



Penistone
Area Partnership



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The highest standards of education and care for all



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Having looked at several training providers, I went with the PAP based on the rigor of the selection process and my impressions of the people. I haven't been disappointed! Excellent support and communication all through my placement, recognising that trainees are people first with concerns and worries.

Stuart Powell – Teacher of Computing

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Why you should train to teach with us.

We provide an evidenced informed teaching programme, led by the latest teaching pedagogy to inform you and our practice. We provide opportunities to train in inspirational school environments with support starting at the application stage, throughout your placements and into your ECT year.

Our vision is to provide the highest standard of education and care for all, through an inclusive, diverse, evidenced informed training programme to nurture and equip you with the skills and knowledge to thrive in the education sector.

We work alongside Sheffield Hallam Institute of Education, the 2nd largest provider of teacher training to deliver an excellent School Direct programme.

We offer School Direct opportunities across both Primary, including Early Years and Secondary with an opportunity to gain experience at Penistone Grammar School's Post-16 centre, alongside our dedicated SEND provision; The HeartSpace.

We are located in the beautiful surroundings of the Peak District with easy commuting links to Sheffield, Huddersfield, Leeds, Barnsley and Wakefield. Why would you choose anywhere else?

What is School Direct?

School Direct teacher training is a school based training programme led and delivered by schools, leading to a PGCE with QTS and masters accreditation. Working in conjunction with Sheffield Hallam University.

From day one of the academic year you join your department to develop your teaching pedagogy, learning about the world of education and what it has to offer. As part of the programme you will;

- Have a host school where you will complete the majority of your training.
- Attend an alternative placement.
- Have a dedicated subject mentor.
- Have a academic tutor who is a specialist in their subject area.
- Attend weekly partnership CPD informed by current evidence informed teaching, alongside host school CPD.
- Have access to an excellent Post-16 provision and a dedicated SEND provision to further develop your teaching pedagogy.
- Be supported to secure your 1st teaching position.

Alongside our provision you will attend SHU one day a week to further develop your teaching pedagogy, get support with academic assignments and meet your academic mentor.



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Training with the PAP was the best decision I ever made, it can be really difficult making your choice when applying for teaching, but from the moment I interviewed with PAP I knew it was the provider for me. The support given throughout my training and even before starting was fantastic. You immediately feel like part of a teaching community with excellent support from mentors and other trainees. The CPD sessions are informative with great teaching and learning techniques, preparing us to be the best teachers possibly can be.

Rebecca Atkinson – Teacher of D&T

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Funding Options

Trainees have access to tuition fee loans, maintenance loans, teaching bursaries and scholarships.

You can still apply for a tuition fee and a maintenance loan if you already have a student loan, and regardless of whether you get a teaching bursary or scholarship.

You will only have to make loan repayments once you're earning. Your repayments will not increase if you already have a student loan and take an additional loan for teacher training.

Bursaries are available for a range of subjects. To find out more about funding, visit <https://getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/funding-your-training>

Entry Requirements

The requirements to Train to Teach are;

- Undergraduate degree 2:2 or above awarded by an higher education provider
- GCSE English and Maths at grade 4/C or above or equivalent*.
- If you intend to train in Primary you will require a 4/C or above in GCSE Science.

If you haven't achieved the required GCSEs, there are options to study the qualifications through local colleges or at home.

If the subject you want to teach isn't in your degree but you have a strong A-Level in your desired subject, you can undertake a Subject Knowledge Enhancement course to enhance your knowledge.

*For details of GCSE equivalent please contact Sheffield Hallam on 0114 225 5555.





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PAP is a supportive partnership. We had direct contact with the lead of the partnership from day one, they provide excellent guidance to help really develop our practice and pedagogy. The mentors are fab too!

Zak Erskine – Teacher of History

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How to apply

To apply to train to teach visit www.gov.uk/apply-for-teacher-training to begin your application.

As part of your application you will provide evidence of;

- Qualifications (GCSE, A Level and Higher Education)
- Previous work experience
- Personal Statement
 - Why do you want to become a teacher?
 - What do you know about the subject you want to teach?
- References

Once we have received an application and are satisfied it meets the requirements, candidates will be invited to a school based interview which is designed to get the best match of applicants for our places.

Penistone St Johns Primary School and Penistone Grammar School are the lead schools in the partnership and will co-ordinate the recruitment process on behalf of the partnership. Our university and partner staff may be involved in the interview process.





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