

# Why Train With Us?

Whitley Bay High School is the lead school in a Cohort 1 Teaching School Alliance (TSA). We were awarded the status in July 2011 - one of the first 56 secondary schools nationally - in recognition of the outstanding teaching, learning and training in the school.

Within our alliance, we believe our mission is to provide exciting, timely, relevant and supportive training for teachers, support staff and leaders throughout their careers so that they in turn inspire their students with a lifelong love of learning.

The Whitley Bay Teaching School Alliance is an inspirational partnership of schools which comprise of a mixture of large and small schools offering an education from Year 1 up to Year 13.

We are proud of the programme we offer and this has been reaffirmed by our latest cohort of trainees;

‘Most supportive group of professionals you could meet’

‘Extensive training opportunities’

‘The most supportive, insightful team behind you’

‘Amazing placement schools’

‘You will learn loads from experienced, yet extremely supportive teachers’

‘An opportunity to develop at a rapid pace’

‘Great range of creative and interesting training and insights into a variety of schools’

‘Quality of training is phenomenal’

‘We made a tight-knit group and shared experiences throughout the year’

‘Outstanding - the training programme is superb as it is delivered by very experienced and approachable staff who genuinely care about you’

‘They provide you with lots of creative practical tips and lesson ideas- this alliance is at the forefront of teaching and learning- train with the best and you will be the best’

‘Brilliant reputation and high calibre training’

‘Positive atmosphere which fosters creative teaching ‘

‘Employers are keen when they know you’ve trained at Whitley’

If you train with us, you will have two teaching placements in our partnership of schools, which are conveniently located across the North Tyneside, Newcastle and Northumberland area. These placements will provide you a unique opportunity to experience a diverse and varied range of teaching and learning opportunities, allowing you to be immersed in school life from the outset. Highly experienced and inspirational practitioners will design a bespoke training programme which will allow you to evolve into an outstanding and reflective teacher.

To help support you through your personalised training programme you will also be allocated experienced subject mentors who will oversee and monitor your progress and development. They will help introduce you to school life, give you support with lesson planning and preparation, look at effective classroom practices with you and they will have regular weekly meetings to reflect on your teaching. To find out more about our alliance of schools why not visit [www.whitleybayhighschool.org](http://www.whitleybayhighschool.org)

In addition, Whitley Bay High School and its partner schools work closely with Newcastle and Northumbria Universities to provide inspirational training and exceptional support for teachers beginning their careers through the School Direct route into teaching.

Upon successful completion of the programme you will be awarded either a Professional Graduate Certificate (Level 6) or a Post Graduate Certificate in Education (Level 7), with Qualified Teaching Status (QTS).