

School Direct 2021/22 Primary Course Directory

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Why Train With Us?

In your teacher training year you will spend two thirds of your time in schools, irrespective of the type of training route you choose. We offer the School Direct route in partnership with the University of Middlesex or the University of Hertfordshire. This gives you the opportunity to choose and train in a school you like, and that likes and chooses you. Middlesex University offer a PG Cert with QTS whilst the University of Hertfordshire offers a PGCE for Primary.

We only choose people we think have the qualities to be a good teacher, and we expect our trainees to choose us because they can see we provide a strong mentor support structure with rigorous standards.

As schools we have decades of experience in training teachers. We would be delighted to have you visit us and to talk to you informally before your application. If you'd like to arrange a discussion please send an email to a.phillips@londonacademy.org.uk.

What We're Looking For

Academic Credentials

However much we like you, if you don't have the following academic qualifications you will not be able to train with us:

- A relevant honours degree from a British university with a minimum 2.2 or equivalent overseas degree supported by a recent NARIC certificate.
- For Secondary, GCSE Maths and English at Grade C or higher or equivalent (supported by a recent NARIC certificate for overseas students)
- For Primary, GCSE Science at Grade C or higher. Hertfordshire University do not offer equivalencies however, Middlesex University does. Therefore, if you do not have GCSE's you can apply to train with Middlesex but you will need to produce evidence from NARIC that you have an equivalent qualification.

For GCSEs, an equivalent qualification from Equivalency Testing Ltd is also acceptable for Middlesex University, **but not any other provider**.

Overseas applicants - please note that your school qualification in **English** in particular may not be equivalent to the GCSE and this will be stated on any NARIC certificate. If not, you will have to either sit the GCSE English Language exam or take an equivalency test from Equivalency Testing Ltd.



Personal Attributes

Above all else we want to see that you like and can interact appropriately with children and young people. We want to see that you:

- like people and can interact with them appropriately
- are determined, trustworthy and resilient
- show patience and kindness to others, and don't harbour grudges
- can engage peoples' attention, and adapt to situations as they unfold

You will also need to see teaching as a positive career choice and be interested in and informed about education in England today.

You need to be very clear about why you want to become a teacher, the skills involved and what you can bring to the profession.

School Experience

We offer school experience days within our alliance schools for prospective applicants. To arrange school experience please request this by emailing a.phillips@londonacademy.org.uk.

Other

You must also complete a satisfactory Enhanced DBS check, submit a health questionnaire and complete a placement form. Further details will be sent to you once you receive an offer.

How to Apply

You apply for all our courses via the UCAS website, www.ucas.com. Search for our provider code, **2FR** or **AIM Alliance Schools**.

Choose the course you want to apply for and apply! For courses run by several schools, please specify which school you are applying to by choosing the correct campus code and be sure to choose the correct university within your application.



Primary General Courses

Schools	London Academy Primary School – Campus A Broadfields Primary School – Campus E Fairway Primary School and Children’s Centre – Campus F Deansbrook Junior School – Campus G Hollickwood Primary School – Campus P
University partner	Middlesex University
Route	Tuition Fee available at all sites
Bursary	All trainees will pay their university tuition fees.
Leads to	PG Cert and QTS
Requirements	You must have a minimum of a 2:2 degree
Link to University Partner’s Page	http://www.mdx.ac.uk/courses/postgraduate/school-direct-qts

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University partner	Hertfordshire University

Route	Tuition Fee available at all sites
Bursary	All trainees will pay their university tuition fees.
Leads to	PGCE
Requirements	You must have a minimum of a 2:2 degree
Link to University Partner's Page	https://www.herts.ac.uk/study/schools-of-study/education/initialteacher-education/school-direct

Primary Schools

London Academy Primary

www.londonacademy.org.uk/Primary/About-Our-Primary/

School Experience Postcode: HA8 8DE

London Academy is the Lead school for AIM Alliance Schools and an 'all-through' school. Nestled in its grounds is our self-contained and brand new primary academy. Our vision and values are:

- To provide a happy, safe, caring environment in which everyone can achieve their full potential.
- To promote high standards of achievement both in work and in behaviour.
- To deliver an exciting and vibrant curriculum in a challenging way.
- To enrich the curriculum with extra-curricular activities, visits and school journeys.
- To encourage each child to develop high self-esteem and, in doing so, learn to respect others.
- To share with parents and families the responsibility for developing children educationally, morally, spiritually and socially.

Pupils have the best of both worlds with a quiet space away from the main academy to grow and develop with facilities specifically designed for younger children, but with the benefits of the resources of the secondary phase. Children can join London Academy from age 4. The pupils take part in a range of activities to stimulate their imaginations and learning skills. Children learn phonics and writing skills and take part in our mathematics mastery programme. We believe in creating a fun, happy learning environment where essential basic skills are picked up in an enjoyable manner.

Our prime location means that we can really take advantage of all the learning and cultural experiences that London has to offer.



www.broadfields.barnet.sch.uk

School Experience Postcode: HA8 8JP

Broadfields Primary School aims to provide a foundation for life in a happy, high achieving school, where all individuals have high expectations of themselves, respect each other and fulfil their true potential. We are a school to which our whole school community, children, staff, parents and governors proud to belong.

Broadfields Primary School is a successful Initial Teacher Training provider that aims to provide the highest quality teacher training, which promotes the best standards of teaching and learning.

Fairway Primary School and Children's Centre

www.fairway.barnet.sch.uk

School Experience Postcode: NW7 3HS

Our ethos and vision is "success for all!"

At Fairway School and Children's Centre we understand that pupils learn in a variety of ways. They learn through play, from a variety of experiences, through being given information, being taught and shown how to acquire skills and do things; they learn by trial and error, deduction and analogy, by problem solving of a practical and intellectual kind, by imaginative and exploratory work. If learners were to be treated merely as passive recipients, then their learning would be severely circumscribed.

We value the fact that pupils bring their personal experience, their interests, habits and particular learning strategies, their culture and heritage to the learning process.

Fairway School and Children's Centre is committed to providing high quality learning experiences that lead to a consistently high level of pupil achievement. A characteristic feature of effective learning is that it is active. Active learning is not to be confused with simply having practical things to do, with lots of activity. It is much more complex than that; it is intellectual engagement with a task or a problem. Active learning can be applied to a practical task, to a conversation, to simply sitting still and thinking about things. The activity itself may be mental or physical.





www.deansbrookjuniorschool.co.uk

School Experience Postcode: NW7 3ED

Here at Deansbrook Junior School we have a strongly believe that all children and staff will achieve their full potential if given the right amount of support with the right encouragement in the best possible environment.

Children should be encouraged to become lifelong learners who are prepared to go out into the world without any fear of the unknown, with the confidence to deal with successes and failures, and know how to learn from them.

We are an innovative and creative school, constantly seeking inspirational ways to engage and excite children. The quality of our school grounds and classrooms are exceptional and our high standards of achievement reflect this.

We work extremely closely within the Aim Alliance network of schools to provide successful School Direct Teacher Training programmes with a supportive network of mentors to help you along the way. We are more than happy to offer school experience for potential applicants wishing to visit our school.

Hollickwood Primary School

www.hollickwood.barnet.sch.uk

School Experience Postcode: N10 2NL

This is what we are striving for, every day

At Hollickwood we aim to

- Be a caring, inclusive learning community that nurtures young learners
- Enable all our children to attain the highest standards in all areas of learning
- Inspire children to set challenges for themselves and aim high in life and learning
- Develop young minds that are questioning and open to new ideas and knowledge
- Nurture respect, and positive regard for all members of our community
- Provide learning experiences that are stimulating, engaging and memorable
- Equip young learners with skills they will need in their futures
- Commit to ongoing self-evaluation, innovation and improvement



How We Select Our Trainees

Selection

Schools will shortlist applicants for interview, with no fixed deadline. We may go through this process more than once for any particular programme.

Interviews

If selected you will be required to attend an interview either virtually or socially distanced at the school running the programme you have applied for.

Your interview will consist of:

- A short presentation by you on a subject chosen by the interviewing school;
- A 40 minute interview virtually with the school and the university representative
- Completion of sample tasks in English and Maths.

Notification

If you are selected for interview we will upload the interview date to UCAS. You should be aware that UCAS will not automatically notify you if an interview date has been uploaded, so it is your responsibility to check the UCAS site regularly.

We will also contact you about the interview by email; please ensure that you also regularly check your spam folder. The interview email will ask you to confirm your attendance at the interview and the relevant email address will be supplied.

Offers are uploaded to UCAS and candidates are notified of this by email.

General Information

Accommodation

We do not provide accommodation for trainees.

Child Care Facilities

We do not have any childcare facilities. We recommend that students use nurseries in their local area.



Disability Access

The schools in the alliance have different levels of access. If you are invited for an interview, please let the school running the programme know if you have any specific requirements.

Information on university partners' disability and wellbeing support can be found on their websites.

Where to Find Us

For further information please contact Amanda Phillips at a.phillips@londonacademy.org.uk.

