

Learn to teach in
some of the country's
most successful
secondary schools

Secondary Teacher
Training Opportunities in
Maidenhead

TEACH MAIDENHEAD

In partnership with the
Institute of Education



Teach Maidenhead (University of Reading ITE Hub) is the foremost teacher training provider west of London, providing tuition-free secondary School Direct places in a wide range of subjects. Founded in 2013, the partnership offers a unique school-based learning opportunity in conjunction with the University of Reading where intensive subject-based training is delivered. Trainees gain QTS (Qualified Teacher Status) and PGCE (Postgraduate Certificate in Education) as well as 60 credits towards a Master's Degree.



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www.teachmaidenhead.co.uk

School Direct Tuition Fee Trainees

This route is suitable for all those who have a degree in a relevant subject, or who are in their final year of undergraduate study. Trainees undertake rigorous subject based tuition at the University of Reading, plus two training placements at Teach Maidenhead schools, where trainees initially observe lessons, before beginning their own teaching practice. During their placements trainees also attend weekly professional studies sessions, led by experts from across the Teach Maidenhead schools. Trainees are assessed via university-based assessments and observed lessons.

Costs for 2025-2026 Training

UK based trainees can apply for a loan to cover the cost of teacher training which is currently £9,535. This means you do not have to pay course fees upfront.

Trainees can also apply for a maintenance loan of up to £10,544.

Both are available even if you already have a student loan, and regardless of whether you receive a bursary or scholarship.

Loan repayments only commence once you are earning.

Subjects:

- ◆ Art and Design
- ◆ Biology
- ◆ Chemistry
- ◆ Design and Technology
- ◆ English
- ◆ Geography
- ◆ History
- ◆ Maths
- ◆ Modern Foreign Languages (French, German, Spanish)
- ◆ Physical Education
- ◆ Physics



Bursaries and Scholarships

Bursaries are available for the following:-


- Chemistry, Maths and Physics (£29k),
- Biology, Geography, Languages, and Design & Technology (£25k)
- English (£5k)

Scholarships are available for:

- Chemistry, Maths and Physics (£31k)
- Modern Languages (£28k)

You cannot receive both a scholarship & a bursary.

Are you a career changer? Visit the NOWTEACH website nowteach.org.uk and read about the dedicated support and network they offer.



'My training experience with Teach Maidenhead was overwhelmingly positive. I genuinely enjoyed the vast majority of professional study sessions as they were incredibly insightful and at times foreshadowed future events that I actually encountered after the sessions.'

Support We Can Offer You During The Application Process

- School experience initially consisting of one day, with additional school experience available to those applicants whose potential for training to teach comes through on their application.
- The opportunity to visit, tour, meet the subject department and be interviewed at the school you will be assigned for your main placement.
- Confirmation of where your main placement will be when you are made an offer.
- The chance to re-visit your main placement school after an offer has been made.
- Opportunities to attend SKE (Subject Knowledge Enhancement) courses prior to starting the teacher training courses if required and if you are eligible.
- An invitation to a trainee welcome day in July to meet the other trainees, a representative from Reading University and mentors from the partnership schools.
- An up to date website providing all the information you need to ensure you are well informed about the partnership; subjects for which we offer training; information about fees and funding; how to apply for training opportunities and eligibility criteria.



What We Can Offer You During Your Training Year

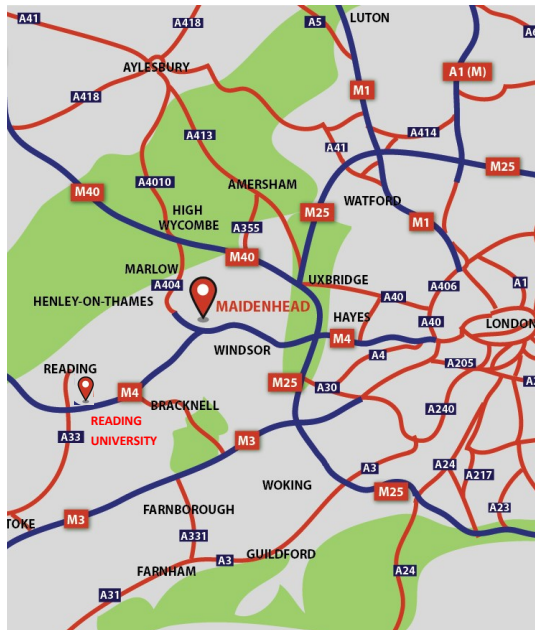
- Confirmation by December of where your second placement will be.
- Excellent support from mentors both within the partnership and from Reading University to support you through your training.
- An established programme of professional studies sessions led by expert specialists from all the partnership schools and covering a wide range of topics including classroom climate, lesson planning, inclusion and special educational needs.
- Access to opportunities to apply for teaching posts at all six schools.
- A partnership consisting of six very different secondary schools; single sex, mixed, Church and state boarding.
- Support through our partnership with the Institute of Education at the University of Reading , recently rated **OUTSTANDING** by Ofsted.
- The chance to begin your teaching career in one of six schools which provide an exemplary level of support to ECTs in their first year, with further career development as well as opportunities to combine teaching



The Teach Maidenhead Partnership

Our partnership consists of six secondary schools: Furze Platt Senior School (founder and lead school), Cox Green School, Altwood Church of England School, Desborough College, Newlands Girls' School and Holyport College. We are also linked to a number of local primary schools. All Teach Maidenhead secondary schools teach students from ages 11-18 and have well established Sixth Forms.

We are proud of the diversity of our schools which give trainee teachers the opportunity to teach the entire secondary age range in schools which include co-educational, single-sex, non-denominational, a church school and a free school. The partnership also includes a service which supports children in mainstream educational settings with a diagnosis of Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD).



Where to Find Us

Maidenhead is located halfway between London and Reading, one mile from the M4 and six miles from the M40. The six main Teach Maidenhead schools are located in the four corners of the town, a little over a mile away from each other. Maidenhead benefits from excellent rail and road connections, which improved further by the completion of the Elizabeth Line. The town is 15 minutes from Reading University by train and 20 minutes from London on a non-stop train. Heathrow Airport is approximately ten miles to the east. Windsor, Henley and Marlow are all within ten miles and Oxford is approximately 35 miles away.



'My experience with Teach Maidenhead has been entirely positive. The schools were always willing to speak with me, the interview process was seamless and the teams that I have worked with in the different schools during my training have been amazing.'

'Teach Maidenhead has given me the opportunity to experience teaching at a range of great schools both mixed gender and single gender.'

'I had a great experience with Teach Maidenhead. Learning within the consortium of schools meant we gained the experience of three more schools, even though we weren't placed in them. I also appreciated how diverse our Teach Maidenhead cohort was in both age and subject.'

Applicants Must Have:

- A GCSE, or comparable qualification, at grade 4 (C) or above in English Language and Mathematics.
- A first or second-class UK Bachelor's degree in an appropriate subject, or an overseas qualification of an equivalent standard from a recognised higher education institution. The equivalence of all overseas degrees must be verified through NARIC.

How to Apply

Interested applicants can find our courses by searching Get into Teaching. Applications must be made through the government website 'Apply for Teaching' on Gov.UK . Shortlisted applicants will be invited for interview at one of the Teach Maidenhead schools. They will undertake a range of activities to judge their suitability for a career in teaching. Successful applicants will be offered a training place at a confirmed main placement school.

School Experience Days

Our school experience days provide an opportunity to visit one of our six schools and see the school in action. They start with an introduction to Teach Maidenhead, how we operate and how we support trainees who join our consortium. This is followed by a short tour of the school and the opportunity to observe three lessons. Finally, visitors are invited to share their experiences with a senior leadership team member. Further school experience opportunities will be available to any applicants being called for an interview.



Above are this year's trainees who are currently training within the Teach Maidenhead partnership.