

# Learners First School Direct NewsLetter

February 2023



We have had a busy half term with lots of teaching events and getting to know lots of individuals interested in a career in teaching. If you have missed any events do not worry! There will be plenty more coming up during the spring term.

To keep up to date with these events please follow our Twitter @Learners\_First.

## **ITT Learning activities this term.**

Our primary ITT's have had a busy half term with their foundation subjects to support their teaching of these subjects.

We have had a range of activities from science experiments to designing their own sky scrapers. We have also been lucky to have our SEND experience days face to face with the support of Nexus trust.

Our Secondary ITTs have been very busy on their enhancement placement in their 'B' school getting the chance to experience an alternative setting for 6 weeks before returning to their A school after February half term.

## **Top Tips for Success**



Although your ITT year will be one of the most challenging years it will also be the most rewarding.

The key to being successful is to be prepared and not to worry about asking for help.

Things to consider:

Have you read and re-read your personal statement. Does it showcase your knowledge and experience? Is this reflected in your application?

Are you prepared for interview?

As a School Direct provider we are not looking for a ready made teacher however we will be assessing your ability to teach. To ensure you are ready for your interview it would be beneficial to immerse yourself into the world of teaching. Blogs, Twitter feeds, Podcasts are all great starting points to discuss educational topics and read about these.

Have you got a 'Get into Teaching' advisor who can sign post you to fees and funding you may be able to access.

Have you signed up to our 1:1 calls which are bespoke to individual circumstances and to sign post you in the correct direction of the course for you.

## Learners First internship programme

Learners First are recruiting for the Teaching internship programme commencing on the 12th June 2023. Applications are open for the programme for Maths, Physics, Chemistry, Computing and Modern Foreign Language (MFL) in schools.

How to apply can be found on our website below  
<https://www.learnersfirst.net/internships/>

The internship programme is designed to give undergraduates an insight into how the Initial Teacher Training programme runs and also to develop further knowledge on the role of a teacher.

## Things to consider before making an application:

1. Have you had a 1:1 call with a member of the Learners First Teacher Training team to discuss the best option for training. These can be booked via the QR code below or alternatively email [teachertraining@learnersfirst.org](mailto:teachertraining@learnersfirst.org) for further information.
2. Have you got the time to gain experience in schools? This is a great way of getting a feel for the classroom. These can be found on the DfE 'Get School Experience' site at a location near you.
3. Have you signed up for a Get into Teaching advisor. You can sign up to receive an advisor who can guide you through the application process and help you formulate your personal statement  
  
<https://adviser-getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/>
4. Have you looked at the minimum requirements for teacher training and have you got the relevant qualifications in place prior or by September?

## Minimum course requirements

A honours degree at 2:2 or above

GCSEs in Maths and English at grade C (4) or above.

For Primary trainees you will also need science at grade C or above.

## Fees and Funding

The Department for Education (DfE) offer a tax-free bursary for ITT. This is dependent on your degree classification and subject you wish to train in.

Financial support for trainee teachers has never been better. You could get £24,000 tax-free while you train, either as a bursary or prestigious scholarship – or you could earn a salary of up to £19, 340 while you train on a School Direct (salaried or apprenticeship) course.

For further details please [click here](#).

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