



Why Train to Teach with BCTSA?

Bishop Challoner Teaching School Alliance (BCTSA) consists of 55 schools, including 22 primaries and one special school, mainly located across the Birmingham area with some schools situated in the surrounding areas of Solihull, Walsall and Redditch. This year one of our partner schools, St Paul's School for Girls, is the Lead School for School Direct on behalf of Bishop Challoner TSA.

As we are such a large Teaching School Alliance, with a wide variety of types of schools, all with a strong track record of training teachers, we can offer a large number of subjects and primary places. Every year we have a large number of trainees, who successfully pass the programme with Good or Outstanding grades. Having a large Alliance also means that the majority of trainees are employed in an Alliance school after completing their training year. Over the last few years we have had a 100% employment record after the training year.

Bishop Challoner TSA works in partnership with the University of Warwick (Ofsted – Outstanding for Initial Teacher Education) for all of our secondary subjects and the primary (general) programme, providing high quality courses and support for trainees, as well as offering a PGCE.

We also work with Newman University on our Primary (PE Specialism) programme. This highly successful programme has seen large cohorts trained not only to teach primary subjects with a focus on PE and Sport, but to support other members of staff in their schools to deliver PE. Many sessions are held over the training year run by professionals in a wide variety of sports, with the opportunity to take coaching awards as well.

There are experienced mentors in Alliance schools who will support you throughout your training year. All mentors undertake training for their role every year with the University and with the TSA. The TSA has an ITT Support Team, which consists of experienced professional/lead mentors from Alliance Schools. Members of the team visit schools/trainees at least 3 times a year.

Accept a place with us and we support you with taking the Professional Skills Tests and also offer opportunities for classroom experience.

To teach within our Alliance means that you will have a unique opportunity of an individualised leadership development programme throughout your career, from trainee to senior leadership and beyond. We run an NQT Development Programme, a range of courses for recently qualified teachers, Subject Specialist training, Middle and Senior Leadership Programmes. BCTSA schools work in partnership on a range of research and development projects and staff also have opportunities to undertake developmental projects on various aspects of Teaching School work.

Bishop Challoner Catholic College is the Lead School for the Central Maths Hub and Lead School for the Central Midlands Science Learning Partnership, allowing schools to access the high quality materials and courses provided.

Come and train to teach with us to **Inspire : Teach : Excel**.

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