

# TeachFirst

## LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

### Secondary

Recruit driven, passionate people  
to train and teach in your school



The Leadership Development Programme recruits and trains high-quality teachers to work in secondary schools facing the greatest challenges. Our trainee teachers work with and learn from existing staff to improve the attainment and aspirations of your pupils.

### Preparation and training

Each summer, our trainees (known as ‘participants’) take part in five weeks of intensive preparation for teaching in a secondary school.

As part of their summer training, participants spend a minimum of 11 days in school. This includes time in your school to get to know the environment that they will be working in full-time from September.

Participants complete a two-year PGDE qualification, alongside their QTS and NQT training in your school. They teach an 80% timetable in year one, progressing to 100% in their NQT year. There is also the option to ‘top-up’ to a full Master’s degree from their third year.

### Your participant

Our thorough assessment process saves schools time and identifies the very best trainees. We expect a 2:1 degree qualification. Applicants must also meet core competencies, such as leadership and resilience.

Before starting the Leadership Development Programme, participants must have:

- attended our Assessment Centre
- completed a Curriculum Knowledge Assessment
- passed the QTS professional skills tests
- gained prior in-school experience
- completed our summer training residential.

### What is their background?



### What did they study?



## Our trainees lead the way



### Dedicated to change

Our trainees make up around a fifth of new teachers in low-income areas of England.



### Leadership material

Seven times more likely to become senior school leaders.



### Excellent teachers

In 2017, 99% of trainees who gained QTS achieved one of the two highest grades.



### Heading up schools

37 of our alumni have become headteachers.

## Support network

Our training received a rating of 'Outstanding' in 41 out of 48 areas in our last Ofsted inspection. Teach First will work with you to maximise the skills and experience within your school.

**Participant Development Leads:** An experienced Teach First professional responsible for support and development. This includes challenging participants to be the most effective teachers possible.

**School mentors:** Your school nominates an experienced key stage mentor to support each participant. We provide bespoke training for school mentors to assist them in this key role.

**University tutors:** Each university appoints a tutor to deliver QTS and PGDE training. This includes visiting participants to provide ongoing professional and research support.

## Our partnership

**Costs:** A participant takes up a paid teaching post for a minimum of two years, with your school paying the salary. Whilst a majority of the recruitment and training costs are covered by the government, your school also covers a contribution towards this.

For each secondary school participant this is between £5000-8000 per year. Annual fees vary according to subject, school size and location, and may adjust with public sector pay increases.

**Eligibility:** School eligibility is calculated using the recognised 'Income Deprivation Affecting Children Index' (IDACI) and 'Achieving Excellence Areas' (AEA).

### School eligibility criteria

IDACI*	AEA
40 or greater	N/A
35-40	4, 5 or 6
30-35	5 or 6
25-30	6

\*An IDACI of 40 means that 40% of pupils live in the three most deprived deciles.

## FIND OUT MORE

For detailed information about the programme, including the costs for your school, visit:

[www.teachfirst.org.uk/teachertraining](http://www.teachfirst.org.uk/teachertraining)



“We actively recruit from Teach First if we can, because they’re a different calibre of teachers than you get through recruitments ads. We know the quality of the trainees and the difference that they make is huge!”

**Rose Hughes, Headteacher, Yardleys School, Birmingham**