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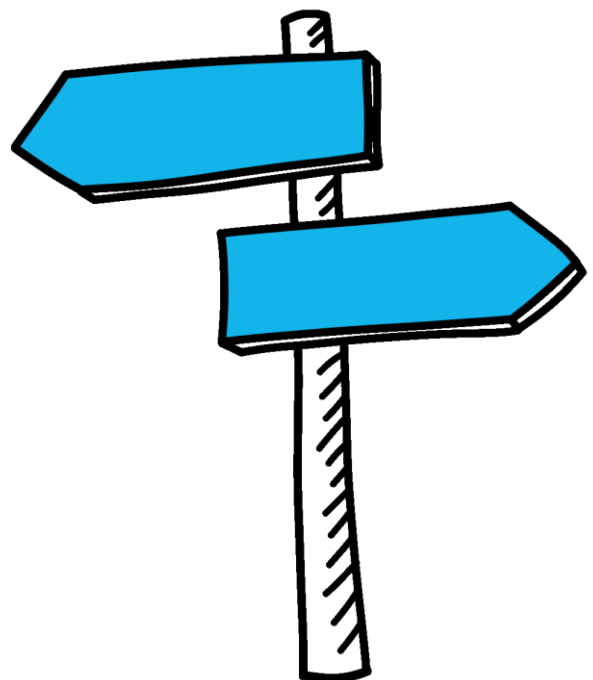
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About our Teaching Training

We have partnered with Ambition Institute to deliver our Teacher Training programme. Ambition is a national education charity, who have already worked with over 54,000 teachers in over 9,000 schools to deliver high-quality evidence-based professional development.

This partnership combines expert knowledge from within our schools with Ambition's high-quality curriculum. This has been developed by educational experts, many of whom are former teachers with first-hand experience in the classroom.

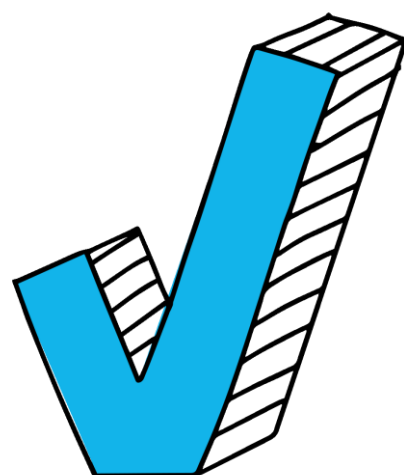
This curriculum combines the best research around teaching, with practical classroom experience, helping you to become an expert teacher, so you can help shape the lives of the next generation of learners.

About The Blue Kite Academy Trust

Train to become a teacher at The Blue Kite. We are a growing multi-academy trust based in Swindon, successfully running teacher training for six years.

With big ambitions for our staff and pupils, we believe all children deserve the best possible chances to fulfil their potential. We actively seek like-minded staff, who share these same values, to join with us to embark on your teacher training journey and beyond.

You will benefit from a tailored programme of training and support from outstanding, experienced professionals. Our package will provide you with theory, subject knowledge and invaluable classroom practice. Our vision is to produce outstanding teachers who are passionate in shaping the minds of young children, helping them to thrive in all aspects of education. At The Blue Kite, you will join our network of schools to develop your knowledge and pedagogy, to become a well-rounded primary school teacher.



About your trainers



This is Kirsty Baker. Kirsty has led the Initial Teacher Training Programme at The Blue Kite Academy Trust for the last six years and also facilitates the delivery of the Early Career Framework for Early Career Teachers and Mentors. She has worked in primary education for over sixteen years, specialising in Key Stage One and the Early Years Foundation Stage. Kirsty has worked in different schools across Wiltshire, progressing from a classroom teacher, to a Key Stage Lead, to an Assistant Head Teacher. Her vast knowledge and experience have led her to successfully mentor PGCE/SCITT students and Early Career Teachers (ECTs). She has been graded as Outstanding by Ofsted and was awarded the title of a 'Phonics Champion' in Swindon.

Kirsty will support you throughout your training year, being your first point of contact. She will be there to offer you guidance and advice along the way, as well as delivering your weekly face-to-face training sessions.

The benefits you will receive

With our Teacher Training Programme you will:

- **Make an impact:** Transform your future and the lives of our pupils with our expert-led, in-school teacher training.
- **Become a qualified teacher:** Achieve Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) and gain an internationally recognised Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE).
- **Support:** Get support from a dedicated mentor, an experienced teacher, who will guide you every step of the way. More information about this support is included in the [How we will support you](#) section of this document.

What you will learn

Our Teacher Training Curriculum is divided into five strands:

Behaviour

How you can create calm, safe and purposeful places of learning where all children and young people can achieve.

Instruction

How you can support all children and young people to learn in the classroom – from thinking about how you present information, to helping them learn independently in lessons.

Curriculum

How you can design lessons and curricula that help children and young people to learn new and more complex ideas over time.

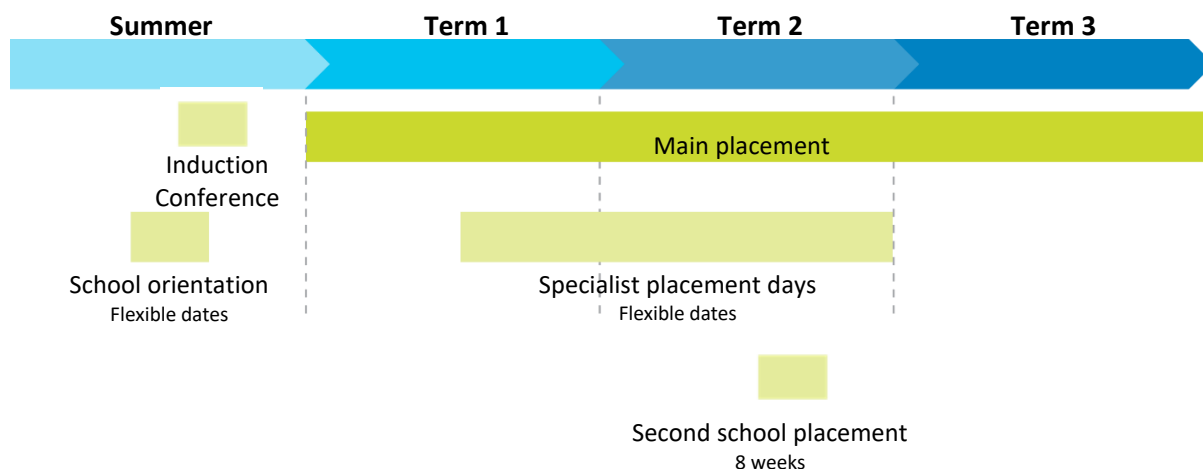
Assessment

How you can better understand the impact your teaching is having and how to respond when your pupils struggle.

Professionalism

Looking at what it is to be a teacher and how to prepare for your professional career.

Where you will learn



Main placement

You'll do most of your training in one of our schools. This will be known as your main 'host' placement school and will also be the same school your mentor is based in. We hope that this school will feel like *your* school. You'll feel like you belong, and that means feeling and being part of our team.

Second placement

As well as your main placement school, you will do a short second placement in a contrasting school, which will have different characteristics to your main placement school. This will be for 8 weeks.

Specialist placement days

We'll also arrange a number of specialist placement days for you across the year. They might be:

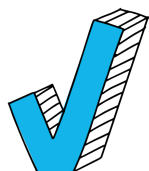
- A nursery or early years setting.
- A pupil referral unit for children who are unable to attend a mainstream school.
- A special school for children who have learning difficulties.
- A secondary school.

Together, these placements will expose you to, and allow you to, gain experience across a diverse range of settings.

How you will learn

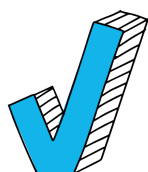
Each of our modules start by introducing you to the ideas and theories underpinning the practice. You will then learn step-by-step, how to apply these ideas in your own classroom. Our Teacher Training Programme will use the following methods to help you achieve this:

Independent study



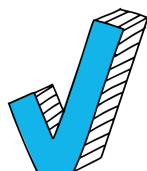
Each week you will do independent study where you will be exposed to academic theory. This will boost your knowledge within a specific area. For example, you might spend some time reading about the science of learning. Lots of your study resources will be hosted on our online learning platform, which will break content down through videos, quizzes, and examples.

Weekly expert-led clinics



You will also attend weekly clinics with other trainee teachers. These are small-group sessions which give you the opportunity to take a complex area of teaching and unpick it with the help of education experts.

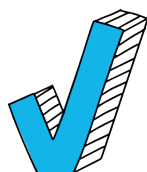
Deliberate practice



Many new teachers struggle to bridge the 'knowing-doing gap', meaning they can sometimes struggle to translate new knowledge they have learned into action in the classroom. That's why deliberate practice is such a big part of our programme. Instead of trying out a new strategy for the first time live in a classroom, you will get to practise in a safe space first. This might mean standing up and rehearsing an explanation in front of your mentor.

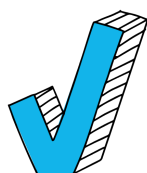
Each time you practice, you will get bite-sized pieces of feedback from an expert. You will use this feedback to make small changes and can have another go straight away. This will allow you to develop good habits so that you feel confident when it comes to teaching in front of a live class.

Chunked learning



Our learning introduces new and difficult ideas slowly and in broken down chunks. Our online learning platform also gives you the ability to revisit topics, allowing you to refresh your understanding if needed.

Subject specialism



If you're teaching in a primary school, your weekly modules will focus on different subjects, helping you to develop your subject-specific expertise across the full breadth of the primary curriculum.

How we will support you



In-school mentor

When you begin your training, you will be assigned a designated mentor. They will be an experienced teacher in your main placement school. They'll be your go-to person and support your journey on the road to becoming a teacher. You will have scheduled time with your mentor every week, but you will probably talk to them every day about how you're getting on.



90 minutes a week of protected time with your mentor

You'll meet your mentor for at least 90 minutes each week. This is protected time and is designed to help support you. In these sessions you'll have structured coaching conversations with your mentor. They'll help to you to prepare for the lessons you'll be teaching later that week.



Workload and wellbeing support

We understand how important it is to support you with your wellbeing whilst you're training. That's why 30 minutes of mentoring time each week will be dedicated to discussing workload and well-being.

The qualifications you will gain

You will complete a number of PGCE assignments across the year which will be marked by university tutors.

At the end of the course, you'll receive Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) and a Postgraduate Certificate of Education (PGCE). QTS is a nationally recognised teaching qualification which will allow you to teach in many schools in England. The PGCE is an internationally recognised qualification.

Your PGCE will also give you credits if you want to complete a masters in the field of education later in your career. All our trainees who complete their PGCE will be awarded 60 credits towards a masters degree.

The funding you could receive

Primary school

Tuition fees

Tuition fees for our Teacher Training programme are £9,535 for full-time study. You can apply for government funding to cover the costs of your tuition fees.

Maintenance loan for 2025 to 2026

You may also decide to apply for a maintenance loan of up to £13,022 to help you with your living costs. You can do this even if you already have a student loan. You will then only have to make loan repayments once you are earning.

To find out more about tuition fees and maintenance loans visit:

www.getintoteaching.education.gov.uk

To Enquire:

If you would like to enquire about our 'train to teach' programme, please choose from one of the methods below:

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