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Top Ten: Why become a teacher?

1 No two days are the same

If you're the type of person who loves every day to be different, teaching may be just right for you. Teaching is a job with built-in variety, as you work through new units, teach new topics, and work with new children each year.

2 You'll get to learn as well as teach

One of the main reasons for wanting to teach is devotion to lifelong learning. Teachers not only get to share their existing knowledge, but they get to dig deeply into topics and the latest research to learn continually along the way. There are plenty of ways to develop your own learning through professional development.

3 Make a difference with visible results

If you ask teachers why they chose this career they will speak of the ability to make a real difference to student's lives. Unlike other professions, you can tailor learning to your students and see the lightbulb moments when that learning clicks. You can plan and teach lessons which will shape the next generation.

4 Work all over the world

Teaching is a highly transferable skill. If you train to become a qualified teacher, you'll be able to work pretty much anywhere in the world. Whether it's teaching English or a specialist subject, you can work and explore at the same time. International schools are growing in number all over the world and many are looking favourably upon teachers who have trained and qualified in England. To teach in England and Wales, you will need Qualified Teacher Status (QTS). QTS is recognised by British schools overseas, but is not always internationally recognised and a Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) may be needed.

5 You'll have job security

While other jobs can be easily automated and replaced by technology, at the heart of teaching is human interaction. Teaching can therefore offer job security and a longer term option for career progression.

6 Teaching is a highly social job

Another bonus for many is the chance to work in a sociable atmosphere. You'll work as part of a team with your colleagues, while interacting with students each day. Teachers also have the opportunity to become an integral part of the community, getting to know parents and community members.

7 Responsibility and autonomy

As a teacher you will be responsible for a range of aspects such as planning, teaching, bringing about effective learning, assessing and managing behaviour in your own classroom or department. In the context of the school in which you are based, you will be able to make decisions regarding what's best for your students in order to bring about life long learning. You will have the opportunity to inject your own personality into your job along the way.

8 Holidays

Whilst this may not be the number one reason to become a teacher, regular, paid holidays, including the summer break, are another great perk that differs from other professions.

9 Competitive starting salary

If you have qualified teacher status (QTS), you'll get a minimum starting salary of £31,650* (or higher in London) as a primary or secondary school teacher in England. Your salary will be reviewed every year, with most teachers moving up the pay range annually. There are lots of opportunities for progression within teaching – you could earn over £43,000* in 5 years. (*Salary correct at the time of print)

10 You'll have more than just a job

At the end of the day, teaching offers far more than just a pay cheque. You'll have a satisfying career, knowing that you've made a difference in many lives. Through interacting with students and community members from a range of different backgrounds, you'll gain greater understanding of your own society and flex your creative skills. So why teach? For the personal growth.

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