Thinking about becoming a teacher?
Want to go home each day and know you have made a difference to young people’s lives? If so, 2020-21 is a great time to train:

Financial support for training includes tuition fee loans, plus training bursaries of up to £32,000 for some secondary subjects (DfE Get into teaching website)

The starting salary for a Newly Qualified Teacher exceeds £24,000 (School teachers’ pay and conditions)

100% of trainees completing our programme secured a teaching post (Waverley School Direct, 2016, 2017, 2018)

School Direct
School Direct enables schools to take the lead in providing initial teacher training courses in collaboration with university partners. We have embraced the opportunity to select and train the new teachers we would ideally like to employ within our partnership of Birmingham schools. One of our recent trainees described the training as "Extremely practical, with supportive staff who understand completely how it feels to be in your position." Another trainee said "Teaching is a buzz like no other!" Our trainees are able to spend extended time training in school, developing the knowledge, skills and confidence to prepare them for their first teaching post and beyond.

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Humanity  Equality  Aspiration  Respect
Why train with Waverley School Direct?

At the Waverley Education Foundation, and across our partner schools, we create an environment which allows all learners to flourish by encouraging respect for each other and for learning. We value the diversity of our school communities and celebrate the achievements of all by showcasing excellence from all faiths, cultures, genders and orientations.

Key features of the Waverley School Direct offer include:

- a range of training places for both primary and secondary phases, with a focus on schools in areas of socio-economic disadvantage
- a PGCE programme leading to QTS and Master’s level credits, with our partners Newman University and Birmingham City University (BCU)
- an early career enhancement focus and commitment to support you into your NQT year and beyond, through training and support opportunities
- an individualised programme, including sessions at university/college, Waverley School and your host school, plus experience in a second school
- an enhanced focus on promoting diversity, underpinning British values and supporting learners with special educational needs
- learning from the Waverley School all-through setting, with sessions delivered jointly by primary and secondary practitioners, plus opportunities to visit further schools in the partnership

Waverley Education Foundation is delighted to work alongside our partner primary and secondary schools to offer this School Direct programme. Our 2020-21 partners include:

- Ark Boulton Academy
- Ark St Alban’s Academy
- Cockshut Hill School
- Hodge Hill Girls School
- Lea Forest Primary Academy
- Moseley School
- Oasis Academy Hobmoor
- Shenley Academy
- Starbank School
- Thornton Primary School
- Waverley School
- Waverley Studio College

Successful applicants may be placed at any of our schools depending on subject and phase specialism. If you are ambitious, have excellent communication skills and are passionate about teaching and developing young people in areas of socio-economic disadvantage, we hope you will apply to our programme. If successful, you will be joining a talented and dedicated team across the partnership and will get the support you need to become the best teacher you can be.
So, what to do next?

Check your eligibility
You should have a degree from a UK Higher Education Institution, usually class 2:2 or above, or equivalent qualification. For secondary, at least 50% of the degree content will normally be in the subject that you wish to teach, but we consider applicants on a case by case basis. You also need GCSEs (or equivalent) in English language and Maths at grade C/4 or above (and for primary, a GCSE Science is also required). Should you be successful at interview, you will then undertake Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) and Fitness to Teach clearance.
getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/eligibility-for-teacher-training

Consider school experience opportunities
Observing and participating in the work that goes on in classrooms helps you to be sure that teaching is for you and to demonstrate your best potential at interviews. You could contact local schools to ask if you can visit or take advantage of the Get School Experience service run by DfE for prospective teacher training applicants. Waverley School offers regular opportunities through this DfE service.
getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/school-experience

Prepare your application
See the DfE ‘Find postgraduate teacher training’ website and search for Waverley School Direct to find information on our programmes. All applications are made via UCAS Teacher Training. Your application is only submitted to us once references are received, so organise these early, ensuring that referees can comment on your suitability for teaching. Take time to draft your personal statement so it is error-free and conveys why you want to teach your chosen phase/subject, what experience (if any) you have in schools to underpin this and why you will make a good teacher.
find-postgraduate-teacher-training.education.gov.uk
ucas.com/postgraduate/teacher-training/ucas-teacher-training-apply-and-track
Meet the team!

Use the web links in this leaflet and visit the Training pages on the Waverley School website for further information on our School Direct programmes. If you are interested in applying, come and meet us at one of our recruitment events, including:

**Postgraduate recruitment events at Newman University and BCU**

**School Direct Open Evenings at Waverley School**

**DfE Train to teach regional events**

**School Experience Days at Waverley School**

See the latest calendar of events on our website or contact us directly. Please note that some courses fill up very quickly and that any remaining vacancies will be closed on 28 June 2020.

To contact the Waverley School Direct team, send an email to Training@waverley.bham.sch.uk or phone 0121 566 6600, ext. 31062.

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