

**North East
SCITT**



WELCOME TO North East SCITT

We are one of the most successful teacher training providers in North East England and we believe there is no better place for you to learn to teach than with us, in our outstanding lead school and partner schools, learning from the very best teachers.

So if you're thinking about becoming a teacher, you've come to the right place. Whether you are a new graduate, about to graduate, or you are considering a change of career, our school-based initial teacher training courses will give you the foundation you need for a wonderful career as a teacher.

Year-on-year our trainees secure high levels of employment with many going on to work for one of our partnership alliance schools.

We have an 'outstanding' judgment from school inspectors Ofsted - the highest accolade a teacher training provider can be given and one of only a handful of providers in the North East with this top grade.

We think our school-based teacher training course is the very best way to learn to teach. If you're a bright, talented individual with a good degree who is passionate about learning, we would love to hear from you.



**Outstanding teacher training in partnership
with schools across the North East**

WHY TEACH?

At North East SCITT we believe that every child has the right to an excellent education. By becoming a teacher you can help make this right a reality and give young people an equal chance in life.

Being a teacher gives you the unique opportunity to develop personally, to interact with interesting and exciting people, to influence education and to become more reflective on life.

Teaching is not an easy option - you will be challenged intellectually and emotionally, but the chance to watch young people grow and develop, as a direct result of what you have taught them, makes the hard work worthwhile.

To teach is to make a commitment to the future of our society. You will affect young lives on a daily basis and have the opportunity to interact with youngsters, not only on an intellectual level, but on a personal and emotional level every day when you come to work - how many professions can say the same?

JOIN US FOR A TEACHER TRAINING TASTER DAY

If you're thinking about training to teach, why not come into school for the day to get a taste of what teacher training is like?

On your day back at 'big school' you will:

- observe lessons delivered by our outstanding teaching staff
- meet our student council
- meet our current trainees and newly qualified teachers
- meet our friendly, helpful staff
- find out about the routes into teaching, the application and interview process and funding.

Find taster session dates and sign up on our website:

www.northeastscitt.co.uk





WE ARE **OUTSTANDING**

Outstanding teachers, modern facilities and an innovative Initial Teacher Training (ITT) programme are just a few of the reasons to train with us - and of course our outstanding judgment from Ofsted.

By choosing to do your training with North East SCITT you will be immersed in school life from the outset, interacting with students and learning first-hand from outstanding teachers across the North East Teaching School Alliance. Not only will you be based in an outstanding school, The Academy at Shotton Hall is one of just three research schools in the region. This means you have access to, and will be trained using, the latest educational research.

You will train in a broad range of schools, gaining experience and expertise in different areas including special educational needs and disabilities, English as

an additional language (EAL), phonics, and behaviour management. You will experience a tailored training programme which will help you to become an outstanding practitioner from the outset.

You will be allocated a mentor from a team of specialists with vast experience. They will introduce you to school life and help you to learn how to teach your subject or phase, planning effectively through weekly meetings and assessments within school. Your training will lead to QTS through North East SCITT and a PGCE with credits towards a Durham University masters level qualification.

Ofsted rated us as

OUTSTANDING

for our primary and secondary ITT provisions

We have over

90 SCHOOLS

in our partnership alliance from Northumberland to Teesside

You'll be in school

FROM DAY ONE

learning from outstanding teachers

Your PGCE is awarded by

DURHAM UNIVERSITY

and QTS is awarded by North East SCITT

WHY CHOOSE North East SCITT?



Meet **Nasreen Begum**

New graduate - English trainee

What inspired you to become a teacher?

My desire to teach is rooted in my determination to equip young people with the skills and knowledge they need to open doors and thrive in their adult lives. Growing up as a working class teenager I began to really understand the importance of education, which drove me to want to teach. This understanding of the value of teaching eventually turned into a wave of ambition to not only improve my own life by becoming a teacher, but to positively influence future generations by teaching English.

Why did you choose North East SCITT?

The moment I was introduced to the course during my school experience day I knew that North East SCITT was for me. When I met the SCITT staff and saw how knowledgeable and passionate they were, my decision to train there was made! I was given details of the course structure and content which made it clear that they would support and care for each and every trainee. I appreciated coming away with a very thorough understanding of what this life-changing move would mean for me, and left feeling absolutely certain that I could become a successful and influential teacher.

What would you say to anyone thinking of teaching?

The journey to teaching will be challenging and there will be obstacles to overcome throughout your career, but I know that the unforgettable experience will definitely be worth it. Teaching is truly one of the most rewarding, fulfilling, and valuable careers that positively impacts the world we live in.

Do you have any tips or advice for potential trainees?

Never let your doubts consume you. Remember, we all learn from challenges and even failures. Overcoming difficulties are the most rewarding experiences, so take them on the chin and don't give up. You can do it!

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Meet **Daniel Burley**

Career changer - history trainee

What inspired you to become a teacher?

To put it simply, I wanted to talk to people about history. I've always loved the subject and I enjoy talking about it with friends and colleagues. The idea of teaching history as a profession was both exciting and daunting. It was something that people were encouraging me to do for years. It was daunting because of the doubts you have in your mind about whether you can do it; but it was exciting because I could encourage students to give history a chance, to engage with the subject, read the stories and understand how the past shapes the future. It is a profession where you can have a real impact on people's lives.

Why did you choose North East SCITT?

The most valuable aspect that attracted me to the North East SCITT was the personal touch provided by the SCITT team. You feel part of a tightly knit group from the moment you go to the interview. The Research School aspect of the school was also very important, the SCITT is able to implement the newest techniques in educational research – it was an easy decision to make.

What would you say to anyone thinking of teaching?

Take the plunge, it's worth it. You will have your dark days, but we get those in any profession. What sets teaching apart is the rewards. Seeing the light switch on in a student's head when you're teaching a subject you care about is an irreplaceable feeling.

How does teaching differ from your previous career?

Aside from the hours, it's the passion I have for teaching. I get up and I'm excited about what the day will bring, what challenges I will face and how I will approach a particular topic.

Do you have any tips or advice for potential trainees?

Make friends, your fellow trainees will be an invaluable support network throughout the process, don't neglect them.

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Meet Zara Taylor

Career changer - computing trainee

Tell us about your route into teaching

I worked in the marketing department of a multi-academy trust for six years after leaving university. I had wanted to be a teacher since I was little but I was never brave enough to do it - I admired anyone who dared! Working in a school, my confidence grew and when I decided I wanted a different challenge I knew it was time for me to be brave and apply to train to teach.

Why did you choose North East SCITT?

They stood out in more ways than one. From their website to their super friendly and supportive staff. It was an easy choice for me.

What would you say to anyone thinking of teaching?

Yes, it feels scary and yes, there will be times when you wonder if you are making the right choice. But those doubts will soon fade when you are in the classroom, teaching a subject you love. Don't let the negative portrayal of teaching in the media put you off - there's a reason why so many people do it!

What has been your favourite part of training so far?

It's been nice to be a student again, to learn and to meet new people but my favourite part has been teaching! The buzz you get after teaching your first lesson is amazing - especially because I thought I couldn't do it!

How does SCITT differ from your previous career?

I had the freedom in my old job to manage my day, however, in teaching, you have to be in certain places at set times for lessons, break duties etc. I can't just make a cup of tea when I want anymore!

Do you have any tips or advice for potential trainees?

Be organised right from the start. Make lists and buy an academic diary (and a BIG bag - you'll need it!). Plan lessons in advance. Build friendships with your fellow trainees - they are the only ones who will fully understand the roller-coaster that is teacher training. And just believe in yourself - believe you can do it!

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Meet Evangeline Holland

Career changer - primary trainee

Tell us about your route into teaching

Before starting university, I took a gap year to teach abroad with Project Trust, an educational charity in Namibia, and discovered my passion and love for teaching - I knew I had to come back and get a degree so that I could complete my teacher training. I planned to study journalism and had a place at Cardiff waiting for me, but when I discovered how much I loved teaching I had to change my plans.

Why did you choose North East SCITT?

The SCITT offered a two week paid teaching internship for undergraduate university students. I heard about the internship, applied and completed my placement at Browney Academy - one of their trust schools. While there, I experienced teaching and learned more about the SCITT and it won me over. I knew North East SCITT were the people to complete my teaching training with.

What would you say to anyone thinking of teaching?

It's not just a cliché when they say teaching is one of the most rewarding careers - it is. You see your impact day in, day out and you get to make thirty new friends every year. If teaching is for you, you will know it as soon as you step into the classroom. It will be scary but eventually you find your feet.

What has been your favourite part of training so far?

Watching myself develop into the teacher I am going to be. When I stood in front of my first placement class for my first lesson, I was trembling with fear and nervousness. Three weeks later, while on the same placement, I had taught my first full day and it felt amazing. I was no longer trembling, I was excited and confident.

Do you have any tips or advice for potential trainees?

Don't let your worries stop you from entering the classroom, we all make mistakes and it's more than OK. It's important for the children you work with to see you slip up from time to time; it lets them know that it's OK for them to slip up too. Sometimes getting things wrong is how we learn and grow.

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OUR PARTNER SCHOOLS

The schools listed below host teaching placements and our unique programme of mini placements.

Barnard Castle

1. Teesdale School and Sixth Form

Bishop Auckland

2. St Andrew's Primary School
3. St John's Catholic School and Sixth Form

Chester-le-Street

4. Cestia Primary
5. Red Rose Primary School
6. Lord Lawson of Beamish Academy
7. Hermitage Academy

Darlington

8. St Mary's Cockerton CofE Primary
9. Mowden Juniors
10. Mowden Infants

Durham

11. Our Lady of Lourdes RCVA School
12. Browney Academy
13. Consett Academy
14. Durham Johnston School
15. Framwellgate School
16. Blue Coat Junior School
17. Wheatley Hill Primary
18. Broom Cottages
19. Sacriston Academy
20. Parkside Academy

Easington

21. Easington Academy
22. Easington CofE Primary

Gateshead

23. Emmanuel College
24. Kingsmeadow Community School
25. Bill Quay Primary School
26. Corpus Christi Catholic Primary

Hartlepool

27. Eskdale Academy
28. Hart Community Primary
29. St Peters Elwick CofE Primary
30. Ward Jackson CofE Primary

Houghton-le-Spring

31. Easington Lane Primary
32. Gillas Lane Academy
33. Hetton Lyons Primary
34. Kepier School
35. Newbottle Academy
36. Barnwell Academy
37. New Penshaw Academy
38. Dubmire Academy

Newcastle

39. Monkseaton
40. Walker Riverside Academy

Newton Aycliffe

41. St Mary's RC Primary

Northumberland

42. Ashington Academy
43. Bedlington Academy

Peterlee

44. Howletch Primary
45. The Academy at Shotton Hall

Seaham

46. St Cuthbert's RC Primary

Sunderland

47. Castle View Enterprise Academy
48. Diamond Hall Junior Academy
49. Red House Academy
50. Southmoor Academy
51. St Aidan's Catholic Academy
52. East Herrington Primary

Teesside

53. Ian Ramsey CofE Academy
54. Macmillan Academy
55. Northfield School and Sports College
56. The Kings Academy
57. Wynyard CofE Primary

Washington

58. Biddick Academy
59. Holley Park Academy
60. Oxclose Community Academy
61. Malbrough Primary
62. Fatfield Academy
63. Lambton Primary

Wellfield

64. Wellfield Community School



OUTSTANDING TEACHER TRAINING

in partnership with schools across North East England

WHERE WE ARE:

- 1 minute from the A19
- 20 minutes from Durham
- 22 minutes from Middlesbrough
- 35 minutes from Newcastle

WE ARE HERE!

ABOUT OUR PROGRAMME

At North East SCITT, you'll get one of the most immersive, relevant and up-to-date teacher training experiences available with the prestige of being on an established, innovative and ground-breaking course, hosted in an outstanding school with an associated National Research School and linked with a national Teaching School Hub.

You'll be at the heart of school life from the outset, based in school from day one. You'll train within our alliance of over 90 partners across the North East in a range of long and short placements.

Right from the start, you'll be working alongside outstanding teachers, learning from the best with exposure to a broad range of hand-picked experiences.

You'll have the opportunity to opt-in to different specialisms to enhance your expertise in areas such as phonics, behaviour management, pastoral, post-16, early years, SEND (special educational needs and disabilities) and English as an additional language (EAL).

For the duration of the course you'll be attached to a mentor and a team of specialists with vast experience in your subject or phase. The training you will receive will be from current and outstanding classroom practitioners with proven track records of success in the classroom.

After successfully completing your course, you'll earn Qualified Teacher Status (QTS), a PGCE and 60 masters level credits which can be transferred to postgraduate courses.

Our PGCE is accredited by:



WELCOME EVENING

Meet your trainers and fellow trainees.



SUMMER SCHOOL

Induction day at The Academy at Shotton Hall where you'll be introduced to school life.



IMMERSION WEEKS

Three weeks of intensive training to build a foundation for your teaching career including lesson observations, workshops and planning.



TEACHING PLACEMENTS

A five-week and a twelve-week placement in schools across our North East alliance.



MINI PLACEMENTS

Three-day placements, tailored to your needs, including English as an additional language, faith, behaviour management and sixth form.

PUPIL PROGRESS CASE STUDIES

Form part of the assessment toward qualified teaching status and masters level accreditation.



Innovative training on educational changes linked to cutting edge research

Job application support

ECT support
(in your first year as a qualified teacher)

One-to-one support

Pedagogy training alongside outstanding practitioners *(based on research evidence)*

Subject enhancement and delivery days

Personalised action plans

Leadership development pathways



Lydia Lowery



Ros Hutchinson



Chris Peacock



Susan Ingram



Peter Halliday



Kim Bennett



Leanne Storr



Kay Knight

MEET THE TEAM

Lydia Lowery - Director of Teaching School Hub: "Having enjoyed a varied career as both a senior history teacher and as a teaching and learning leader, my role is to lead our trainees to develop into highly effective teachers through my enthusiasm and enjoyment of teaching."

Ros Hutchinson - Deputy SCITT Director and Primary Lead: "I love having the opportunity to shape the next generation of impactful teachers who are committed to raising standards and putting children at the heart of everything they do."

Chris Peacock - Lead for Early Career Teacher Development: "It fills me with pride to have the opportunity to work with a range of providers so that our region develops excellent classroom practitioners capable of securing the best futures possible for our children."

Susan Ingram - Deputy SCITT Director: "I have a passion for teaching and learning, and I love sharing this with trainees. I enjoy supporting our trainees and seeing them develop into exceptional teachers."

Peter Halliday - Senior Tutor: "Looking after all trainees and working closely with universities and other providers to deliver training gives me immense satisfaction. It's great to help new teachers take that first step on their career path."

Kim Bennett - Senior Strategic Leader: "It is a great privilege to work with such an innovative initial teacher training programme and dedicated team. I am proud to have the opportunity to contribute to the development of future highly effective practitioners who can ensure all children and young people receive the excellent education they fully deserve."

Leanne Storr & Kay Knight - Administrators: "We love getting to know our new trainees and making sure everything runs smoothly. From bursary payments to arranging your placements, we're always here to help you navigate the organisational aspects of your programme."



OUR HOME

Our eco building at The Academy at Shotton Hall is home to our trainee teachers. With state-of-the-art facilities, it provides a perfect base for your training with us.

Built in summer 2015 at a cost of just over £1million, our cedar-clad HQ is our teaching and learning oasis and we're very proud of it. With a large, light training room, four classrooms and the SCITT admin nerve centre, our new home gives you the space and sanctuary you need to learn the basics of teaching. Our training incorporates lesson observations in the main school just across the yard, providing

a balanced combination of theory and practice from the outset of the course.

As well as boasting an impressive CV of eco-credentials, the building has been fitted with excellent facilities including 60" touch screen TVs, interactive whiteboards and personal power stations. There are also plenty of kettles to keep the coffee flowing for those early morning starts!

LAST YEAR'S SCITT STATS...



100%

of trainees said they would recommend our course to others

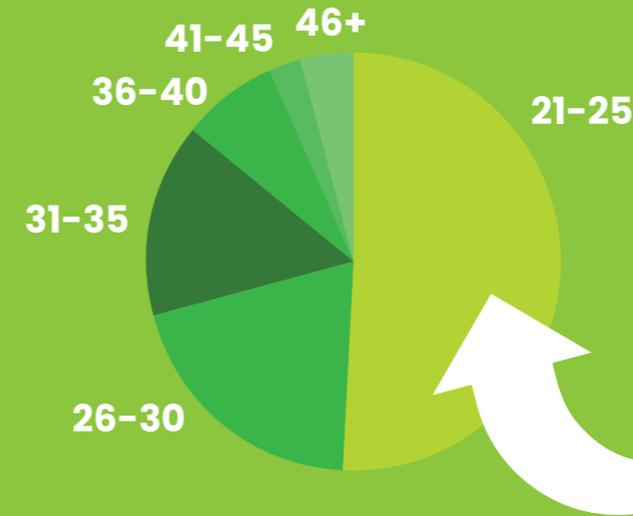
Career changer

49%

51%

New graduate

(0-3 years out of uni)



TRAINEE AGE RANGE

CAREERS trainees had before deciding to teach

| | | | |
|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Police | Gas and oil industry | Artist | Engineering |
| Sales assistant | Armed forces | Finance sector | Ambulance service |
| Researcher | Fraud investigation | Pharmaceutical manufacturer | IT consultant |

WHAT OUR TRAINEES SAY ABOUT US...



I knew a couple of people who had gone through the SCITT and had spoken so highly of the staff and the programme. Everyone is so friendly and helpful and you quickly become part of a lovely SCITT team (even through Covid!). Even during my interview, I felt at ease and knew this was the best route for me.

I would highly recommend the North East SCITT programme! I feel that the hands-on school experience is invaluable.

All of the North East SCITT staff are passionate about teaching and this really shines through in the training they provide.

I loved the fact that the course is very school orientated - the placements and structure of the course are brilliant! On top of that the course leaders are all so lovely, knowledgeable and supportive. I definitely would not even consider being anywhere else for my PGCE year. The link that they have with Durham University is also great, being a uni student for another year means I get to be part of the sports teams!

I could not recommend North East SCITT enough - some of my closest friends have since applied or have started training here. I feel really proud to say I completed my ITT with them. It 100% lives up to its reputation.

My main concern was about the schools that I would be placed in, however, my worries were eased straight away - it is clear that North East SCITT has high expectations of their partnership schools. The team make sure you receive thorough support and mentoring and they are always there to listen when things are challenging.

The depth of training and pedagogical knowledge is so impressive, and the staff are amazing - they fill you with confidence.

Teacher training is intense but I've never felt better supported. The North East SCITT team are excellent at keeping you inspired and encouraging you to be the best teacher you can be.

100% go for it, North East SCITT are there to support you all the way!

I attended an open evening with North East SCITT and was really impressed with how passionate and knowledgeable the teacher training team were. The programme stood out for me as trainees receive a mixture of teaching placements, mini-placements and practical and evidence-based teacher training. North East SCITT gave me confidence that I could train to be an outstanding teacher, and all children deserve an outstanding education.

I could not fault the training at North East SCITT. The team helped me through every step of the way. Concerns, questions, preparation - no request was too much from them.

I did concern myself over general worries such as if I could control a class. I worried about 20 teenagers in one room and whether I could actually teach as well as teachers I have observed. These were quickly calmed by the team at North East SCITT.

I have never been made to feel more welcome and comfortable than while at North East SCITT, including the day I was interviewed. There are other providers who also have outstanding Ofsted ratings, but the North East SCITT Team just ooze professionalism, togetherness and have a level of experience and support that other providers can't compete with.

Although I was offered places with other providers, North East SCITT really stood out as a provider who were going to care about me and my progress and provide me with all of the support I needed.

HOW TO **APPLY**

Applications open in October for our primary and secondary teacher training course places, which start each September. Applications are submitted through the Department for Education Apply Portal at: www.gov.uk/apply-for-teacher-training

We are looking for ambitious graduates or career changers (with a degree) who are passionate and enthusiastic about their subject and who have a strong desire to share this with young people of all abilities. You also need at least a Grade C/Grade 4 in GCSE English and maths, and a Grade C/Grade 4 or above in GCSE science for primary school training. Applicants with relevant industrial or commercial experience are also very welcome to apply.

With the expertise of *MERIT*, we are committed to ensuring that applicants from minority backgrounds are supported in fair access during the application and selection process. *MERIT* provides support mechanisms to guide BME candidates wishing to train as a teacher. Visit their website www.merit-ne.org.uk for more information on the specific support they offer.

COME AND MEET US!

We're always happy to welcome anyone thinking of becoming a teacher at North East SCITT. If you would like to look around the school and meet some of our staff and students, as well as finding out more about our ITT programme, please get in touch. Also, look out for our regular 'Back to School' teacher training taster days on our website.

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You will be in the
CLASSROOM from
DAY ONE
learning from
OUTSTANDING
TEACHERS

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We hope to see you
SOON!



"How do you put up with this?" the town mouse asked in the morning. "Your food is plain and you sleep on leaves!"

"Come to the town with me and I'll show you how to live."

The country mouse was eager to see the town, so she agreed.



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