



## PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHER TRAINING

Primary School Teacher Training with the Hursthead Junior School Alliance enables graduates to train to teach in a variety of Stockport schools in partnership with the University of Manchester.

### WHY CHOOSE THE HURSTHEAD JUNIOR SCHOOL ALLIANCE?

Our alliance is led by Hursthead Junior School, a three-form entry Junior School in the south Manchester suburb of Cheadle Hulme. The school is committed to sharing best practice and leading the training of the teachers of the future.

We are a close-knit alliance of primary schools in the Stockport area, who individually have substantial experience of working with trainees and a strong track record of producing high quality teachers. Partner schools in the alliance are:

<http://www.hursthead-jun.stockport.sch.uk/>

<http://hurstheadinfant.co.uk/>

<http://www.oaktree.stockport.sch.uk/>

<http://www.bradshawhall.stockport.sch.uk/>

<https://handforthgrange.com/>

Whilst each school has its own unique ethos, we all share a passion for developing teachers who are committed to delivering creative and fun teaching and learning opportunities.

We provide a comprehensive programme of learning and support, which equips trainee teachers with the skills and knowledge to become outstanding teachers. Successful applicants to our alliance will become part of a family, which offers mentoring from highly experienced practitioners across the full range of primary phases and which will help you to learn and grow in confidence within stimulating environments.

The alliance offers teacher training places in partnership with the **University of Manchester**. Upon successful completion of the course, you will receive a PGCE qualification and QTS.

## MY TIME WITH THE HURSTHEAD JUNIOR SCHOOL ALLIANCE



This was the perfect training route for me because I wanted to learn on the job! I am so pleased I chose Hursthead Junior School as from day one I was straight into school life and very quickly gained a full understanding of the challenges and expectations of the job. I was supported incredibly well by my mentor and I really felt, throughout my time, that everyone on the staff wanted me to succeed on the course.

For me, the Hursthead Junior School Alliance was the best way to carry out initial teacher training because you have the opportunity to observe expert teachers – on a daily basis! The whole course has been an incredible learning journey and I have been encouraged to take risks that have pushed me out of my comfort zone, but resulted in opening my eyes to new and different ways of teaching.

At the end of my training with Hursthead Junior School, I felt fully equipped for my ECT years. We had a wealth of meaningful, practical experiences, from meeting with subject leaders and taking part in training courses to attending parents' evening appointments. It was the most challenging but rewarding year, and I am excited for my future career as a teacher.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

#### Undergraduate Degree

Applicants should hold a minimum of 2:2 honours degree from a UK university, or a qualification recognised as equivalent.

#### A-levels

All selected candidates will have equivalent to two A levels at grade C or above in preferred subjects.

#### GCSEs

All selected candidates must have attained a standard in English, mathematics and science which is equivalent to the standard required to achieve a grade C (4) in GCSE examination. Equivalency tests are accepted. Applicants should also possess GCSE grade C (4) in at least 3 other preferred subjects.

## WHAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR

### Aptitude

We are committed to providing outstanding learning experiences for our children, and for our staff, therefore our trainees will need to be prepared:

- To have a 'can do' philosophy and a creative approach to learning
- To enjoy working with young people and have a passion for learning
- To be flexible and have the ability to use initiative
- To carry out professional duties in a positive and courteous manner
- To have high expectations for their students and themselves
- To be committed to ongoing professional development

### Personal Qualities

- ✓ A sensitive, caring professional
- ✓ A committed, hard-worker
- ✓ A team player
- ✓ A confident, engaging communicator
- ✓ A resilient learner

## HOW WE SELECT OUR TRAINEES

### Application Form

We will assess the application forms along with the University of Manchester using the criteria outlined. We aim to notify you of our decision within 40 working days of receiving your application and interviews will be held at regular intervals throughout the year.

### School Based tasks

You will be invited into an alliance school to undertake a short task with a group of students. You will be provided with information about the nature of this task in order to prepare appropriately. We will use this task to assess interaction with students; ability to enthuse, engage and communicate well with children. There will also be a presentation task and a formal interview. (On the day, there will be identity and qualification checks – please provide photographic ID, proof of address and copies of your academic qualifications.)

## APPLICATIONS

Applications to School Direct at Hursthead Junior School are made via **APPLY**. See <https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-teacher-training> and search for **Hursthead Junior School Alliance** as a provider.

## **CONTACT**

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