



School Direct Route and School Based Teacher Training - The Real Facts

Dispelling common misconceptions

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<p>I'll get thrown in at the deep end, teaching difficult classes by myself early on</p>	<p>You are part of a team from the start and receive intensive support from experience teachers in the classroom. You won't be teaching classes unsupported until school thinks you are ready, and opportunities will exist to build networks with fellow trainees</p>
<p>I'll only train in one school - I want something broader than this</p>	<p>To become a qualified teacher, you have to take training placements in two settings. Trainees will train in at least two schools, and will usually spend time in other schools too (i.e cross phase, specialisms etc)</p>
<p>There's no academic or theoretical training. I won't get a PGCE</p>	<p>Yes you will. We are working with Sheffield Hallam University who offer the PGCE (60 credits at Masters Level). Our QTS and PGCE programme are set to complement each other.</p>
<p>Don't most people go to University to do teacher training?</p>	<p>School-led routes into teaching have been around for many years, and have high rates of trainee satisfaction.</p>
<p>I won't receive the same level of financial support that I would following a university led path to teaching</p>	<p>There is the same financial support for the School led route. In addition, only school led routes offer a salaried route for career changers.</p>
<p>I'm not sure whether School Direct is for people thinking of switching career</p>	<p>It definitely is. People with at least three year's work experience can apply for the salaried route (and no bursary) or standard training route for which bursaries are available.</p>
<p>School Direct is the same as Teach First</p>	<p>No they are different (although they are both teacher training). You apply to them differently; School Direct through UCAS, Teach First direct to Teach First. There are far more places available for School Direct than Teach First.</p>
<p>SCITTs are the same as School Direct</p>	<p>Various providers can offer the School Direct Programme. SCITTs are a school based provider of ITT.</p>