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Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians

Re: Get Into Teaching

Teaching is a noble profession. I know that might sound a bit grandiose but I believe it to be true. There can be no more important job than nurturing future generations. It is not easy, as many of you will recognise, as adolescents are interesting beings; developing a mind of their own, risk taking, struggling in the zone between childhood and adulthood. However, the rewards that you see as they emerge as adults with wonderful qualities, virtues, and of course qualifications, are immeasurable.

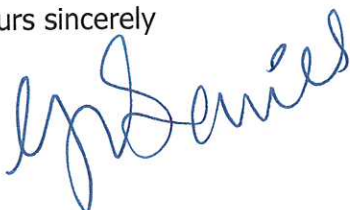
It is this that we sometimes forget in the day to day view of schools and teaching. But the Level 1+ Justice Campaign Evening held on Friday 27 February, at which we listened to 30 powerful presentations challenging injustice was moving and gives all who were there great hope for the future. Our young people are growing into impressive young adults, confident with a strong sense of moral justice, and the skills set to make a difference in life.

So have any of you thought about teaching as a career? It isn't for the faint hearted; it is tough, physically, mentally and emotionally. But if you think it is something for you I wanted to draw your attention to some options.

Routes into teaching have diversified over the last decade and school based training routes have proliferated. For example, Swiss Cottage Special School offer School Direct options though it's Teaching School Alliance as does Lampton School in Hounslow. More information can be found at <http://www.education.gov.uk/get-into-teaching>.

If anyone is interested in finding out more about teaching as a career please let me know and I'd be happy to advise. Please contact me through enquiries@uclacademy.co.uk with 'routes into teaching' in the subject line.

Yours sincerely



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