



“AN OUTSTANDING SECONDARY TEACHING TRAINING PROVIDER” (Ofsted 2016)



WHAT IS THE OAKS?

The Ormiston and Keele SCITT (OAKS) is an Ofsted Outstanding provider of secondary initial teacher training based at Keele University in Newcastle-under-Lyme, North Staffordshire. We currently oversee seven regional hubs spread across the UK. Our mission is to nurture future professionals and give back to the local communities through high quality teacher recruitment, education and retention.

We are partnered with Keele University and Ormiston Academies Trust (OAT), along with over 60 secondary education school placement providers. We also utilise many other educational settings that provide additional enrichment experiences for all OAKS trainee teachers. Further details on our placement schools can be found at theoaks.org.uk/hubs/overview.

Our schools and colleges are located in and around the following geographical areas:

- Birmingham and the Black Country
- Norfolk
- Stafford
- Suffolk
- Cheshire
- North Staffordshire and Shropshire
- Stoke

THE OAKS ROUTES INTO TEACHING AND SUBJECTS OFFERED

The OAKS is aware that everyone's journey into teaching is different, therefore we offer the following programmes: PGCE, School Direct, School Direct Salaried, Assessment Only (QTS Only).

We currently offer secondary programmes in:

- Art and Design
- Computing
- Geography
- Music
- Social Science
- Biology
- Design and Technology
- History
- Physical Education
- Business Studies
- Drama
- Languages
- Physics
- Chemistry
- English
- Mathematics
- Religion and Worldviews

WHAT YOU GET FROM THE OAKS

All trainee teachers follow a programme to gain qualified teacher status (QTS) and have the opportunity to be accredited with an academic PGCE award. Your experience will include:

- Immersive school-based training
- Two contrasting secondary training placements
- CV enhancing carousel of visits and experiences with alternative professional settings
- Primary enrichment week
- Residential educational experience*
- KS5 teaching experience
- Team Teach Level One in Positive Behaviour Management accreditation

* Depending on Covid-19 restrictions

WHY TRAIN TO TEACH WITH THE OAKS?

1. Bespoke and personalised support

Trainee teachers benefit from the support of a range of key staff during their training year. This includes their OAKS personal tutor, their subject expert, school-based Subject Mentor and Professional Tutor, along with a dedicated Support Tutor from The OAKS.

2. Continuing Professional Development (CPD)

In addition to the PGCE, as a school-based initial teacher training (ITT) provider, trainee teachers will benefit from a wide range of CPD sessions that are delivered by expert staff across our school partnership.

3. School-based

As we are a school-based ITT provider, our trainee teachers will benefit from current, practising education professionals and a range of school experiences to enrich their training year.

4. High quality mentoring

Trainee teachers will be supported by subject mentors and subject experts across both placements. These members of staff are practising experts in their respective fields and will all be exclusively trained by The OAKS to ensure the best possible mentoring experience. Additionally, you will also be supported by an in-school professional tutor, who will provide access to high quality training and CPD from across the partnership. To ensure a cohesive transition between placements, your mentor from your second placement will come to visit you in your first school to observe you while you teach.

5. ECT and beyond

Upon completion of your training year there will be a smooth transition into your early career development. The OAKS initial teacher training links seamlessly with the ECT programme and other CPD opportunities, which will be open to you even if you are not employed in an OAT academy.

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE OAKS

Those interested in training for the upcoming academic year please visit our website at theoaks.org.uk. This is a great place to start for information about The OAKS, and contains up to date links to key information needed to start the application process. The OAKS appreciates that applying to train to teach can be a very stressful process, with many factors to consider. Our fantastic administrators are available to assist you with any queries you may have and guide you through the process of applying to be an OAKS trainee teacher. For more information contact Kirsty Pickin k.a.pickin@keele.ac.uk or Kate Brown c.j.brown@keele.ac.uk.

Visit theoaks.org.uk.

SOCIAL MEDIA @ THE OAKS

The OAKS also has an active engagement with several social media platforms. Please follow, like and share to keep up to date with everything at The OAKS.

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