Teaching School Alliances

Hertfordshire is proud to be home to nine Teaching School Alliances, all of which offer fantastic training opportunities and support. Trainees training with a Teaching School Alliance will be based at a home school, but will complete a minimum four week placement in another school within the alliance, plus visit various other schools across the county. They will work with outstanding professionals on a day to day basis and receive dedicated support from an experienced team of mentors. Weekly training sessions will also be hosted across partner schools and led by experts on a range of topics including specific subject knowledge support.

1. Catalyst Teaching School Alliance SCITT (school-centred initial teacher training)
   Teaching schools: Leverhope
   The Hertfordshire & Essex High School
   No. of schools in the TSA: 46
   Catchment area: Hertfordshire, Essex.
   ITT provision: SCITT – awarding OTS
   School Direct
   School Direct (salaried)
   Partner with University of Hertfordshire and University of Cambridge
   Professional qualifications accredited: NQT induction

2. The Wroxham Transformative Learning Alliance
   Teaching schools: Wroxham School
   No. of schools in the TSA: 123
   Catchment area: Herts, Cambs, Barnt, Beds, Norfolk, Suffolk, London
   ITT provision: School Direct SCITT
   Partner with University of Nottingham and University of Hertfordshire
   Professional qualifications accredited: NQT induction
   NQT/NTQ provision: Bespoke courses for primary NQTs
   Develop Special Provision Locally (Dys/SPCL) lead school and provide extensive CPD
   Leadership provision: Specialist Leaders of Education (SLE)
   Bespoke leadership courses
   Learning without Limits assessment courses
   Assessment without levels’ courses
   Coaching/mentoring
   Research forum

3. West Hertfordshire Teaching Schools Partnership
   Teaching schools: Bloxington Primary Academy, Hammond Academy
   No. of schools in the TSA: 70+
   ITT provision: School Direct (accredited through The Pilgrim Partnership and the University of Hertfordshire)
   Professional qualifications accredited: NQT Induction
   NPQSL, NPQML, NPQH (licensed by NCTL)
   NQT 1-year bespoke six-session training programme for NQTs which covers Maths, A/FL, English, Science, PE, and Subject Leadership.
   NQT Programme
   HLTA Programme, accredited by the best Practise Network
   Leadership provision: NPQML (middle leaders)
   Impact Leadership Programme (middle leaders)
   NPQSL (senior leaders)
   Moving up to Headship Programme in Partnership with Catalyst Teaching School Alliance
   NPQH (headship)
   Senior Leaders of Education in all subject areas, supporting schools

4. The Advanced Learning Alliance
   Teaching schools: Dame Alice Owen’s School
   No. of schools in the TSA: 11
   Catchment area: Herts and North London.
   ITT provision: School Direct led by Watford Girls School (with University of Hertfordshire) and Dame Alice Owen’s School
   PGCE (Dame Alice Owen’s School in collaboration with University of Hertfordshire)
   Partner with Herts, Middlessex, Bedfordshire and Brighton Universities, The Institute of Education UCL
   Professional qualifications accredited: None
   NQT/NTQ+ provision: The Teacher Led Development Work (TLDW) programme led by Rickmansworth and Dame Alice Owen’s School
   SWISH programme offered in East of alliance
   Seeking for emerging assistant heads, co-option to SLE
   National Leader of Education (NLE)
   Leadership exchange opportunities, SLE and NLE
   Deployments led by Watford Grammar School for Boys, Insted programme

5. Herts and Bucks Teaching School Alliance
   Teaching schools: St. Clement Danes School
   No. of schools in the TSA: 27
   Catchment area: South Herts and South Bucks
   ITT provision: School Direct Partner with University of Hertfordshire
   Professional qualifications accredited: NPQML, IPT, OTP
   NQT/NTQ+ provision: In house programmes across TSA
   Leadership provision: SLT Secondment
   Research & Development opportunities Access to NPQDS
   Access to NPQH through TVSIP and secondments across the TSA
   Mentoring
   School to school support programmes
   Deployment of SLE/NLE/ALLE

6. Alban Teaching School Alliance
   Teaching schools: Sandinghram School
   No. of schools in the TSA: 21
   Catchment area: STASSH/Stevenage/ Hoddesdon/ Hemel Hempstead (north)
   ITT provision: SCITT offering Primary and Secondary School Direct Training
   Professional qualifications accredited: OTAP/ITP
   NQT/NTQ+ provision: Four day training spread throughout the year, with a two day residential
   NQT training course with Herts for Learning
   NQT+ 1 or NQT+2 programmes across the TSA and to schools linked with the TSA
   A range of “New to” courses for those taking on new responsibilities
   Leadership provision: “New to.” courses
   Leadership/curriculum programmes
   Women into Senior Leadership
   Women aspiring to assistant headship
   Women who lead in education regional hubs East
   Coaching for leadership

7. North Herts Teaching Alliance
   Teaching Schools: Hitchin Girls School
   No. of schools in the TSA: 18
   Catchment Area: North-Hertfordshire. Baldock, Hitchin, Letchworth, Royston, Stevenage
   ITT provision: Schools Direct – Primary and Secondary Lead school Hitchin Boys School and The Nobel School
   University of Herts accredited provider
   Professional qualifications accredited: None
   NQT/NTQ+ provision: NQT+1 Alliance led training and networking
   Leadership provision: Middle leadership course across consortium
   Senior leadership in house and consortium lecture program
   NLE deployment

8. Acorns Teaching School Alliance
   Teaching schools: Ludwick Nursery School
   No. of schools in the TSA: 50+ (Steering Group School Leaders: 14 Schools and settings)
   Catchment area: Herts and beyond
   ITT provision: School Direct
   Partner with Pilgrim Partnership
   Professional qualifications accredited: Early Years Educator onsite Level 2 EYPS training
   NQT/NTQ+ provision: Programme for RQF
   Leadership provision: Research & Development opportunities EYPS Leadership forum
   Access to EY TLWD with Herts/Cam School to school support programmes
   Deployment of SLE/NLE/ALLE
   Deployment of specialist EYPS team

9. Dacorum Teaching School Alliance
   Teaching schools: Dacorum Education Support Centre
   No. of schools in the TSA: 12
   Catchment area: Dacorum, Hemel Hempstead, Berkhamsted and Tring
   ITT provision: School Direct, School Direct (salaried)
   Partner with University of Hertfordshire