

# Your path to becoming a teacher

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**JOBS AND  
OPPORTUNITIES**  
FAIR 2025



Portsmouth **SCITT**



# This is us...

- PGCE with QTS
- Delivered by Primary Specialists
- Small cohorts – bespoke approach
- 4 Ofsted ‘Outstanding’ gradings. Most recently in Feb’ 2024
- Delivering training in:
  - Portsmouth (Stamshaw Junior School)
  - Ryde, Isle of Wight (Dover Park Primary School)
- High employment rates
- Active learning...



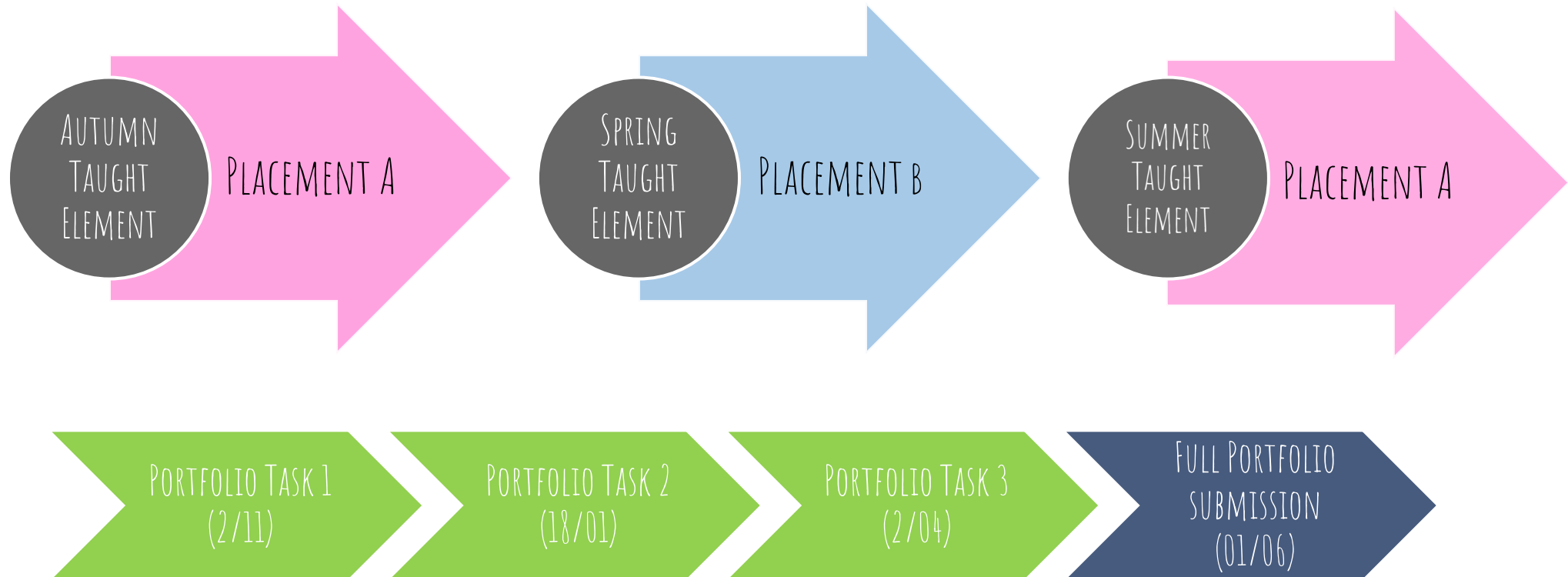


# Active sessions

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# Course structure



**Tom Dando**  
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**Milton Park Primary School**

*‘Your path to becoming a teacher.’*

*Find out more*





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# Train to Teach webinar

Dr Mat Round



# Train to Teach options at Portsmouth

- **Primary ITT** - Postgraduate and Undergraduate
- **Secondary ITT** - *Geography, English, Mathematics, Modern Foreign Languages, Biology, Physics, Chemistry*
- **Further Education ITT**

*Please ask about part-time study options on some routes*

***We do offer courses that train you to teach or work in a university as a lecturer or to teach English as a second language – but these are not considered ITT (come and see me to discuss)***



# Welcome to the University of Portsmouth



# TEACHING IS...

- Inspiring
- Challenging
- Unique
- About making a difference



# TEACHERS ENJOY THE...

- Buzz
- Collegiate atmosphere
- Variety
- Opportunities



# Our mission statement

At the University of Portsmouth our ITE courses help our trainees to become **highly skilled, research-informed teachers**, able to deliver a forward-looking curriculum for the pupils of tomorrow with resilience and compassion.

Through our ambitious training programme, tailored to meet the needs of our partnership, we aim to develop **teachers that will make a real difference to the life chances of young people** in Portsmouth and beyond. Expert colleagues, both at the university and in our partnership schools, offer **high quality individual support and mentorship** to enable our trainees to become confident, successful teachers who excel in their profession.

# Why choose the University of Portsmouth?

## OFSTED 2024:

- **Trainees are helped to get off to a strong start in their teaching career because the university carefully adapts the curriculum to meet their individual needs.**
- **Trainees are well prepared to teach in the phase in which they are training. They are inspired by high-quality training that cohesively links across the university and placements.**
- **The university understands trainees' individual needs. They are well supported by everyone in the partnership. Staff take trainee well-being seriously and provide very strong pastoral support.**
- **Trainees are well prepared for the realities of teaching, building their resilience so that they are more likely to remain in the profession.**
- **Schools and colleges appreciate how trainees are prepared for the professional world of work. Trainees become strong role models for the learners they teach.**



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# Qualified Teacher Status and equivalents



# WHAT IS QUALIFIED TEACHER STATUS (QTS)?

- This is the qualification that enables you to begin your career in teaching in maintained and special schools in England and Wales
- To achieve QTS, you need to successfully complete a course known as initial teacher training (ITT) and meet the Standards required of a skilled teacher **(at primary or secondary level)**
- At the end of your course, your training provider will recommend you to the DfE and the Secretary of State to be awarded QTS
- Those training in the FE sector can work towards achieving QTLS, an equivalent status to QTS, after completion of the course



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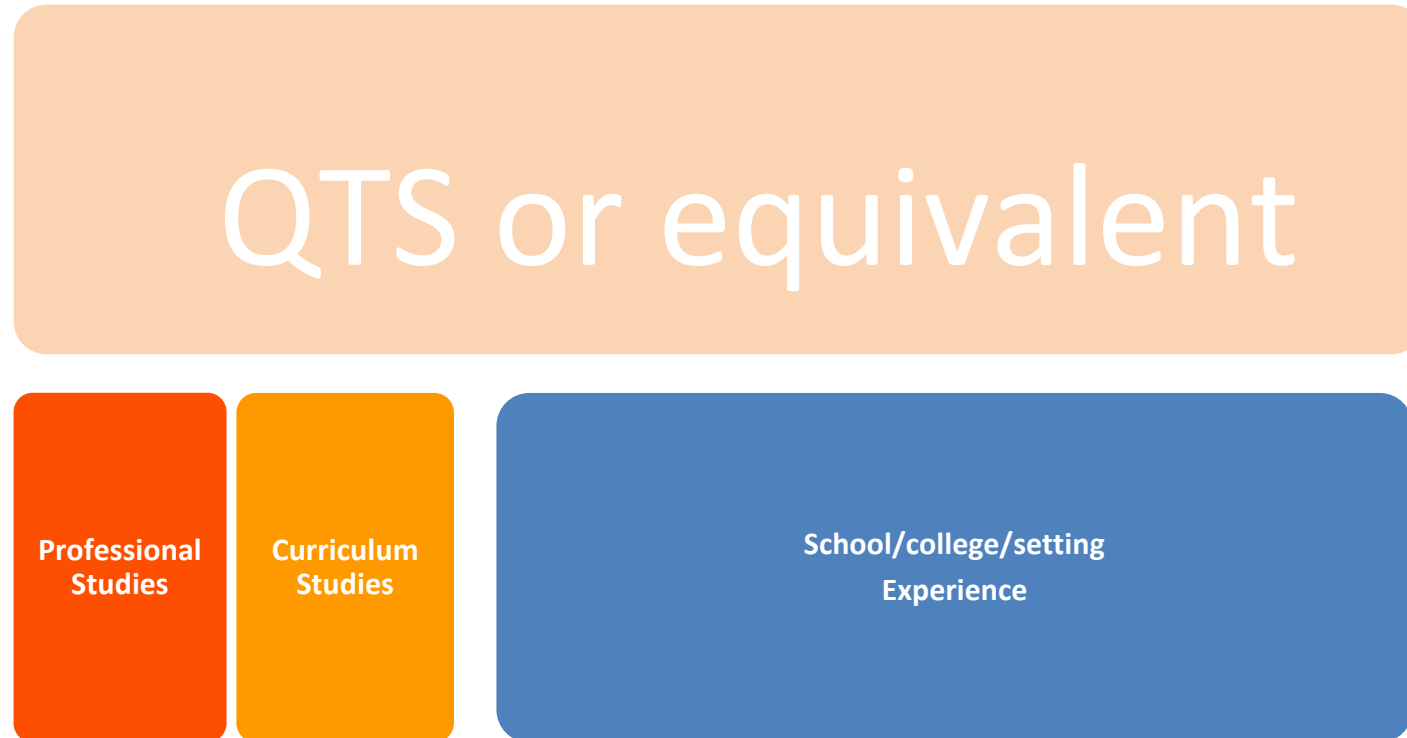
What does an ITT course  
look like?





# ITT at the School of Education, Languages and Linguistics

- Courses are designed to enable you to become capable, confident and imaginative teachers
- They usually have three interconnected strands:



# PGCE Calendar (Full Time) 2024/2025

		SEP					OCT				NOV				DEC					JAN					FEB				MAR				APR					MAY				JUN							
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UNIVERSITY DAYS



SCHOOL DAYS



HOLIDAYS

\* ASSIGNMENT 1 & 2 HAND IN DATE

# What is a PGCE?

Most teacher training courses (depending on which route you follow) enable you to work towards achieving a PGCE alongside your teaching qualification. A PGCE is a Professional/Postgraduate Certificate in Education, and is equivalent to a higher degree. It is an academic award that shows your in-depth knowledge and understanding of teaching and learning theory and practice.

*You may want to talk to your ITT course leader about the academic work you will be required to do on your course and what qualification(s) this leads to on successful completion.*

# What is a Teacher Degree Apprenticeship (TDA)?

- We have 3 main forms of TDA: **12 month top ups** for those who already have a degree (this can be in primary, or in secondary English/ Mathematics/ Geography/ MFL/ science), or 45 month (4 year) degrees in either Primary or Secondary English.
- The 12 month TDA follow a very similar pathway to the PGCE
- The 45 month Primary TDA looks very similar to the Bed, but is delivered in a different way based on the model your employer signed up to
- The 45 month Secondary English is a degree in English Language and Literature and contains teacher training modules in each year.
- All of the TDA programmes are delivered through your employer and are funded via the Apprenticeship Levy. You will at the same time be employed full time as an 'unqualified teacher'.

# ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Almost all teacher training course require you to have a degree on entry (or recognised equivalent qualification, apart from undergraduate routes)
- Courses have slightly different requirements in terms of qualifications or competency in literacy and numeracy (and a Science for Primary)
- Most courses interview all applicants before offering a place on the course

# ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

For non UK citizens please refer to this guidance:

<https://getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/non-uk-teachers/train-to-teach-in-england-as-an-international-student>

## USUAL CUT OFF DATES FOR APPLICATIONS:

**End of April** for applications from Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Cameroon, Ghana, India, Iran, Nepal, Nigeria, Pakistan and Somalia.

**End of June** for applicants from the Rest of the World.

# ITT Bursaries 2025

- The Department for Education are offering tax-free bursaries of **£29,000 in Chemistry, Mathematics and Physics.**
- Scholarships will be offered in partnership with professional bodies for some subjects which come with additional benefits and payments.
- The DfE are also offering a **£26,000 tax-free bursary for Geography, Modern Foreign Languages and Biology trainees and £5,000 for English.**
- Bursaries for **Physics** and **Modern Foreign Languages** are available to international students as well
- Bursaries are not available for PG/UG primary trainees.

# What should I be thinking about today?

- **Why do I want to become a teacher?**
- **What prior knowledge/experience do I have to support my application and/or what can I do to gain this?**
- **Which age range do I want to teach? Why?**
- **Which subject do I want to teach and will this be possible?**
- **Do I meet all of the entry requirements? What can I do if I don't?**
- **When and how should I be applying?**
- **What are my next steps? Who can I talk to for guidance?**



# Panel Q&A

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