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# What will we cover today

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# Why train to teach?

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Teachers don't just have an  
influence on the child they teach,  
but also the adult they become.

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# The rewards of teaching

- Go home each day knowing you've made a difference.
- Use your passion for your subject to inspire them.
- Make a difference in your community.
- A career where no two days are the same.

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# The rewards of teaching

- A competitive starting salary.
- The teachers' pension scheme, one of the most generous in the country.
- More days holiday than many other professions.
- As a trainee teacher you'll get great support, including a mentor to build your confidence.
- A further two years of extra support as an early career teacher, including time out of the classroom for development.

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# Financial support

There are three types of funding available for teacher training - depending on your circumstances, you could receive all three:

Tax-free bursary  
or scholarship.

Tuition Fee Loan  
and Maintenance  
Loan.

Extra financial  
support if you're  
a parent, have an  
adult dependant  
or a disability.

Or you could earn a salary while you train when taking a Postgraduate Teaching Apprenticeship, School Direct (salaried) course or Teach First course.

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## Postgraduate bursaries and scholarships

Postgraduate teaching bursaries and scholarships are only available for the subjects listed below. You cannot receive both a teaching bursary and a scholarship.

You must be eligible for student finance to receive a bursary or scholarship (unless you're training to teach physics or languages).

You cannot receive a scholarship or bursary if your teacher training course is salaried.

Subject	Bursary	Scholarship
Biology	£20,000	
Chemistry	£27,000	£29,000
Computing	£27,000	£29,000
Design and technology	£20,000	
English	£15,000	
Geography	£25,000	
Languages (French, German and Spanish only)	£25,000	£27,000
Languages (all other languages, including ancient languages)	£25,000	
Maths	£27,000	£29,000
Physics	£27,000	£29,000



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# How can I train to teach?

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# Teacher training courses

- Usually take a year full-time to complete.
- Include plenty of classroom experience in at least two schools – a minimum of 24 weeks of school experience.
- Offer training to meet the Teachers' Standards, which will include classroom management and making your subject accessible to your pupils
- Provide expert academic and practical guidance from mentors and tutors who are there to help you succeed.
- In addition to qualified teacher status (QTS) most courses will also offer a post graduate certificate in education (PGCE).



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# Finding the right teacher training course

- Use the search tool on the Get Into Teaching website to find available courses.
- You can find out more about individual course providers in more detail via their websites.

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# What do I need to train to teach?

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# Minimum entry requirements

GCSE grade C/grade 4  
(or standard equivalent)  
in maths and English -  
and a science subject if  
you want to teach  
primary.

A UK undergraduate  
degree or a recognised  
equivalent qualification.

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# Subject knowledge enhancement (SKE)

SKE courses top up or refresh your existing subject knowledge and last between 8-28 weeks.

These fully funded courses are available if:

- your degree wasn't in your chosen subject, but is closely related
- you studied the subject at A level, but not at degree level
- you have an unrelated degree, but relevant professional experience in the subject
- it's been some time since you used your degree knowledge

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# School experience

Getting classroom experience can help you to decide whether teaching is right for you - it could also strengthen your application.

Talk to  
teachers about  
day-to-day  
school life.

Observe  
teaching and  
pastoral work.

Watch a range  
of lessons and  
age groups  
being taught.

Remember to keep a reflective diary with you.  
Write about your observations. This information will  
be useful for your personal statement.

Search: Get school experience service on [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk)

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# How and when to apply

- Apply early, as course providers will fill their places with suitable candidates on a first-come, first-served basis.
- You can apply via the GOV.UK service called Apply for teacher training.

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# Personal statement

Your personal statement should convey energy, enthusiasm and a passion for teaching.

- Explain your reasons for wanting to teach – and, more specifically, why you'll enjoy teaching your chosen subject and/or age group.
- What qualities do you have that will work well in the classroom – communication, organisation and creativity are all important skills.
- What have you learnt during any school experience placements and how this has influenced your application?
- Explain how previous studies and work experience relate to your chosen subject or age group.



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# References

You will need to provide  
two references to  
complete your  
application.

Choose individuals who  
know you well enough  
to highlight your  
potential as a teacher.

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# Your interview

- Make sure you research the course and the school or university that will be leading your training.
- Use the internet to research current policies and practices in education and teaching in general.
- Think about your reason for wanting to get into teaching and how you can make a difference as a teacher.

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# Advice and support

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# Teacher Training Advisers

A free service that provides you with additional support when preparing and applying for teacher training.

A dedicated adviser who is an experienced teacher and knows the teacher training process inside out.

Help arranging school experience.

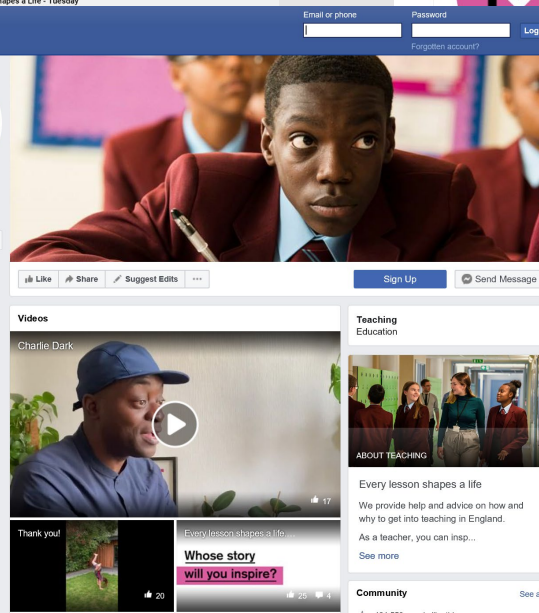
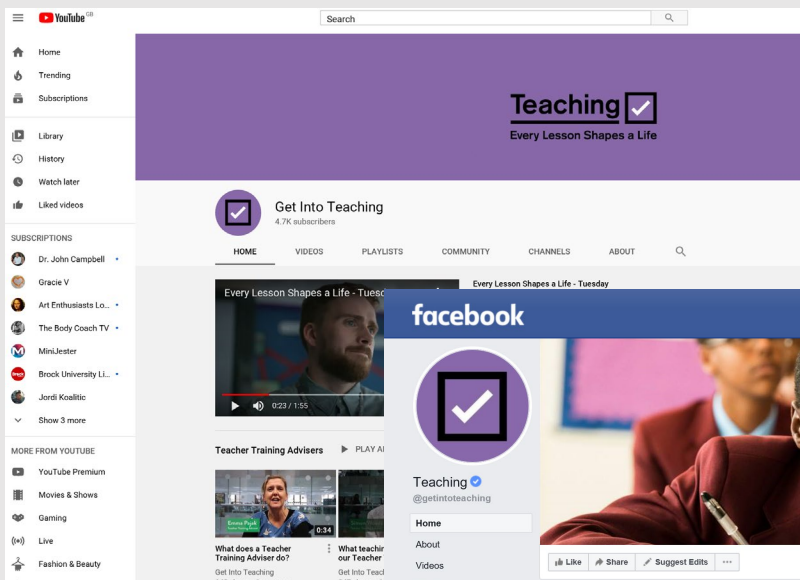
Practical advice and guidance at each stage of your application, from writing your personal statement to preparing for interviews.

Information about any financial support you may be entitled to.

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# Further information and advice

Follow us on Twitter and Instagram and 'like' us on Facebook for further information, useful tips and to ask us a question.



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# Further information and advice

Search “get into teaching” to visit our website or call us on 0800 389 2500 to speak to the Teaching Line.

The screenshot shows the 'Teaching' website with the tagline 'Every Lesson Shapes a Life'. The navigation bar includes links for 'Steps to become a teacher', 'Train to be a teacher' (which is highlighted), 'Funding and support', 'Salaries and benefits', 'Help and advice', 'Non-UK teachers', 'Events', and 'Blog'. Below the navigation bar, there is a breadcrumb trail: 'Home > Train to be a teacher'. The main content area has a large orange header with the text 'Train to be a teacher'. Below this, a paragraph states: 'If you've just graduated, you're studying for a degree or you want to change your career, we can help you understand what training you need to do to get qualified teacher status (QTS)'. To the right of this text is a photograph of a Black man in a classroom setting, looking at a student. Below the orange header, there are four white boxes, each with a title and a description, and a blue arrow icon pointing right. The boxes are: 1. 'If you have or are studying for a degree' with the description 'Find out how to get qualified teacher status (QTS) through postgraduate teacher training if you have a degree or you're studying for one.' 2. 'If you've worked in a classroom' with the description 'If you've spent a lot of time working in a classroom, you may be able to show you meet the standards for qualified teacher status (QTS) through an assessment.' 3. 'If you want to change career' with the description 'Use the experience you've gathered so far to inspire students and train to bring your skills and expertise to the classroom.' 4. 'If you don't have a degree' with the description 'You need a degree to get qualified teacher status (QTS). If you're not already studying for one, find out more about undergraduate degree courses.'

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