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Welcome to the August edition for this year of the Teacher Recruitment Bulletin. This contains vital information which will help to support your initial teacher training (ITT) recruitment.

Please consider whether this bulletin reaches the correct people in your organisation, and cascade as appropriate. Additional contacts can subscribe to the Teacher Recruitment Bulletin by emailing teacher.recruitmentbulletin@education.gov.uk.

1. Additional allocations still available for a September start

A reminder that you can still request additional ITT allocations for a September 2017 start.

If you've already achieved 90% or above of your original allocation, you can request additional places up to 125%. Further requests beyond this increase will also be considered on a case-by-case basis.

This offer applies to higher education institutes (HEIs), school-centred initial teacher training providers (SCITTs) and School Direct partnerships in all category one subjects (drama, history and primary, excluding PE and undergraduate courses); it applies to HEIs and SCITTs in all category 2 subjects (art and design, biology, chemistry, English and music), with School Direct partnerships continuing under the same methodology as before.

Please note the 10% tolerance in each subject remains for all allocated subjects, including PE and undergraduate courses, and is in addition to the subjects listed.

For further information, please email itt.allocations@education.gov.uk.

2. Remember - please keep in touch with all your trainees over the summer

Remember to stay in touch with successful trainees over the summer period to keep them engaged, enthusiastic and committed to their upcoming training.

Staying in touch can have a big impact on helping your new trainees feel connected with you; take a look at the suggestions below:

- ask your relevant head of department or subject lead to be the main contact for your trainees to make them feel like they're already part of your school
- appoint a mentor or buddy for each trainee to offer tutoring or group support - for example, a newly qualified teacher or recently qualified teacher
- set up an online social media community for incoming trainees so they can get to know each other before meeting face-to-face
- send reading lists and subject specialist information to trainees for them to look at before starting
- set trainees a series of preparation tasks each month which are linked to their subject area, which could be monitored and used to develop an individual learning plan

For more ideas, please refer to the guidance in the [marketing and recruitment guide](#).

3. Subject knowledge enhancement (SKE) two-week booster courses available for late applicants

A limited number of two-week SKE booster courses are available in maths, physics, languages, chemistry, computing, biology and geography. These courses are delivered face to face and should be used for candidates who already hold a related degree and need a knowledge boost before commencing their ITT.

Candidates will receive a bursary of £400. Availability is limited, so please check with your preferred [SKE provider](#).

To note, eight-week face-to-face and online courses are still available in all eligible subjects for candidates who need more support.

4. UCAS summer recruitment pilot - reminder

The UCAS reject by default (RBD) pilot will continue to run until 6pm on Monday 2 October 2017.

During this period, training providers have 20 working days to make a decision on applications, with a view to testing whether a shorter working day period has a positive effect and increases the number of applications and offers.

For further information, please refer to the UCAS pilot [frequently asked questions](#), and [Yammer](#) for additional updates.

5. Tender exercise - suppliers to support the recruitment of international teachers

NCTL has launched a tender exercise that will close on Friday 1 September 2017. We are seeking a framework of suppliers to assist schools and academies in recruiting, supporting, training and acclimatising international teachers in shortage, priority subjects such as maths, physics and modern foreign languages.

The framework will be in place for up to 4 years and will be directly available to schools and academies. We welcome bids from consortia including academy and school-led networks.

Further information can be found at [Ted - tenders electronic daily](#) or via [Contracts Finder](#) on GOV.UK.

If you have any further queries please contact international.framework@education.gov.uk.

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