

➤ Routes into teaching

Schools Direct

Schools Direct is a school-based route to achieving Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) or PGCE. It provides the opportunity to immerse yourself in teaching and to work alongside inspiring practitioners to lay the foundations for your own outstanding career in teaching.

You will spend four days a week in school, working practically in classrooms, alongside expert colleagues who will support you to become an increasingly independent teacher. The remaining day will be spent at a training provider (SCITT) studying the pedagogy of teaching and learning. Depending on the provider and personal preference, trainees will attain either QTS or a Post Graduate Qualification in Education (PGCE).

JCoSS works in partnership with various training providers to deliver Schools Direct training: **The Compton SCITT**; **The London School of Jewish Studies (LSJS)** and the **TES Institute**.

There are two routes through Schools Direct:

School Direct (Salaried)

- Trainee is employed by the host school
- Trainee is paid a salary (usually on the unqualified scale)
- Trainee undertakes a (reduced) teaching timetable from day one
- Trainee attends a professional studies programme at a training provider/SCITT one day per week
- Trainee attains QTS and/or PGCE
- Placement in a second setting
- Host school pays fees to training provider

School Direct (Unsalariated)

- Trainee can apply for a bursary from DfE*
- Supernumerary (so timetable is more flexible)
- Trainee attains QTS and/or PGCE
- Placement in a second setting
- Trainee pays fees to training provider (£9250)

*Bursaries are available for some subjects but these change annually, so check the Get into Teaching website for up-to-date information.

The Compton SCITT

The Compton SCITT Partnership, designated outstanding, is our delivery partner who deliver the pedagogy to trainees from across a number of local schools for one day a week. They are committed to delivering a high quality “hands on” training experience that will provide trainees with the foundations for a rewarding career in teaching.

<https://www.thecompton.org.uk/587/welcome-to-the-compton-scitt-partnership>

London School of Jewish Studies (LSJS)

LSJS is a partnership of Jewish schools with its own SCITT. It is an outstanding provider which prides itself on its small size which allows them to offer excellent support and 1-1 mentoring. LSJS is particularly suitable for those with an interest in gaining experience of working in Jewish schools and for those training in Jewish Education and Ivrit, although some secular subjects are offered as well, including Maths and Science.

<https://www.lsis.ac.uk/>

As well as the Schools Direct routes, we offer a Straight to Teaching Route with **TES Institute**.

TES Institute - Straight to Teaching

Straight to Teaching is a unique programme for attaining QTS. It is particularly suitable for staff already working in a school environment, such as Learning Support Assistant or unqualified teachers, who are able and experienced enough to teach a timetable independently while undertaking the training programme. We offer this route largely to our existing staff and LSAs who wish to qualify as teachers.

<https://www.tes.com/institute/straight-to-teaching-qts>

University-led training

We offer placements to PGCE students from Higher Education partners including UCL, Goldsmiths, Kings, London Metropolitan University and Middlesex University across a range of subjects.

Whichever route you choose, we look forward to receiving your applications for 2026-7