



## Abbey Primary Community School Direct Programme

Abbey Primary School is a National Teaching School and the lead school for a new and exciting model of initial teacher training that provides trainees with invaluable classroom experiences to equip them with the skills and knowledge to become effective and confident primary school teachers.



Abbey School, as the lead primary school for the Leicester Teaching School Alliance (LeTS), works within an alliance of over twenty schools from Leicester City and the local region. This Alliance of schools is committed to providing outstanding quality teacher training so the young people in our schools achieve the best possible outcomes. The Alliance hopes to use the School Direct route to grow outstanding teachers and leaders to employ in its alliance schools.

Abbey School and the LeTS alliance have worked in very close partnership with the Leicester and Leicestershire SCITT, an outstanding primary ITT provider, in the design of this School Direct programme. All School Direct trainees on this route will benefit from following the full training programme of the L&L SCITT.

### The Leicester & Leicestershire SCITT School Direct programmes

School Direct is a route to train teachers that follows the SCITT (School Centred Initial Teacher Training) philosophy of putting schools at the heart of the ITT process. All trainees on School Direct programmes accredited by the L&L SCITT will specialise within training to teach either FS & KS1 (3-7yrs) pupils or KS1 & KS2 (5-11yrs) pupils.

Over the last ten years the Leicester & Leicestershire SCITT has continuously refined and developed its training programme to achieve its current outstanding local and national reputation for providing primary teacher training of the highest quality. **All trainees on all School Direct programmes accredited by the L&L SCITT will benefit from following the full SCITT training programme, whilst also being allied to some exceptional schools within the partnership.** All trainees will be enrolled on a full PGCE programme, with 60 Masters credits, as an integral part of the course.

Indicators of the L&L SCITT's exceptional programme include:

- Rated as one of the two **TOP** primary ITT providers **nationally** for the quality of training in The Good Teacher Training Guide for each of the last two years.
- In the Top 3 ITT providers **nationally** for the overall quality of training in the 2013 and 2014 Newly Qualified Teacher surveys ( Six months after completing ITT training all NQTs are asked to complete a government survey regarding how well their ITT training provider prepared them for the challenges of their first year as a teacher)
- **Outstanding** in its most recent OFSTED inspection
- **Exceptionally** good employment prospects for trainees (61 out of the 62 trainees gaining QTS in the last two years were employed as teachers immediately after completing training )
- **Extremely** high retention of trainees on the course (over 96% over the past 3 years)
- Excellent outcomes for trainees against the Teachers' Standards at the end of training in both 2013 and 2014
- 100% of headteachers employing the SCITT trainees rated the quality of training their NQTS had received as 'good' or better ( 58% 'very good') in the most recent 2013 survey

## Interested in applying?

<b>Number of places</b>	Across the LeTS Alliance and SCITT partnership Abbey Primary School is able to offer five non-salaried School Direct early primary or primary places.
<b>Abbey Primary Community School and the LeTS Alliance</b>	Before making an application it may be useful for you to find out about Abbey Primary School <a href="http://www.abbey.leicester.sch.uk">http://www.abbey.leicester.sch.uk</a> and the LeTS Alliance <a href="http://www.letslearn.org.uk">www.letslearn.org.uk</a> You might also like to gain an overview of the School Direct route. Also visit <a href="http://www.leics-scitt.co.uk">www.leics-scitt.co.uk</a> for further details of this primary ITT provider.
<b>Application</b>	Apply through the UCAS Teacher training website <a href="http://www.ucas.com/how-it-all-works/teacher-training">http://www.ucas.com/how-it-all-works/teacher-training</a>
<b>Entry requirements &amp; Experience</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A UK-recognised Honours Degree, (preferably 2:1 or above).</li> <li>• GCSE grade C or above in English, Mathematics and Science at grade C or above (Biology, Chemistry, Physics or Combined Science) or equivalent.</li> <li>• At the time of submission you should ideally have a minimum of at least 5 days experience in a UK school during the last academic year, although more experience is likely to be useful.</li> </ul>
<b>Personal specification</b>	<p>We are looking for candidates who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• have a passion for learning;</li> <li>• are able to make a positive contribution to the lives of young people and the community;</li> <li>• have an excellent ability to communicate with children and adults;</li> <li>• have excellent ICT skills;</li> <li>• are able to manage and organise themselves and be flexible.</li> </ul>
<b>Interview &amp; recruitment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interviews will take place within partnership schools of the Leicester &amp; Leicestershire SCITT.</li> <li>• You will be asked to draw upon your experiences in school and working with children at interview.</li> <li>• You will also be required to pass the numeracy and literacy professional skills tests, ideally before the interview or failing this, within two months of an offer being made. For further details visit the following web link <a href="http://www.education.gov.uk/get-into-teaching/apply-for-teacher-training/skills-tests">http://www.education.gov.uk/get-into-teaching/apply-for-teacher-training/skills-tests</a></li> </ul>

If you believe you would enjoy:

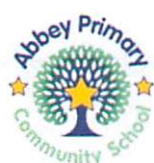
- receiving top quality training that challenges you to achieve your potential as a teacher;
- working in a small friendly environment, supported by a close knit family of trainers and fellow trainees;
- learning from dedicated and outstanding practitioners and schools.

visit [www.leics-scitt.co.uk](http://www.leics-scitt.co.uk) to find out more about this programme.

**For further details and any queries please contact the Leicester & Leicestershire SCITT**

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