

NORTHERN LIGHTS TEACHING SCHOOL ALLIANCE

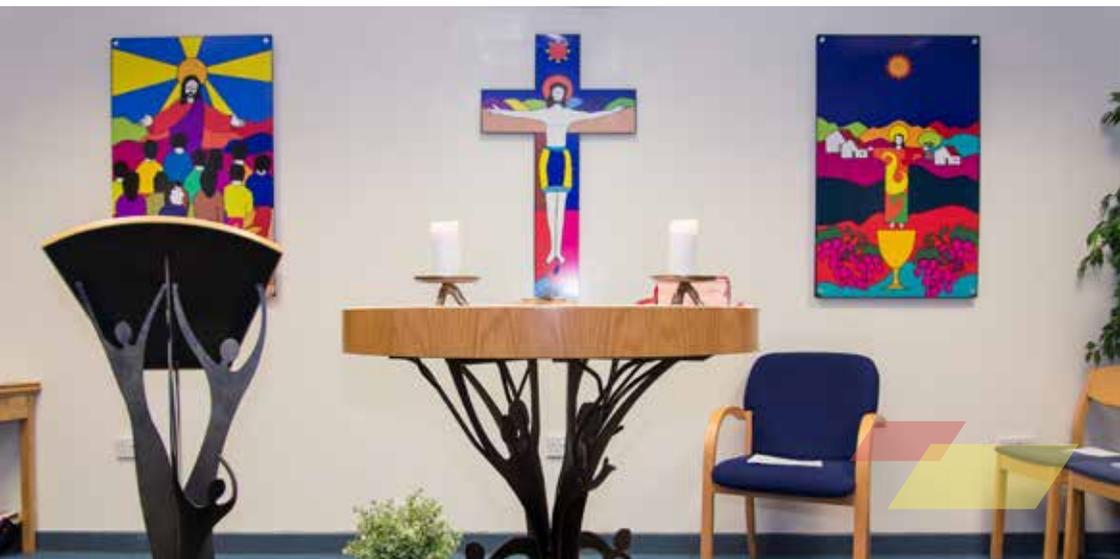


**ST THOMAS MORE
CATHOLIC SCHOOL**
A LEAD SCHOOL FOR SCHOOL DIRECT



About St Thomas More Catholic School

St Thomas More Catholic School was one of the first schools in England to be designated a Teaching School by the National College of Teaching and Leadership. In 2013 Ofsted judged St Thomas More School as 'outstanding' across all areas.



The Teaching School Team are dedicated to support you as a trainee teacher. Collectively as a department, we have over 50 years experience developing outstanding teachers.

You will have the opportunity to develop your skills alongside experienced staff who currently teach. As part of the training programme you will be given a personal subject mentor who will support you through your learning journey with a particular emphasis on your subject area. We offer a friendly, supportive and challenging environment for you to train in.

Northern Lights Teaching School Alliance

The alliance partnership consists of outstanding schools led by St Thomas More Catholic School, Blaydon and St Mary's Catholic School in Longbenton. Both schools work with primary and secondary schools across the Newcastle and Gateshead area.

For examples of our programmes and training opportunities please visit our dedicated website at www.northernlightstsa.com



Application

All applications for Teacher Training programmes are managed by UCAS. Applications open in the autumn preceding the training year and schools are able to accept applications from then until the following summer.

Selection will be in January, April and June. However, applications are welcome all year round.

Application will depend on your personal situation. Undergraduates may wish to consider the outcome of their degree prior to applying. Application rates are high and conditional offers for programme places can be made prior to completion of degree studies.

Professionals may wish to consider funding and bursaries available to support the training period.

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School Direct Teacher Training Programmes

All of the schools within our alliance operate with similar teams of staff whose responsibility it is to support trainee teachers. You will be placed in a school within our alliance that best meets your needs. Our Teaching School partnership consists of a number of primary and secondary schools in the Newcastle and Gateshead area.

Each school has extensive experience of working with student teachers, and can provide excellent school placement opportunities.

We can offer you an exciting opportunity to train as a teacher, to gain valuable knowledge and skills and develop professional attributes in one of the partnership schools. All of our schools offer career progression and continuous professional development opportunities at all levels from Newly Qualified teachers up to Senior Leadership.

The course starts each year in September and finishes in July. Many of our trainee teachers gain employment within our network of schools once their training is complete.

Primary

Primary schools are busy and lively communities. School leaders are looking for enthusiastic applicants with very good communication skills, the determination to succeed, a commitment to working hard and the ability to work with others. Developing excellent interpersonal skills will enable trainees to effectively support the learning of groups of young people from diverse backgrounds. Schools are looking for people who strive to improve and who are committed to their own professional development.

Secondary

School leaders are looking for talented graduates and professionals with a passion for their subject area and who will be effective teachers that ultimately have a striking impact on pupil progress and achievement. Applicants must demonstrate a passion for teaching and working with young people.



Living in the North East



Connected by seven bridges across the river Tyne, Newcastle and Gateshead form a unique, diverse and vibrant location. Newcastle's compact city centre offers a wide choice of places to eat and drink, fantastic shopping and nightlife and great transport links around the North East. Cross the river to Gateshead, and you can explore the local art galleries, visit the famous Angel of the North and shop 'til you drop at the Metrocentre, the UK's largest shopping centre.

If the great outdoors is more your style, you won't be disappointed. The North East is an area of stunning natural beauty, with miles of awe-inspiring coastline plus rugged moorland and countryside right on your doorstep. It's also home to the world-famous Hadrian's Wall and some of the country's most beautiful castles.

There really is something for everyone here and you will be amazed at how much is on offer. With world-class culture, vibrant nightlife, award-winning dining, inspiring heritage and acclaimed architecture, the North East is an exciting and dynamic place to live and work.



What I love about my day...

"Positively contributing to the lives of others"

"The light bulb moments when a child's eyes light up at the realisation they understand a new idea"

"Sharing the passion I have for my subject"

"Every day is different"

"The extra-curricular activities sharing my passion for my sport, music, pastime whatever it may be"

"The day to day interaction with the pupils"

"The children make me laugh. They have an amazing perspective on life!"

"Conversing with my colleagues, we are a team"

"The thank you I get from a pupil when they have enjoyed a lesson"



Outstanding teacher training – welcome to School Direct

School Direct is a national initiative, offering you an exciting opportunity to train as a teacher, to gain valuable knowledge, skills and develop professional attributes.

The programme allows you to train and work alongside outstanding practitioners and specialist staff across all curriculum areas.

Facilitators from across our alliance schools, including senior leaders, develop and deliver the professional studies programmes for all trainees.

**We offer a friendly,
supportive and
challenging environment
for you to train in.**

We employ outstanding mentors to support teacher training and newly or recently qualified teachers.

Leadership and professional development opportunities are supported by our schools.





For further information about School Direct visit our website:

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