

Shotton Hall



School Centred Initial Teacher Training

Outstanding teacher training in partnership with schools
across the North East



WELCOME

TO SHOTTON HALL SCITT

Shotton Hall SCITT is one of the most successful teacher training providers in the region and we believe there is no better place to learn to teach than with us, in our outstanding lead school and partner schools, learning from the very best teachers.

We were recently awarded 'outstanding' by school inspectors Ofsted - the highest accolade a teacher training provider can be given.

If you're thinking about becoming a teacher, you've come to the right place. Whether you are a new graduate, are about to graduate or you are considering a change of career, our school-based initial teacher training courses will give you the foundation you need for a great career as a teacher.

The numbers speak for themselves. Last year 100% of our trainee teachers passed our course and 91% were graded as 'good' or 'outstanding' against the Teachers' Standards.

We think our school-based teacher training course is the very best way to learn to train to teach. If you're a bright, talented individual with a good degree, who is passionate about learning, we would love to hear from you.

WHY TEACH?

At Shotton Hall SCITT we believe that every child has the right to a great education. By becoming a teacher you can help make this right a reality and give young people an equal chance in life.

Being a teacher gives you a unique opportunity to develop personally, to interact with interesting and exciting people, to influence education and to become more reflective on life.

Teaching is not an easy option - you will be challenged intellectually and emotionally, but the chance to watch young people grow and develop, as a direct result of what you have taught them, makes the hard work worthwhile.

To teach is to make a commitment to the future of our society. You will affect young lives on a daily basis and have the opportunity to interact with youngsters, not only on an intellectual level, but on a personal and emotional level every day you come to work - how many professions can say the same?





WHY?

SHOTTON HALL SCITT

Outstanding teachers, modern facilities and an innovative ITT programme are just a few of the reasons to train with us - and of course our outstanding judgment from Ofsted!

By choosing to do your training with Shotton Hall SCITT you will be immersed in school life from the outset, interacting with students and learning first hand from outstanding teachers across the Shotton Hall Teaching School Alliance.

You will train in a broad range of schools, gaining experience and expertise in different areas including special educational needs, phonics and behaviour management. You will experience a tailored training programme which will help you to become an outstanding practitioner from the outset.

You will be allocated a subject mentor from a team of specialists with vast experience. They will introduce you to school life and help you to learn how to teach your subject as you work your way through the Teacher Standards with lesson planning, weekly meetings and assessments within school. Your training will lead to a PGCE which includes qualified teacher status and credits towards your Durham University Masters Level qualification.



Our founding School, The Academy at Shotton Hall, is proud to be a newly designated 'Research School' - the only one of its kind in the region. The Research School network is designed to support the use of evidence to improve teaching practice. Our SCITT training curriculum has been designed around the use of evidence to improve classroom practice and student outcomes. As such, our trainees understand where and how to access reliable research evidence to inform and improve their teaching.

WHAT OUR TRAINEES SAY...



Meet recent graduate English trainee LIAM STAINSBY

What inspired you to become a teacher?

Like a lot of graduates, I finished my degree with more questions about my future than answers. I spent a few months in South East Asia and one of my fondest memories was spending time in a school. We were able to talk to students learning English and help them develop their conversation skills. The drive of these students overwhelmed me; and almost instantly, I knew I wanted to help people achieve greatness in English. After some time spent travelling, I thought of the most influential people in my life - my ex-teachers. They encouraged me to find my voice and become the person I am. I realised they were key to fuelling my passion for English and thought that if I could ignite that passion in somebody else, I'd feel like I was doing something right.

Why did you choose Shotton Hall SCITT?

There are a lot of options facing you if you decide to pursue a career in teaching. I've always been interested in the SCITT route. The opportunity to work with multiple institutions across the north east as well as personal and professional advice from people fully immersed in the teaching world was exactly what I wanted. I had a friend attend Shotton Hall the year before me and he had nothing but positive things to say about the course, the staff and the school. Having started my time here, I can honestly see what the hype is about.

What would you say to anyone else thinking of becoming a teacher?

Don't for a second doubt yourself. Simple as that. A lot of the worry and anxiety that comes with starting anything challenging and high pressure is instantly outweighed by the support you're given. Not only by your tutors and trainers, but by your peers and friends. I've met some of the most incredible people in what is only the beginning of my Shotton Hall career and I can't wait to see what else this amazing profession has in store for me.

Meet career changer chemistry trainee NICOLA ILLINGWORTH

Tell us about your route into teaching

After completing a degree in molecular cell biology and then a masters in forensic science, I worked as a cancer research assistant at Newcastle University. I then completed a PhD in drug metabolism before working as a research scientist at Oxford University. In my role, I started to become more and more involved with undergraduate students and A-level students, as well as training others. This is when I realised I really enjoyed teaching. After moving back to the North East, I started looking at different career options as the thought of more laboratory work left me feeling uninspired. I didn't think I could afford to take a year out to train (with childcare and a mortgage to pay for), but once I found out about the bursaries available I quickly got my application in.

Why did you choose Shotton Hall SCITT?

As a career changer, I wanted to train in a school environment to gain as much school experience as possible in the hope it will make me more employable. I read about Shotton Hall and was really impressed with the number of last year's trainees rated outstanding, the 'mini placements' offered and the range of different school environments I would experience during training.

What would you say to anyone else thinking of becoming a teacher?

Do as many days experience in a school as you can, you'll soon know if teaching is for you or not.



OUR PARTNER SCHOOLS

The schools listed below will host teaching placements and our unique programme of mini placements.

1. Chester-le-Street

Cestia Primary
Kepier School
Red Rose Primary School

2. Darlington

Hummersknott School
Hurworth School
Longfield Academy of Sport
St Andrews Primary School
St John's Catholic School and Sixth Form
St Mary's Roman Catholic Primary
Teesdale School and Sixth Form
Wolsingham School

3. Durham

Belmont Community School
Browney Academy
Consett Academy
Durham Johnston Comprehensive
Durham Sixth Form
Durham University
Elemore Hall School
Framwellgate School
St Michael's Roman Catholic Primary
King James I Academy
Lord Lawson Academy
North Durham Academy
Parkside Academy
Sedgefield Community College
Tanfield School
Windlestone School

4. Easington

Easington Academy
Easington Church of England Primary
Easington Lane Primary

5. Gateshead

Cedars Academy
Emmanuel College
Joseph Swan Academy
Kingsmeadow School

6. Teesside

Acklam Grange School
Bishopsgarth School
Eskdale Academy
Freebrough Academy
Hart Elwick Federation
Macmillan Academy
Northfield School
The Kings Academy
Wynyard C of E Primary

7. Northumberland

Ashington Academy
Atkinson House School
Bedlington Academy

8. Newcastle

Churchill Community College
Excelsior Academy
Walker Technology College
Ryton Infant School
Wallbottle Campus

9. Peterlee

Acre Rigg Academy
Cotsford Junior School
East Durham College
Howletch Primary
The Academy at Shotton Hall
Wellfield School
Yohden Primary

10. Sunderland

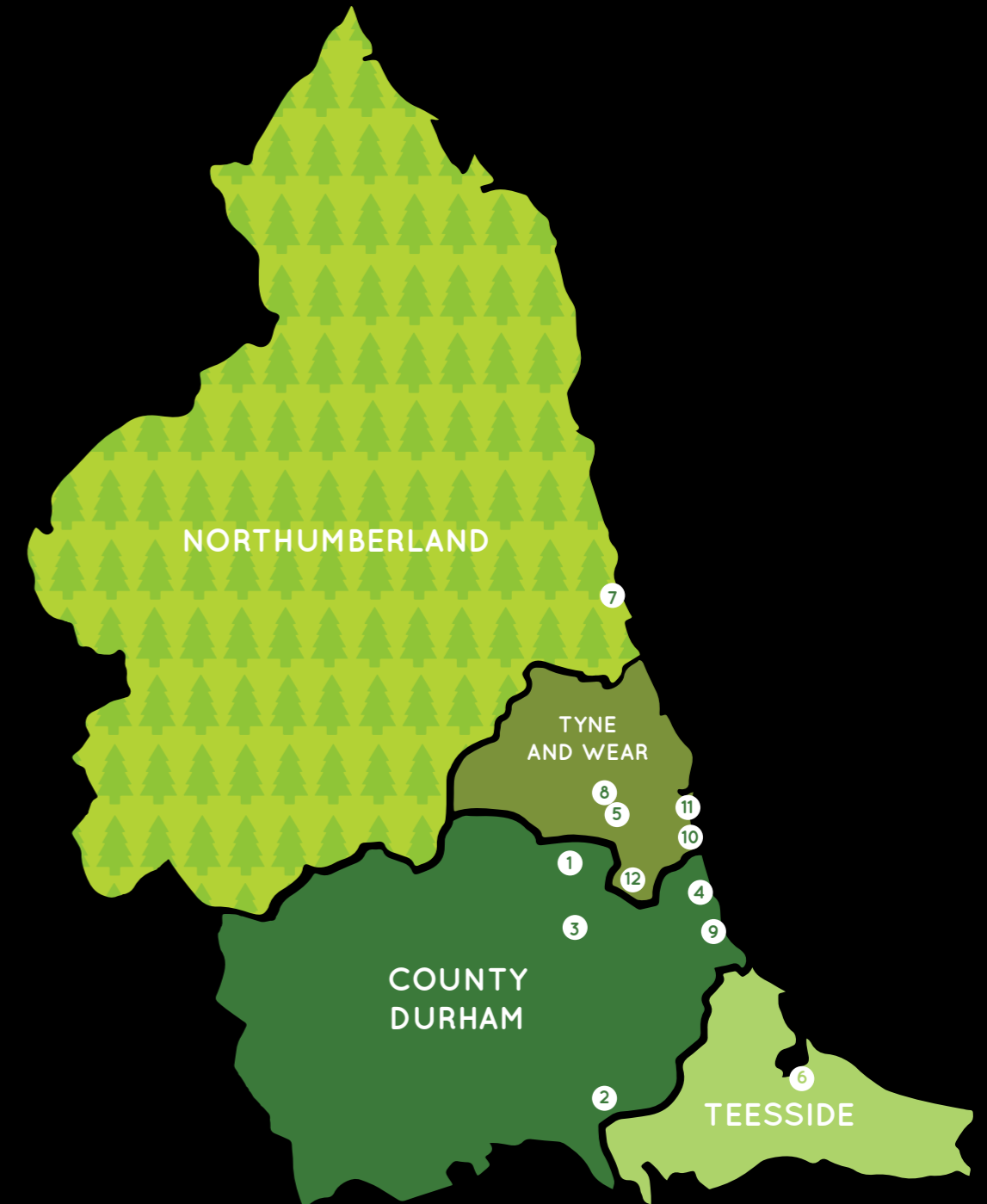
Argyle House
Beacon Of Light School
Castle View Enterprise Academy
Diamond Hall Junior School
Gillas Lane Primary
Kepier School
Southmoor Academy
St Aidan's Catholic Academy
St Mary's Roman Catholic Primary
Sunningdale School

11. South Shields

Stanhope Primary
St Joseph's Catholic Academy

12. Washington

Biddick Academy
Holley Park Academy
Oxclose Community Academy



ABOUT OUR PROGRAMME

At Shotton Hall SCITT, you'll get one of the most immersive, relevant and up-to-date teacher training experiences available with the prestige of being on an established, innovative and ground-breaking course, hosted in an outstanding school.

In our training programme, you'll be at the heart of school life from the outset, based in school from day one. You'll train within our alliance of over 60 partners across the north east in a range of long and short placements.

Right from the start, you'll be working alongside outstanding teachers, learning from the best and you'll be exposed to a broad range of hand-picked experiences.

You'll have the opportunity to opt into different specialisms to enhance your expertise in areas such as phonics, behaviour management, pastoral, post-16, early years and SEN (special educational needs).

For the duration of the course you'll be attached to a subject mentor and a team of specialists with vast experience in your subject. The training you will receive will be from current and outstanding classroom practitioners with proven track records of success in the classroom.

After successfully completing your course, you'll earn Qualified Teacher Status and 60 masters level credits which can be transferred to postgraduate courses.



Our PGCE is accredited by:



WELCOME EVENING

Meet your trainers and fellow trainees.



SUMMER SCHOOL

Induction day at The Academy at Shotton Hall where you'll be introduced to school life... and fill out lots of forms!



IMMERSION WEEKS

Three weeks of intensive training to build a foundation for your teaching career including lesson observations, workshops and planning.



TEACHING PLACEMENTS

A five week and a twelve week placement in schools across our alliance - opportunity for some trainees to attend 'every lesson outstanding' course.



MINI PLACEMENTS

Three day placements, tailored to your needs, including English as an additional language, faith, behaviour management and sixth form.

PUPIL PROGRESS CASE STUDIES

Form part of the assessment for qualified teaching status and masters level accreditation.



Innovative training on educational changes

Job application support

NQT support
(in the first year of profession)

One-to-one support

Pedagogy training alongside outstanding practitioners *(based on research evidence)*

Subject knowledge enhancement

Personalised action plans

Leadership development pathways



MEET THE TEAM

Ask any of our trainees what they like about our course and they will tell you it's our wonderful team that makes the real difference.

Lydia Burnett - SCITT Director (second from left): "Having enjoyed a varied career as both a senior history teacher and as a teaching and learning leader, my role is to lead our trainees to develop into outstanding teachers through my enthusiasm and enjoyment of teaching."

Leanne Storr & Kay Knight - Administrators (front left and front right) Leanne: "We love getting to know our new trainees and making sure everything runs smoothly."

Ros Hutchinson - Primary Lead (back left): "I love having the opportunity to shape the next generation of outstanding teachers who are committed to raising standards."

Peter Halliday - Senior Tutor - Secondary (back centre) says: "Looking after all newly qualified teachers and working closely with universities and other providers to deliver training gives me immense satisfaction. It's great to help new teachers take that first step on their career path."

Nicky Hickman - Director of Teaching School (right): "I am proud to be part of such an outstanding, forward thinking team. Our wealth of experience and personalised support result in our trainees becoming outstanding practitioners; teachers who are ready to lead the way in schools across the north east and beyond."

Bryan Stephenson - Senior Tutor (back right): "I feel privileged to be training new entrants to the profession. Working with a fantastic team and seeing the results of our endeavours fills me with pride as we play our part in securing a fantastic education for the children in our care."

OUR HOME

Our eco building at The Academy at Shotton Hall is home to our trainee teachers. With state-of-the-art facilities, it provides a perfect base for your training with us.

Built in summer 2015 at a cost of just over £1million, our cedar-clad HQ is our teaching and learning oasis and we're very proud of it. With a large, light training room, four classrooms and the SCITT admin nerve centre, our new home gives you the space and sanctuary you need to learn the basics of teaching. Our training incorporates lesson observations in the main school just across the yard, providing a balanced combination of theory and practice from the outset of the course.

As well as boasting an impressive CV of eco-credentials, the building has been fitted with excellent facilities including 60" touch screen TVs, interactive whiteboards and personal power stations. There are also plenty of kettles to keep the coffee flowing for those early morning starts!



LAST YEAR'S SCITT STATS...

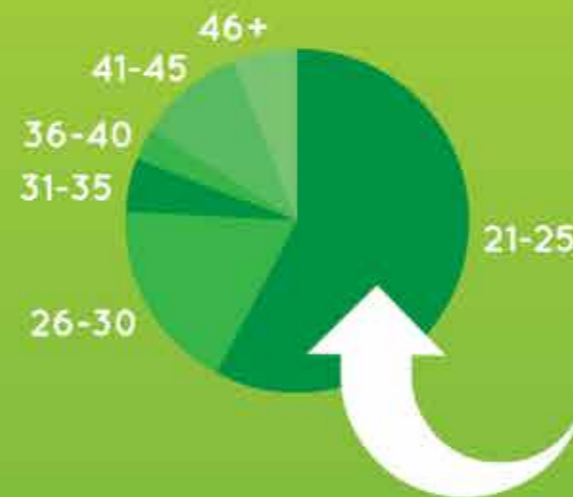


100%
of trainees
PASSED
the course

**CAREER
CHANGER**



**NEW
GRADUATE**
(0-3 years out of uni)



EMPLOYMENT

95% of last year's trainees got jobs in the North East

70% of these were in our partnership alliance of schools

23% of them were within our own Trust - The North East Learning Trust

Trainee age range

CAREERS

trainees had before deciding to teach

 Police	 Gas and oil industry	 Artist	 Engineering
 Sales assistant	 Armed forces	 Finance sector	 Ambulance service
 Researcher	 Fraud investigation	 Pharmaceutical manufacturer	 IT consultant

WHAT INSPIRED OTHERS TO TEACH?

To help and hopefully inspire confidence in pupils so they do well in school and in life.

I wanted a job that was worthwhile.

I had spent 20 years working in industry and wanted to show how useful maths was in the outside world; something I only learned with experience.

My Dad nagged me to get into teaching in my 20s and 30s; he finally wore me down in my 40s! He's my inspiration, as he's proved to me it's never too late. Now is the right time for me and teaching: I'm more settled, with life experience that I can hopefully use, to support the children in my class.

To help the industry I love to grow and prosper.

To ensure that every child goes neither undiscovered or undeveloped.

I am coming into teaching later in life after watching my children go through school and being inspired by the teachers they had. School life today is thankfully very different from the school life I experienced!

In my previous career I was a site manager/geologist and my job did not involve any aspects of making a difference without the need for monetary gain. Teaching changes this and offers me a way to help people achieve their ambitions.

I realised there was a job where you would never look at your watch and wish it was later in the day as time goes so fast. Apparently it flies when you're having fun, so it must be fun!

My history teacher inspired me to become a teacher - she was so enthusiastic and passionate about the subject.

I was inspired to become a teacher by one of my very own biology teachers. She had taught for such a long time but was still so enthusiastic about her subject.

I wanted to be a teacher to become the positive role model every child deserves.

I've always wanted to be a teacher ever since I was a little girl. Working as a teaching assistant for nine years and gaining lots of experience and practice reiterated this wish. So, I'm now a mum to a wonderful little boy, which I can also bring to the role, as well as providing a better future for him and our family.

I became a teacher as my music teacher was amazing. He helped me settle into school life and was more than a music teacher to me; he still is.

HOW TO APPLY...



Applications open in October for our primary and secondary School Direct and SCITT teacher training course places which start each September. Applications are submitted through the UCAS teacher training portal - **www.ucas.com**

You must be a graduate, preferably with a 1st, 2:1 or a 2:2 degree with the majority of content covered relevant to the subject you wish to teach. You also need at least a grade C in GCSE English and maths and a grade C or above in GCSE science for primary school training.

Some classroom experience is preferred as you will need to reflect on this at interview. Applicants with relevant industrial or commercial experience are also welcome to apply.

You can find full information about the application and selection process on our website as well as information on the specific support we offer for applicants from minority backgrounds.

COME AND MEET US!

We're always happy to welcome anyone thinking of becoming a teacher to Shotton Hall SCITT. If you would like to look around the school and meet some of our staff and students as well as finding out more about the ITT programme, please get in touch. Also, look out for our regular 'Back to School' taster days on our website.

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