



School Direct Training Programme



About School Direct

School Direct is an exciting Initial Teacher Training (ITT) programme designed by the Department for Education (DfE) to give schools a leading role in training the next generation of teachers and educational leaders.

Why choose the School Direct route?

The School Direct programme offers students:

- 120 days of school-based training alongside outstanding classroom practitioners
- The rigour of 60 days training in both an outstanding Teaching School and Higher Educational Institute (HEI)
- The opportunity for employment within a partner school of the Teaching Alliance upon completion of the course.

The Sanctuary School Direct Training Programme is a non-salaried training route open to all graduates. The training is paid for by the trainee; funded via the standard student support package of tuition fee loans, with bursaries and scholarships available where eligible.

For more information about the School Direct training route, visit:
<https://getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/>

Why choose our programme?

The Sanctuary is the Learning Centre within St Chad's C of E Primary School; an outstanding primary school and one of the first to be designated as a Teaching School. The Sanctuary has a long history of supporting ITT; providing School Direct and Newly Qualified Teacher (NQT) training in Oldham for several years.

The Sanctuary has a strong alliance of partner schools, sharing a wealth of expertise. This is used wherever possible to support our trainee teachers and ensure that they complete the course feeling adequately prepared to enter into the teaching profession, with the potential to be the outstanding teachers of the future.

Who do we work with?

The University of Huddersfield has an impressive track record of producing highly-skilled teachers for the early years, primary, secondary and life-long learning (post-14) sectors. In fact, they have been developing great teachers since 1947 and today they train over 1,500 teachers, together with local and national partners. So if you're looking to pursue a career in teaching then this could be the perfect choice.

Our collaborative programme combines the day-to-day experience and knowledge of outstanding teachers with the rigour of an outstanding HEI. We know that this partnership can contribute significantly to training the very best teachers, who will have the opportunity to start their careers in education in some of the best schools in Oldham and beyond.

What are we looking for?

We are looking for inspirational individuals who have the ambition to become the school leaders of the future. We want the most committed and aspirational trainees, who will embrace the opportunities we offer and be committed to personal development and life-long learning.

Our vision is that all of our School Direct trainees will have become outstanding teachers by the end of their second year of teaching.

What will we offer you?

To support our trainees, we will be offering 120 days' experience in schools across our alliance in a range of differing contexts. This will be enhanced by additional enrichment placements and training.

Trainees will have the support of outstanding school-based professional mentors and a designated contact in our Teaching School, who will design a highly bespoke programme, tailored to meet trainees' needs. As well as in-school experience, each trainee will attend training days in the National Teaching School and receive full access to all of the facilities the university has to offer.

Upon completion of our School Direct Programme, each trainee will gain a Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) with Qualified Teacher Status (QTS).

Entry requirements

You will normally need:

- GCSE English, Maths and a Science at grade 4 or above, or grade C if awarded under the previous GCSE grading scheme; or equivalent.
- An Honours degree classified as 2:2 or above.
- You must demonstrate the ability to communicate effectively, and that you have the intellectual and academic capabilities to meet the required Teachers' Standards by the end of the programme.
- A declaration of health to ensure that you have the health and physical capacity to teach.
- Enhanced Disclosure from the Disclosure and Barring Service.

We also advise that you spend some time gaining experience in a primary school to give you a greater insight into your career choice, and help you to decide whether teaching is right for you.

Other areas of relevant experience may also support your application.

For more information about entry requirements please email:

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How to Find Us

The Sanctuary is situated inside St Chad's C E Primary School, Rhodes Avenue, Rhodes Avenue, Uppermill, OL3 6EE.

When travelling on the A670 from Oldham, turn right just before the pedestrian crossing lights onto New Street (next to the butchers). Continue onto Church Road, under the bridge and turn second left onto Wellmeadow Lane, take the next right onto Primrose Avenue and continue to the top of the hill.

Parking:

There is limited parking in and around the school. Please park sensitively on the streets around the school, avoiding obstructing pavements or blocking residential access.



