

# School Direct

## Teacher Training



### Are you considering a career in teaching?

*"Every child deserves a champion - an adult who will never give up on them, who understands the power of connection and insists that they become the best that they can possibly be."*

Margaret Mead

### Will YOU be that champion?

- Do *you* have a gift for inspiring others to learn?
- Would *you* enjoy meeting the challenge of building the core skills of young children?
- Would *you* like to train in a vibrant learning community with a curriculum derived from the very best of international practice?



### Train with us!

As the lead school within the Deep Learning Teaching School Alliance, Our Lady of Pity R.C. Primary School offers training in an outstanding teaching environment to enable you to develop a deep understanding of excellence in the classroom. While training with us there will be collaborative opportunities which include working with a number of outstanding schools in contrasting catchment areas.

- Do *you* have what it takes to develop initiatives and take part in practical, workplace-based research?
- Are *you* interested in developing the landscape for students who follow you?
- Do *you* want to develop your leadership capacity to the full?

Our Alliance provides a unique opportunity for you to train, not just as a teacher for tomorrow, but as a future leader of education. Our Lady of Pity is a Catholic school and offers you the opportunity to train in the context of the Christian ethos, but there is no religious requirement for students. Second placement schools will offer non-faith based settings.

A career in teaching is satisfying, fulfilling and has the capacity to change lives. Our Lady of Pity offers post graduate training through the School Direct Initial Teacher Training programme in partnership with Liverpool John Moore's University.

Our training programme places you in the classroom to learn alongside successful, inspirational teachers who are passionate about their work and have a gift for developing these skills in others. This one year training programme includes a six week placement in a contrasting school and offers you experience with infant and junior children.

Visit Our Lady of Pity's school website for more information: [www.olschool.co.uk/school-direct](http://www.olschool.co.uk/school-direct)

Contact Clare Peers ([cpeers@ourladyofpity.co.uk](mailto:cpeers@ourladyofpity.co.uk)) if you would like to find out more.

You are welcome to arrange a visit to our Lead School, see the learning as it happens and speak to our current School Direct Associate Teachers.

## How does our School Direct programme work?

We run the School Direct programme through a consortium of schools, all of which will offer highest quality placements for successful candidates. One day of each week is spent at Liverpool John Moore's University, developing your core skills and exploring the fundamental principles of teaching and learning. The other four days each week (apart from additional incidental training) are spent in your placement school: team teaching, planning, resourcing and delivering the full range of the primary school curriculum.

Successful candidates will be offered a place after a one day interview process. They will then be offered a familiarisation visit to the school within the consortium most likely to be their main placement training school.

We offer Primary and Early Years Primary training placements with mathematics specialism, through the non-salaried route. Successful applicants may be eligible to apply for a Department of Education bursary. Successful applicants can apply for a tuition fee loan from Student Finance England. Further details can be found on the website: [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)

### Who can apply?

Applicants will need to hold, or expect to gain a minimum 2:2 initial degree. Additionally, a standard equivalent to Grade C at GCSE level in: Mathematics, English Language and Science are required. Trainees must demonstrate very high standards of communication in both spoken and written English. More details are on the UCAS website. Our UCAS ID number is: 1W3

### Which courses are available?

For the year of study 2016-17 we have places available for:

**PGCE Primary FS/KS1:** who will focus their learning within the Foundation

Stage (3-5 years) with experience also in Key Stage 1 (5-7 years). This course is ideal for those who are fascinated by the earliest developments in children's formal acquisition of skills. Enabling a child led approach and teaching the skills necessary to respond to learning in a large group are specialised skills which will flourish in the classroom context where theory becomes practice on a daily basis.

**PGCE Primary 5-11:** Our Lady of Pity R.C. School leads a consortium of good and outstanding schools offering the School Direct programme. As the lead school for the Deep Learning Teaching School Alliance, we are at the leading edge of educational initiative and career development. We develop our students, not to become class teachers of tomorrow but to become future leaders in education. Through the Teaching School Alliance, you will take part in live active research and access top quality training.

**PGCE Primary 5-11 with Specialism in P.E.:** This course is ideal for those with an interest in sport, fitness and well-being. We offer a range of experiences through the curriculum and you will be working alongside outstanding and experienced teachers and coaches who will guide you through a fun and creative course. You will receive training in one of our alliance schools to become first and foremost a class teacher, with a specialism of P.E.

**PGCE Primary 5-11 with Specialism in Mathematics:** Our Lady of Pity R.C. School is developing the teaching of mathematics locally in co-ordination with the local Maths Hub, led by St Mary's and St Thomas' School in St Helens. This work is truly shaping the mathematics teaching of the future, with hugely exciting developments including training from Singapore as the nation foremost in the world for accelerated and sustained improvement in mathematics teaching.

Completing our School Direct training will result in a Post Graduate Certificate in Education (PGCE).

**How do I apply?** Through the **UCAS website:** [www.ucas.com/how-it-all-works/teacher-training](http://www.ucas.com/how-it-all-works/teacher-training)



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