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Welcome to the October edition 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. Colleagues can subscribe to the Teacher Recruitment Bulletin by emailing teacher.recruitmentbulletin@education.gov.uk.

1. Secretary of State speech, Sunday 1 October 2017

You may be aware that the Secretary of State for Education made a number of announcements on Sunday 1 October which impact on teachers and teacher training.

For full details, please visit [New education and skills measures](#) announced on GOV.UK.

2. Allocation of initial teacher training (ITT) places 2018 to 2019

We are very pleased to confirm that the ITT allocations (including early years ITT) for the 2018 to 2019 academic year have been announced in this [communication](#) on 14 September to all accredited ITT providers and School Direct lead schools. All allocations are now available on the NCTL data management system (DMS) and providers have all been advised to log into their accounts to view their confirmed allocations.

We expect to publish the full list of all ITT allocations and the teacher supply model (TSM) to coincide with UCAS opening on Thursday 26 October 2017.

This year we have introduced far more freedom and flexibility to allow you to maximise recruitment. We have only fixed allocations in a minimum number of subjects which are: Primary School Direct (Salaried), Primary General with Maths (School Direct Salaried only), Primary Maths Specialist (School Direct Salaried only) and PE (all routes) as these are the most popular subjects. The introduction of the “unlimited” allocations category means you have freedom to recruit in the subjects identified with no restrictions. Please refer to the methodology for full subject details.

The [allocation of initial teacher training places: methodology for the 2018 to 2019 academic year](#) is available on GOV.UK.

Please read this document in full, as it contains important information on what is changing for the 2018 to 2019 recruitment cycle. The methodology for early years ITT leading to early years teacher status (EYTS) is also included in this document.

Most questions will be answered within the methodology document. For further queries, please contact itt.allocations@education.gov.uk.

3. ITT financial incentives for the academic year 2018 to 2019

The ITT bursaries, scholarships and School Direct (salaried) grants for the academic year 2018 to 2019 will be available shortly on GOV.UK and Get Into Teaching.

All languages, biology, chemistry, physics and computer science teachers who start a teacher training course or are in years 1 to 5 of their careers from September 2018 will be eligible for the Teachers' Student Loan Reimbursement scheme [announced](#) recently by the Secretary of State, provided they are teaching in a state-funded school in a designated local authority. The full list of participating local authorities will be available shortly on GOV.UK and Get Into Teaching.

4. UCAS Teacher Training 2018 cycle

The 2018 UCAS Teacher Training application cycle will open on Thursday 26 October. This is when

applicants will be able to register for 2018 entry.

It is possible that some applicants will complete their application on 26 October, so you should be prepared in case you receive your first applications on this date. Please note this date is subject to change.

5. Spain's Visiting Teacher programme – first teachers joined schools in England

Are you in need of a Spanish language teacher, now or for January 2018? Please get in touch to be part of this success story!

The first cohort of teachers from [Spain's Visiting Teachers programme](#) joined their schools in September. We are delighted at the excellent quality and experience of those applying to the programme, many of whom have already taught in Canada and the USA.

The acclimatisation residential was a success and the tutors were impressed at the teachers' superior command of the English language and enthusiasm to teach in England.

We have a pool of qualified candidates who have already undertaken rigorous selection and are ready to teach in England, and many are qualified to teach more than one language.

To explore how the programme can support your recruitment, email international.teacherrecruitment@education.gov.uk to register your interest.

6. Train to Teach – for information and action

Visitor registration for the autumn Train to Teach events opened in mid-September and is proving very popular. A few provider exhibition spaces remain at the following events:

Location	Time	Date
Cardiff	4.30pm to 8pm	Tuesday 17 October 2017
Birmingham	3pm to 7pm	Wednesday 25 October 2017
Bath	10am to 2pm	Saturday 11 November 2017
Ipswich	4.30pm to 8pm	Wednesday 15 November 2017
Middlesbrough	4.30pm to 8pm	Wednesday 7 February 2018
Norwich	4.30pm to 8pm	Thursday 8 February 2018
Blackpool	4.30pm to 8pm	Tuesday 27 February 2018
Bristol	4.30pm to 8pm	Wednesday 28 February 2018
Leicester	4.30pm to 8pm	Thursday 1 March 2018
Bournemouth	4.30pm to 8pm	Tuesday 6 March 2018

Milton Keynes	4.30pm to 8pm	Thursday 8 March 2018
Cambridge	4.30pm to 8pm	Tuesday 13 March 2018
Colchester	4.30pm to 8pm	Thursday 15 March 2018

We will offer spaces on a first-come, first-served basis to providers based in or near to the region where events are held.

If you would like to book a space, please return the [booking form](#) by 5pm on Thursday 12 October to traintoteach@blackberryproductions.co.uk.

7. Train to Teach – request for advocate teachers to attend events

To support the national Get Into Teaching events campaign, our on-campus team is seeking enthusiastic teachers who would be willing to talk to students and graduates about the merits of the teaching profession.

We are running a series of on-campus pop-up events and attending graduate recruitment fairs, where we hope to maximise our presence at universities and have more in-depth conversations with individuals about teaching as a career, including advice and guidance on preparing and applying for teacher training.

We think it would be extremely beneficial to have teacher advocates there on hand to support our events. It's a fantastic opportunity to meet with potential candidates, and explore the benefits of becoming a teacher and the range of training options available to them.

To support these events or if you have any further questions, please contact whatson.where@education.gov.uk.

8. National marketing day – Wednesday 11 October 2017, London

National Marketing Days are designed for all ITT providers, and give advice about how to improve the impact of your marketing activity; they present an invaluable opportunity to help fill your places. Spaces are available at our next event:

Wednesday 11 October 2017 10.30am to 3pm, registration from 10am

Park Crescent Conference Centre 229 Great Portland Street London W1W 5PN

You can view [more details about the London event and register](#) to secure a place.

9. ITT provider marketing and recruitment guide – refresh for ITT 2018

Our marketing and recruitment guide and marketing toolkit for ITT providers have both been refreshed and updated for the autumn term and include details of our national marketing days. The toolkit includes useful resources to market your ITT provision, including social media tips and customisable leaflets, flyers and

postcards.

To see full guidance, please visit [Initial teacher training: marketing and recruitment guide](#) or to download useful tools and templates, see our [marketing toolkit](#).

10. Teacher case study request – reminder

If you missed last month's appeal, it's not too late to get in touch with our PR agency on the Get Into Teaching campaign, who are looking for case studies to highlight teaching as a career.

We're seeking a mix of people, from graduates and career changers to those who have returned to teaching after a break, and who'd be willing to share their stories for a variety of media opportunities. We're especially keen to speak to those in priority subjects including maths, geography, physics, chemistry, computing, and modern foreign languages.

Media coverage from case studies can benefit the individual, the school and the general profile of teaching as a profession, as well as the Get Into Teaching campaign.

If you, (or anyone you know) are interested in supporting us, please contact nctl@kindredagency.com as soon as possible with a name, age, contact details, subjects taught, and school.

Read the full [case study request](#) for more information.

11. Teaching and Leadership Innovation Fund – opportunities for existing teachers

The Teaching and Leadership Innovation Fund has been made available to support high-quality professional development for teachers and school leaders in the areas and schools in England that need it most.

We have now awarded funding to the first providers; these organisations offer programmes aiming to increase existing teachers' skills, confidence and knowledge in a range of areas including leadership and phonics. For more information, and to check teacher eligibility to enrol in these programmes, visit [Teaching and Leadership Innovation Fund: programmes for teachers and school leaders](#).

Please cascade this message to teachers in your school or locality who may be interested in these opportunities.

12. Teacher subject specialism training (TSST) reminder – courses for 2017 to 2018

TSST has been introduced and is now available to improve the subject knowledge of non-specialist and returning teachers and increase the number of hours taught. TSST is available in secondary mathematics, core maths, physics and modern foreign languages and is free for participants.

Please visit [Teacher subject specialism training courses](#) for further details.

13. UCAS Teacher Training Update – Wednesday 8 November

2017

The 2017 UCAS Teacher Training Update (formerly Annual Review Meeting) will be held on Wednesday 8 November 2017 at the Bristol Marriott Hotel City Centre.

The meeting will give you the opportunity to contribute to the UCAS Teacher Training scheme review, and meet colleagues from other member training providers, as well as UCAS staff.

For full details and to register online, please visit [Annual UCAS Teacher Training Update](#).

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