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Northamptonshire
Teaching School Hub

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for Northamptonshire schools



Welcome to the second ITT bulletin from Northamptonshire Teaching School Hub.

We believe that every child in our region deserves to be taught by a well-qualified teacher. We need your support to boost our teaching workforce and give all children the best opportunity to succeed.

👉 Please visit our [website](#) | [Train to Teach](#) | [Information for Schools](#) for more info



Ways to get involved

Meet our ITT Strategic Lead

Kate Coleman leads the ITT Strategy for Northamptonshire Teaching School Hub and is the point of contact for schools interested in engaging with ITT. Read about Kate's experience [here](#).

Kate is also the Chair for the Regional ITT Partnership Forum for all local providers.

We can support schools of all sizes to get involved in Initial Teacher Training. Please get in touch for a conversation about how you can take part.

Contact: kate.coleman@northantsTSHub.org

1. Claim your ITT Mentor Training Funding

If you have staff who completed the training to be an initial teacher training mentor with a provider, or multiple providers, then please claim your funding. This is for the school year starting September 2024.

You will need to have:

- offered ITT placements with an *accredited* provider
- have at least one team member who has completed, or started their ITT mentor training
- is registered with [Get information about schools \(GIAS\)](#)

You can register for this service and set up an account now. You will then receive information as to when the claim window will open in **May 2025**.

Please follow this link: [Claim funding for mentor training - GOV.UK](#)

In order to begin this registration you will need:

- the name of your accredited ITT provider
- your mentors' teacher reference numbers (TRN)
- your mentors' dates of birth
- completed training hours - you should check these with your provider

To access this service, you will be asked to sign in, or create a Department for Education (DfE) Sign-in account.

If you have any problems accessing your account or setting this up then please email: ittmentor.funding@education.gov.uk.

2. Upcoming Train to Teach event for anyone interested in a career in teaching



[Register here](#)

Wednesday 2nd April 2:00pm -5.30pm at Northamptonshire Teaching School Hub, Brooke Weston Academy, Coomb Road, Corby, Northants, NN18 8LA

This will be an excellent opportunity to hear about all the different routes into teaching which are available, with advice and guidance from representatives of the initial teacher training providers in this county. This will support current staff without QTS, or those in your community who may be interested in teaching as a first or change of career.

It is open to everyone including school leaders who may wish to explore the range of ways to develop their recruitment strategy.

👉 Please advertise this in any way you can to build teacher recruitment in this county – do add to newsletters, share on social media as this will boost the interest in training in the county and staying in our varied schools.

3. Do you have a teacher in your school who has a teaching qualification from overseas, who does not currently hold QTS?

👉 **There is now new information and criteria for awarding QTS to teachers who hold these overseas qualifications.**

The DfE has changed the way that it will award QTS to those who hold overseas teaching qualifications: Please access this document if you have a teacher from overseas who would like to gain QTS and so validate their qualifications to teach in English schools:

[Awarding qualified teacher status to overseas teachers](#)

👉 Do you have someone interested in training to be a language teacher?

The British Council is offering Language Teacher Training Scholarships of £28,000 per year for French, German and Spanish trainees. Scholarships are available for teacher trainees who have secured a place with an ITT provider for the 2025/26 academic year.

Please share this opportunity which could support your future trainees with valuable funding and continued professional development. Further information and dates will be advertised on the British Council website.

Remember that scholarships/bursaries are also available in physics, chemistry, computing and maths, applications are open across all subjects.

For further information on Scholarship programmes, visit [Scholarships and bursaries](#)

Please see our list of providers across Northants who provide Secondary training to be a language teacher [Local Providers of Initial Teacher Training](#)

4. Guidance: Routes into Teaching

A reminder that Northamptonshire Teaching School Hub, can support existing unqualified staff in your school community on their journey to gain QTS.

With a wealth of providers in this County and a range of routes, we can support your school in building great teachers to work in your school now and a pipeline of teachers for the future.

Please follow this link to find out about routes available for unqualified staff working in school already. This info graphic gives you information about what you can do to support staff who have a degree, or for those who need to gain one.

[QTS Routes for school staff](#)

This diagram explains the routes available and who in this area provides which route. This includes apprentice, degree apprentice and Assessment Only routes which will suit those who are working with you already, or who wish to work in your school. These routes may suit you and be affordable options to build your workforce. Please follow this link for more information about suitability and cost.

Routes into Teaching

👉 Visit our website for more information: [Northamptonshire Teaching School Hub - Train to Teach in Northants](#)

👉 For any further information, or to have a conversation about your staffing needs please contact Kate Coleman.

We are very happy to support prospective trainees, Head Teachers and Senior Staff and school clusters through advice, meetings, or a chat through.

5. Keep in touch

If you'd like to explore further ways to support ITT and build a sustainable teacher workforce, please do get in touch:

- emailing: itt@northantsTSHub.org / kate.coleman@northantsTSHub.org
- phoning: 01536 397013

Kind regards

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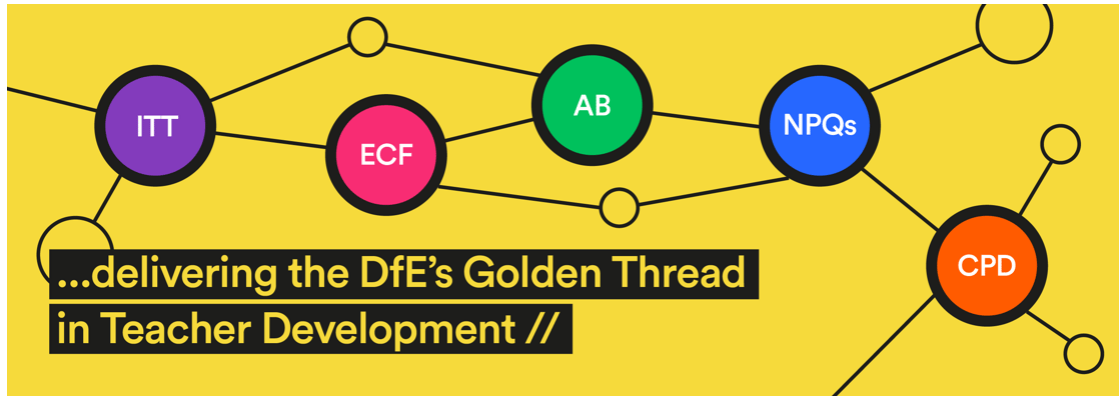
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