

Partner Schools

Schools support you through a mentor system. Mentors are expert teachers with a particular interest in teacher training. They are keen to see you enjoy working with a range of pupils and to ensure that you learn from the experience. In your first school, you will be paired with another trainee from your subject. You will spend the first weeks observing classes, talking with department staff about the way they work and helping in the classroom, laboratory or gym.

At a later point, you will begin to manage classes with the help of your partner and mentor. You will probably drink lots of coffee and have a lot to smile about as well as working hard on the skills required to teach and manage good learning. At the end of your first placement, you will work with your mentors on a profile of your achievement. Most trainees are confident that they can manage most of their classes by this point.

Most of our partner schools are in Worcestershire and Herefordshire. There are others in Dudley, Sandwell and Birmingham. We also have a few partner schools in Staffordshire, Warwickshire and Gloucestershire. We have also work with a Cluster of Schools in the South Shropshire area including Bishops Castle, Much Wenlock, Ludlow, Cleobury Mortimer and Church Stretton.

Partner schools represent a wide range from state comprehensive to independent, to urban and rural. We work with 11-16, 11-19 and 13-19 schools as well as Post 16 Colleges. Many of the schools we work with have training school status. Some of the schools we work with have a particular specialism, for example Modern Languages, Technology or Sport.

You will be placed at two different schools for your teaching experience. We take family circumstances into account and try to place trainees as near to home as possible for extended placements.

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