

# RIDING FORWARD DIRECT

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## School Direct Programme

What better way to learn to teach than in a school?

### **School Direct is an exciting new training route for top graduates.**

The new School Direct programme allows our alliance the opportunity to further enhance teacher training provision. We have developed exciting and effective programmes with a highly regarded local Higher Education Institution, the University of Hull.

Our programmes last for one academic year (September-July), during which time you will be based in a host school with excellent experience in ITT alongside attending PGCE lectures at University of Hull. School Direct places are available in well regarded Primary and Secondary schools within the East Riding. You

will also enjoy a contrasting school placement in one of our good or outstanding alliance schools. Our School Direct programmes have been designed to give you the necessary skills to become an effective classroom practitioner.

On completion of your training you will be awarded a PGCE with QTS which includes 60 credits towards Masters Level. Graduates of the Riding Forward School Direct programmes will be confident, knowledgeable, creative and reflective teachers, ready to embark on a rewarding and fulfilling career, hopefully taking up positions that arise within our alliance of schools or beyond.

## What is Riding Forward?

'Riding Forward' is a Teaching School Alliance led by the Teaching School, Molescroft Primary School, Beverley and is very much in partnership with the East Riding Local Authority and our Core Partners. Alliance members are largely, but not exclusively, from the East Riding of Yorkshire.

The schools of the East Riding and neighbouring areas are brimming with the most amazing practice, innovation and talent. We believe that there is an opportunity to be seized through the TSA to create the initiative for educational development.

**We have a proven track record of effectively supporting new, talented teachers into the profession through high quality training, in partnership with the University of Hull.**

## School Direct Routes

There are two School Direct Routes to gaining a Post Graduate Teaching Qualification

- School Direct Training Programme  
(which Riding Forward offers)
- School Direct Training Programme - Salaried  
(only open to applicants with at least three years experience in a different career)

Riding Forward Alliance specialises in offering places on the School Direct Training Programme for

both Primary and Secondary candidates.

**We are not offering salaried placements for the 2014/15 academic year.**

## Funding for School Direct Routes

### Bursaries available

If you secure a place the tuition fees for the programmes will be £9000.

You may be eligible for a tax free bursary or scholarship to support your training. These funding streams are dependent on the phase/subject in which you are training and your qualifications. A high degree classification will allow you access to extra bursary funding. A Masters or PhD could also ensure you receive further funding. Full details regarding bursaries and scholarships can be found on the Teaching Agency website:

<http://www.education.gov.uk/get-into-teaching/teacher-training-options/school-based-training/school-direct/funding.aspx>

## STUDENT LOANS

**Successful candidates can apply for a student loan to support payments through student finance.**

<http://www.studentfinance.direct.gov.uk>





## What are we looking for in a candidate?

### Our Entry Requirements

To be eligible for our School Direct programmes, the following qualifications and experience are required:

#### All candidates

- Have as much relevant experience of being in a school as possible and evidence of why teaching is for them.
- Demonstrate a passion for working with young people and a strong desire to teach.

#### Primary Candidates

- A degree awarded by a UK University, 2:2 or above
- GCSE Grade Cs or above in Science, English and Mathematics (or equivalent)

#### Secondary Candidates

- A degree awarded by a UK University, 2:2 or above
- GCSE Grade Cs or above in English and Mathematics
- It is important that you have a strong understanding of the subject you wish to teach and ideally we would like applicants to have at least 50% of their degree in the chosen subject.

All applicants will also need, before they begin training to have:

- Successfully completed the Professional Skills' tests in Literacy and Numeracy. Information regarding this can be found at: [www.education.gov.uk/get-into-teaching/apply-for-teacher-training/skills-tests.aspx](http://www.education.gov.uk/get-into-teaching/apply-for-teacher-training/skills-tests.aspx)

*We strongly recommend that applicants research the skills tests and practise as much as possible before sitting the actual tests. For further advice please refer to the*

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information on our website:

[www.ridingforward.net](http://www.ridingforward.net)

- Completed a declaration regarding any criminal convictions, clearance from the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) regarding suitability to work with young people and a fitness to teach declaration.



More information about the schools involved in School Direct within our alliance can be found on our website: [www.ridingforward.net](http://www.ridingforward.net)

## Why choose Riding Forward TSA School Direct Programme?

A track record of supporting and bringing new, confident teachers into the profession  
A wide range of schools within the Alliance offering outstanding training and are committed to training the next generation of outstanding teachers

New innovative programmes that provide the best in academic and school-based training  
Masters level PGCE and QTS

Experienced subject knowledge experts both within the Alliance schools and partner university

Mentors, and tutors providing support throughout the programme with continuity across placements

Two significant block placements one in the host school and one in a contrasting school  
Opportunity to be part of a school team and build important relationships

Excellent academic support from the University and school-based support from your host school

## PLACES ON OFFER ACROSS RIDING FORWARD TSA

We have 26 places for 2014/15

Riding Forward Teaching School Alliance is looking to recruit 26 high quality School Direct candidates for the 2014-15 academic year, across the following phases and subjects:

| PHASE / SUBJECT         | PLACES AVAILABLE |
|-------------------------|------------------|
| Primary - No specialism | 22               |
| Secondary - English     | 1                |
| Secondary - History     | 1                |
| Secondary - PE          | 1                |
| Secondary - MFL         | 1                |

### Our selection process

To apply for the School Direct training programme you will need to complete the online application process on the UCAS website:

[www.ucas.com/how-it-all-works/teacher-training/apply-1](http://www.ucas.com/how-it-all-works/teacher-training/apply-1)

If you wish to be considered for Riding Forward Alliance places you will need to select 'Molescroft Primary School' as your lead school when completing the application process. This does not mean that your training will necessarily be at Molescroft Primary School and certainly will not be for secondary placements. Molescroft Primary is the National Teaching School and consequently facilitate the School Direct programme in the East Riding of Yorkshire.

For a full list of schools who will be hosting School Direct placements please visit our website: [www.ridingforward.net](http://www.ridingforward.net)

### DEADLINES FOR APPLICATIONS

Apply as soon as possible

*The application window opens on 21st November 2013 for the first round of applications.*

***We encourage applicants to apply as early as possible as we will be contacting successful applicants very soon after 21st November to invite them to our selection process.***

*Details of interview dates will be communicated to applicants in due course.*



### IMPORTANT

Please note:

Should all the spaces be filled in the first application window, there will be no further rounds in this academic year.

Visit

[www.ridingforward.net](http://www.ridingforward.net) for our application timeline for Round 1



**We are looking forward to hearing from you.**

### FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information about Riding Forward School Direct Programmes please email us at: [atonks@molescroftprimary.net](mailto:atonks@molescroftprimary.net), or call us on 01482 679139.

#### Useful Links

If you would like further information about entering a career in teaching, you may find the following websites useful:

School Direct: <http://www.education.gov.uk/get-into-teaching/teacher-training-options/school-based-training/school-direct.aspx>

Department for Education: <http://www.education.gov.uk/schools>

Teachers' Standards: <http://www.education.gov.uk/schools/leadership/deployingstaff/a00205581/teachers-standards1-sep-2012>