



## The South Downs School Centred Initial Teacher Training

The South Downs SCITT is an Ofsted rated Outstanding teacher training provider who on average train around 25 primary and secondary trainees and this year we are expecting our largest cohort, with 26 already recruited. 'Trainees are exceptionally well taught and prepared to meet the rigours of the classroom with confidence' OFSTED 2018. We currently work with thirteen schools within the local area and our partnership is continuing to grow. Our course aims to provide trainees with an education of high quality at post graduate level within an environment of school-based research and enquiry. We create opportunities for trainee teachers to develop their ability to evaluate and analyse their academic and professional progress, in order to understand that teaching is a process of lifelong learning. 'The pursuit of excellence in all the partnership does is strongly articulated through the programme director's outstanding and visionary leadership.' OFSTED 2018

There are currently 8 subject tutors, SCITT Programme Lead, Primary Lead, and Co-ordinator that form the SCITT team. We are fortunate to have access to the Research School that is based at Durrington High School that works alongside the SCITT in delivering high quality evidenced based training as part of the professional studies programme. The SCITT is committed to providing our staff and trainees with CPD opportunities that will enhance their pedagogy and practice both in and outside of the classroom, OFSTED 2018.

The SCITT has achieved 100% pass rate for Qualified Teacher Status over the past three years and last year saw 66% of trainees gain a Postgraduate Certificate in Education as well with all other trainees gaining a Professional Certificate in Education. Employment rates are high and at least 50% of trainees were employed in a partner school last year. Trainees benefit from highly responsive, personalised professional development and pastoral care.

The programme fully supports the trainees in finding the right school for them to begin their career and sends them into the workplace with specific areas that they can celebrate as a success, and those that need development. Schools have praised the SCITT for their work with this. This ensures that as early career teachers they are given the correct support in order that they can flourish within the profession. We are proud that as a provider we offer bespoke care through their training and into their early careers

We are seeking to appoint an excellent Executive Assistant and Co-ordinator who is willing to learn, develop and help our trainees succeed both within and beyond their training year. In return you will find us a friendly and dynamic team.

Louise Longhurst

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