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# Train to be a secondary school teacher

with our Postgraduate Teacher Apprenticeship



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Course Duration: 12-15 months

- ✓ Choose ages 11-16 or 14-19
- ✓ Full pay on unqualified teacher pay scale
- ✓ No fee for trainees
- ★ Awards Qualified Teacher Status (QTS)

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## Introduction

### Train to be a secondary teacher with the Postgraduate Teacher Apprenticeship.

The Postgraduate Teacher Apprenticeship is an alternative to traditional university-based teacher training. Trainee teachers are employed by a school and receive a salary while learning on the job. Trainees do not pay fees as funding comes by way of the Apprenticeship Levy. Employing schools can access grant funding (amounts vary by subject) to support with costs.

### Age ranges & subject specialisms

Trainees choose from one of two age ranges and one of 9 subject specialisms.

#### Age ranges:

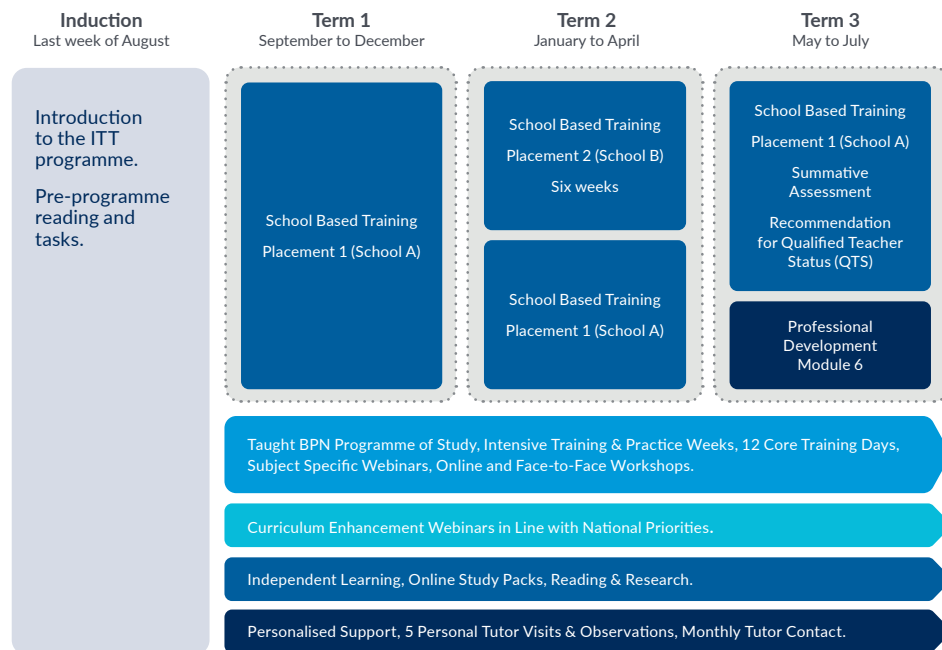
- 11-16 years
- 14-19 years

#### Subject specialisms:

- English
- Maths
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Biology
- Computing
- Geography
- French
- Spanish

All options award **Qualified Teacher Status (QTS)** allowing trainees to teach right across the secondary age range.

## Programme overview



## What are the benefits?

- **Placement experience:** benefit from professional learning and teaching practice in our partner schools
- **Learning applied in practice:** develop skills and techniques which can be immediately applied in your placement or employment setting
- **Fully supported:** receive the support of a BPN tutor, in-school mentor and get help from our wellbeing and programme teams
- **Sequenced curriculum:** a curriculum deliberately structured to build on the previous term's learning. Your classroom practice will improve as your knowledge and skills build
- **Research-informed:** access the latest research & evidence from across the education sector
- **National cohort:** join a network of like-minded individuals across the country

We envision our student teachers gaining Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) with us before going on to complete the **Early Career Teacher (ECT)** programme to build a solid foundational understanding of pedagogy and teaching best practice.

As they progress in their careers, they might choose to specialise in a specific area of teaching and complete one of our **Specialist NPQs**. Should they develop ambitions to join their school SLT or become a headteacher, we could support them with a **Leadership NPQ**.

This end-to-end career support for teachers is known as the Golden Thread and Best Practice Network is thrilled to be one of the first providers to be approved by the Department for Education to offer this whole broad suite of training.

## Eligibility

To enrol on the Postgraduate Teacher Apprenticeship, candidates must meet the following criteria:

- A bachelor's degree, or equivalent with a 2:2 or above
- GCSE grade 4/C or above in English and maths or the recognised equivalent
- Need to have been in the UK for the past 3 years
- School experience is not an entry requirement, however we strongly recommend this as a way of helping to confirm your chosen career

## Subject Knowledge Enhancement (SKE)

Depending on your academic qualifications and/or prior professional experience, you might need to do a subject knowledge enhancement (SKE) course before you start your teacher training to top up your subject knowledge. Visit our website to learn more:

[bestpracticenet.co.uk/teacher-apprenticeship](https://bestpracticenet.co.uk/teacher-apprenticeship)



## Upskill current staff members?

### Why?

- ✓ Recruit from your existing workforce and retain key colleagues
- ✓ Use the Apprenticeship Levy to fund
- ✓ The learner receives a salary with no fees to pay
- ✓ Helps build quality provision/futureproof workforce

### Who?

- ✓ Teaching Assistants
- ✓ Cover Supervisors
- ✓ HLTAs
- ✓ LSAs

## Recruit new staff members?

### Why?

- ✓ Support with recruitment from BPN
- ✓ Use the Apprenticeship Levy to fund
- ✓ There is no cost to learner/staff member
- ✓ Helps build quality provision/futureproof workforce

### Who?

- ✓ Anybody who meets the eligibility criteria and passes the full interview and enrolment process.

## Learn more

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## £ Funding routes

### Levy funding

#### If your setting contributes to the apprenticeship levy fund

Levy paying employers can access their fund contributions through their **Apprenticeship Service Account**. You can use this service to manage the funds you have available for apprenticeship training in England.

### Co-investment

#### If your setting does not contribute to the apprenticeship levy fund

You pay 5% towards the cost of the training for your apprentice. The remaining 95% will be paid by the government.

### Levy transfer

#### Apprenticeship levy transfer

Employers with unspent funds can **transfer up to 25%** of that contribution to another employer. That means you can benefit from the levy contributions of a different organisation to cover the full costs of an apprenticeship for your setting.

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