



School Direct Primary and Secondary Teacher Training in Tameside

Introduction

Ashton Sixth Form College has established the "Tameside School Direct Partnership" to offer primary and secondary teacher training. At the core of this partnership are the schools who are within the A+ Plus Trust which is a group of Tameside secondary schools. We are also inviting primary schools and schools from outside of the A+ Trust to join this partnership. The bid will be submitted in June/July 2015. Subject to the outcome of the bid, the college will then take applications for teacher training from October 2015 with delivery commencing September 2016.

Mode of delivery

The way our proposed model will run is essentially:

- The trainee teacher is in school for 3-4 days a week.
- A member of staff in the school is allocated as a subject/sector Subject Lead—this specialist will work closely with the trainee.
- The school receives from £1500 per annum for the services of Subject/Sector Leads.
- A trainee will spend half of the academic year in one school, and the other half of the academic year in another school.
- The trainee will spend 1-2 days a week here at Ashton Sixth Form College for professional development/academic delivery.
- The college, in partnership with the Staffordshire University is responsible for the academic delivery of the programme through which the trainee will gain a PGCE with QTS at Masters level.



Additional information on delivery and enhancement

- Subject Leads will be invited to attend training and support sessions at the college to enable them to carry out their role – which will be delivered by our University partner.
- As well as meeting with other Subject Leads from Tameside schools at the college hosted events, Subject Leads will have the option of meeting other mentors from their particular subject or sector specialism at University led networking events during the year.
- School staff (not just Subject Leads) will have the opportunity to contribute to the academic delivery e.g. offering guest talks to cohorts of trainees.
- Those in Subject Lead roles will have the option of working towards a MA module in mentoring and coaching.
- Trainees will have the opportunity to meet with other trainees from their sector/ subject from across and outside of the borough during the year.
- Trainees will have access to Subject Knowledge Enhancement programmes in the June-August post qualifying to "boost" their knowledge and skills even further to give them the edge. For primary this comprises of intensive work around Maths and English teaching for example.

Recruitment and admissions

- Ashton Sixth Form College will manage the recruitment and selection process along with Staffordshire University and school representatives.
- School partners will be invited to participate in selection interviews for trainees.

If you would like to support the college's School Direct bid in principle or offer a School Direct trainee teacher place for 2016, please contact:

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