax-free bursaries and scholarships may be available, depending on your subject choice.
getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/funding-my-teacher-training/bursaries-and-scholarships-for-teacher-training



Which subjects do we offer?

We will be offering secondary tuition fee School Direct places in:

Art & Design	UCAS Code 25PP	University of Southampton
Biology	UCAS Code 2QF6	University of Southampton
Chemistry	UCAS Code 2QF7	University of Southampton
Computing	UCAS Code N618	University of Winchester
Dance	UCAS Code 25PQ	University of Southampton
Design & Technology	UCAS Code X813	University of Winchester
Drama	UCAS Code S623	University of Winchester
English	UCAS Code 25MJ	University of Chichester
English with Drama	UCAS Code BH7Y	University of Chichester
English with Media	UCAS Code BNJ5	University of Chichester
English with SEN	UCAS Code BN76	University of Chichester
Geography	UCAS Code 25NS	University of Southampton
History	UCAS Code 25NM	University of Southampton
Mathematics	UCAS Code 25ML	University of Southampton
MFL (French/Spanish)	UCAS Code 25NW	University of Southampton
Music	UCAS code T484	University of Winchester
Physical Education	UCAS Code 25PT	University of Southampton
Physics	UCAS Code 2CZN	University of Southampton
Religious Education	UCAS Code N485	University of Winchester

We will be offering secondary salaried School Direct places in:

Mathematics	UCAS code 25MP	University of Southampton
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To be eligible for a salaried vacancy, you should have at least three years' work experience.

Entry Requirements

- You should have an honours degree from a UK university, higher education institution or an acceptable recognised equivalent, with a minimum of a 2:2 or above.
- At least 50% of your degree content should meet the requirements of your chosen specialist subject, however Subject Knowledge Enhancement courses may be available in certain subjects for suitable candidates who do not have enough subject specific knowledge.
- You should have GCSE grade C or 4 in English and mathematics or an acceptable recognised equivalent. We can offer a GCSE Equivalent Test, if required.
- Ideally, you should have gained some relevant experience in a secondary school before you apply. We are happy to arrange this. Please email us for further details at: alliance.office@bitterneparkschool.org.uk

How to Apply

You can apply online through UCAS teacher training for courses that start in September 2021. Each subject has a limited number of places - you should therefore apply early to give yourself the best chance of being offered a place. We close all courses when places have been filled.

Details of how to apply can be found on the UCAS website at:

www.ucas.com/ucas/teacher-training/ucas-teacher-training-apply-and-track

Application tips and information can be found at:

getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/how-to-apply-for-teacher-training

Further information on tuition fee loans and bursaries can be found at:

getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/funding-my-teacher-training

Fees and Funding

Trainees on a School Direct tuition fee course pay tuition fees of £9250. You can apply for a student loan to cover your training programme fees and living costs. No trainee will need to pay the cost of tuition charges up front. You will only pay once you are in full-time employment and earning above £25000. Tax-free bursaries and scholarships may be available, depending on your subject choice. More information can be found at: <https://getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/funding-my-teacher-training/bursaries-and-scholarships-for-teacher-training>

Trainees on a School Direct salaried course are employed by their school. Salaried trainees are paid on point one of the unqualified teacher pay scale and will normally be issued with a 0.8 fte contract. The cost of your training to achieve PGCE and QTS is covered by the school. This route is open to graduates with three years' career experience.

