

BLUE FLAG Teaching School Alliance

Our Alliance draws its allegiance and spirit of collaboration from the twin recognition that we are all responsible for all our young people in our area, and that no single institution can meet all the needs of all of its pupils on its own. Partners in our alliance come from twelve Secondary schools, twelve Primary Schools, three Special Schools and the University of Chichester.

All members are committed to improving Teaching and Learning as well as Leadership in all schools across the alliance. We are responsive to meet the needs of local groups of pupils.

School Direct Teacher Training

The Blue Flag Teaching School Alliance is pleased to offer the School Direct Training programme for 2016-17. Applications are invited from high calibre graduates with relevant school experience.

School Direct is the exciting new route into initial teacher training. St Anthony's School and Bourne Community College jointly lead the programme with placements offered across the Alliance area as we work in partnership with the University of Chichester. Placements will last for one year, starting in September 2015.

Applying to School Direct through Blue Flag Alliance

The Blue Flag TS Alliance has 28 member schools in its family. We invite applications on behalf of schools in our Alliance. Applications are for all phases - Primary, Secondary and Special and the placements are not necessarily offered at Bishop Luffa School.

For details on different options within the School Direct route, candidates are advised to read the [School Direct](#) section of the Teaching Agency website.

Applicants will need to check the eligibility rules carefully. Please note that for all salaried placements, applicants must have a three years' work experience after graduation and will essentially need to show that they can work independently with pupils.

All applicants must have a strong knowledge of the subject/specialism they wish to teach.

For details on [funding](#) follow the link on the Teaching Agency website and for further details on completing/submitting applications, applicants are advised to read the application section of the [Training Agency Website](#).

Please note that all applications must be submitted on line via the TA website and we cannot give individual advice on Personal Statements.

There is a statutory requirement for successful applicants to pass the Professional Skills Tests for trainee teachers in literacy and numeracy before their placement commences. Details of these tests can be found on the [DfE website](#). The following links will also help to support with the tests:

[Top 10 tips for the Numeracy Skills Test](#)

[QTS Numeracy Test 'Trainee Teachers' mental arithmetic section](#)

[Subject knowledge enhancement \(SKE\) course directory](#)

Processing applications:

Applications for the School Direct Training Programme will be processed and a decision made within 40 working days.

<http://blueflagtsa.org.uk>