



# 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 core 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 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 School Direct visit:

<https://getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/>

## Why choose The Sanctuary Teaching School Alliance?

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?

Our chosen Higher Education Institute (HEI) is the University of Huddersfield; a provider with a 60-year history of providing the very best students to schools in the North West.

The University of Huddersfield is one of the top centres in the country for teacher education and is committed to excellence. The University is relatively small in size, this means that it can provide the highest standard of individualised pastoral support for students; something we feel really passionate about.

*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 teachers 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?

The Sanctuary Teaching School Alliance offers non-salaried School Direct places. 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 highly trained 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 core-training days in the National Teaching School and receive full access to all of the higher educational 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) and additional Masters level credits.

## Entry requirements

### You will normally need:

- GCSE qualifications at grade 4 or above, or grade C if awarded under the previous GCSE grading scheme in English, Maths and Science.
- Good grades at A-Level (or equivalent) at the time of application.
- An Honours degree classified as 2:1 or above (*strong candidates with a 2:2, who can demonstrate sufficient relevant experience will be considered*).
- Skills tests in Numeracy and Literacy.
- 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 in Key Stage 1 and 2 to give you a greater insight into your career choice and help you 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

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, turn second left onto Wellmeadow Lane, next right onto Primrose Avenue and continue to the top of the hill. The Sanctuary is situated inside the school. Please sign in at reception in the main entrance.

### 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.



