



Train to Teach with the Dartmoor Teacher Training Partnership

Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust is pleased to lead the Dartmoor Teacher Training Partnership. Working in collaboration with both the University of Exeter and Plymouth Marjon University, we have many years of experience of offering high-quality primary and secondary education training routes. With our routes you can train while you teach to earn your PGCE and Qualified Teacher Status (QTS). Our programmes are aimed at nurturing the teachers of tomorrow and the leaders of the future. Whether you are a new graduate or you are considering a career change, our teacher training will equip you with the skills, knowledge, and knowhow to be an excellent teacher.

Primary

Our primary routes into teaching are led by Okehampton Primary School. In addition to the 13 other primary schools within our Trust, we work in partnership with a range of other primary schools within Devon and the wider area.

For 2022-23 we will be offering two school direct routes into teaching. Our 5-11 primary specialism route covers all primary phases whilst the 3-7 primary route allows trainees to gain experience in early years and KS1 teaching. Both routes are delivered in partnership with the University of Exeter as part of the PGCE distance learning programme.

We are opening our school doors to those interested in training to teach. Our school experience sessions include a tour of school, visits to lessons, opportunity to discuss our training programme with current trainees and Q and A session with programme leaders. Please email Sally Huxen, SHuxen@dmatschools.org.uk if you are interested in attending a school experience session.

Secondary

Our secondary routes into teaching are led by Tavistock College. In addition to the 2 other secondary schools within our Trust, we work in partnership with a range of other schools within Devon and the wider area.

For 2022-23 we will be offering school direct routes into teaching in the following subjects: Maths, English, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Geography, Computing, Art & design, PE, and Modern Foreign Languages.

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Myth Busting about Teacher Training

Q Can you train as a teacher with any degree?

A Yes! Teaching is a graduate profession. However, any degree at 2: ii or higher is a potential gateway into teaching. At secondary stage a degree in the subject specialism is always desirable but not compulsory. We look at A Level grades people have and there are subject knowledge enhancement (SKE) courses available which can be freely accessed before the training year begins.

Q Is there a 'best route' into teaching?

A No. The main post-graduate routes are to take a traditional university based PGCE or complete a school direct route through a university linked provider or a SCITT. School direct routes tend to include greater time on placement in school. However which route is best depends on you, your experiences and development needs.

Q Does it matter how old you are or how long since you completed your degree?

A No. The teaching profession is full of both new graduates and career changers. Different experiences and life stories can massively enhance the relationships you build in the classroom.

Q Do I need to have had recent school experience to apply for teacher training?

A No. However, it is recommended because it gives you a recent experience into the workings of a primary or secondary classroom. We can help arrange such experience days for you within the Dartmoor MAT. Please contact Sally or Phil via the contact details on the previous page.

Q Am I expected to be a finished teacher at the end of my training year?

A No. Your PGCE year is the beginning of your journey as a teacher. This year feeds into the Early Career Framework (ECF) which provides structured development opportunities in your first 2 years of teaching.

Q What sort of opportunities lie within teaching once you qualify?

A One of the great aspects of teaching is the different opportunities that can arise during your career. You may have a strong interest in the pastoral side of things so that roles such as Head of Year or Head of Key Stage appeal. You could become a Head of Department and specialise in specific subjects. Opportunities to focus on supporting students with Special Educational Needs & Disabilities (SEND) or from Disadvantaged backgrounds often appeal to teachers too.

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