



Stand Out Teacher Training: ***Train to teach. Make a difference.***

Victoria Academies Trust offers the School Direct initial teacher training programme in partnership with the University of Birmingham (an OFSTED rated outstanding HEI provider). School Direct is a route into teacher training that places school-based experiences at the heart of the programme. We work with the University in recruiting and selecting trainees to provide a high-quality training programme.

During your training year, you will attend taught sessions at the University of Birmingham and complete three placements within the nine academies that form Victoria Academies Trust. All of our academies are primary and although they all have shared values, ethos and approach you will find the schools very diverse, preparing you well for life after training. Just some of the diverse differences include pupils with English as an additional language; schools with a social enterprise; a school with an autism base; schools with nurseries and without; a brand new free school and small one-form entry schools to larger three-form entry schools. Our Academy Trust schools include:

Victoria Park Primary Academy (Smethwick)
Devonshire Infant Academy (Smethwick)
Devonshire Junior Academy (Smethwick)
Northfield Manor Primary Academy (Northfield)
Fibbersley Park Academy (Willenhall)
Foley Park Primary Academy (Kidderminster)
Birchen Coppice Primary Academy (Kidderminster)
Rowley Park Primary Academy (Stafford)
Poppyfield Primary Academy (Cannock)

By training with Victoria Academies Trust you will become part of a vibrant family of innovative schools, where you will see examples of immersive teaching embedded into a curriculum that is designed to be linked to real life, purposeful learning for the children. You will have the opportunity to train among outstanding practitioners who are committed to developing creative, innovative, passionate and knowledgeable teachers. We promise you will be

strongly supported throughout your training by highly skilled mentors and tutors, with this goal in mind.

The School Direct route with Victoria Academies Trust leads to the award of the Postgraduate Diploma in Education (PGDipEd) with Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) at Primary level.

The cost of undertaking the programme is £9,250. Once individuals have accepted a place, they can make applications for tuition fee loans through Student Finance England, to cover the cost of their training. Bursaries and Scholarships are also available to eligible individuals to part or fully fund their training. For more information on funding:

<https://getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/funding-my-teacher-training/bursaries-and-scholarships-for-teacher-training>

Applicants must have:

- GCSEs (or equivalent) in English, Maths and Science – grade 4/ C or above.
- A good honours degree (or recognised equivalent), preferably BA or BSc 2:1 or above (although we will consider a 2:2 classification on a case by case basis).

Applications to train with Victoria Academies Trust can be made via UCAS for Primary School Direct training places: www.ucas.com

If you would like more information about School Direct Teacher Training via Victoria Academies Trust, please visit:

<https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/postgraduate/courses/taught/edu/school-direct-lead-schools.aspx>

<https://find-postgraduate-teacher-training.education.gov.uk/> (provider code 24Y)

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