

Why Train With Us?

Whitley Bay High School has been providing School Direct Teacher Training since 2014. We have successfully trained over 150 trainee teachers with over 115 of these now employed within North East schools.

We believe our mission is to provide exciting, timely, relevant and supportive training for teachers, support staff and leaders throughout their careers so that they in turn inspire their students with a lifelong love of learning.

The Whitley Bay School Direct Teacher Training is an inspirational partnership of schools which comprise of a mixture of large and small schools offering an education from Year 1 up to Year 13.

We are proud of the programme we offer and this has been reaffirmed by our latest cohort of trainees;

'The people are amazing, there is so much support available'

'Additional support - always someone there to speak to! Additional training days - this sets you apart from other candidates in terms of job applications etc.'

'Best support and best training from an outstanding team!'

'Amazing placement schools'

'You will learn loads from experienced, yet extremely supportive teachers'

'An opportunity to develop at a rapid pace'

'Great range of creative and interesting training and insights into a variety of schools'

'Quality of training is phenomenal'

'We made a tight-knit group and shared experiences throughout the year'

'Outstanding - the training programme is superb as it is delivered by very experienced and approachable staff who genuinely care about you'

'They provide you with lots of creative practical tips and lesson ideas- this alliance is at the forefront of teaching and learning- train with the best and you will be the best'

'Brilliant reputation and high calibre training'

'Positive atmosphere which fosters creative teaching'

'Employers are keen when they know you've trained at Whitley'

'Great staff availability, amazing school network'

School Direct is a way to train as a teacher which is based in schools, delivered by schools, and allows you to learn at the heart of the job, whilst also receiving academic training and support from Newcastle University.

You will have two placements (one short placement and one long placement) either at Whitley Bay High School or at one of our partner schools. When in schools you are treated like a member of staff – a great way to experience the job first hand.

Your two placement schools are selected in order to provide you with a unique opportunity to experience a diverse and varied range of teaching and learning opportunities and be immersed in schools with very different ethea. Your previous experiences are also taken into account when allocating placement schools. Regardless of where you are placed, highly experienced and inspirational practitioners will design a bespoke training programme, which will allow you to evolve into an outstanding and reflective teacher.

You will also receive school-based training sessions throughout the course, again at Whitley Bay High School and our partner schools – these sessions are delivered by the very best current practitioners, and will enhance your skills in the classroom.

To help support you through your personalised training programme you will also be allocated experienced subject mentors who will oversee and monitor your progress and development. They will help introduce you to school life, give you support with lesson planning and preparation, look at effective classroom practices with you and they will have regular weekly meetings to reflect on your teaching.

Upon successful completion of the programme you will be awarded a PGCE qualification and QTS (Qualified Teacher Status).