

READY TO TEACH?

-  Do you want to be a primary school teacher?
-  Do you want to train in outstanding Camden schools?
-  Do you want to gain a PGCE qualification awarded by the IOE - UK's leading teaching training provider (Ofsted outstanding in ALL areas Nov 2013)?



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Partnership**  
Teaching School Alliance

# TRAIN TO TEACH WITH CAMDEN PRIMARY PARTNERSHIP

Our Teacher Training Programme (School Direct non-salaried route) is run in conjunction with the Institute of Education (IOE) and leads to a PGCE qualification. Our students attend exactly the same lectures as all the other PGCE students at the IOE but also get together each week (usually Thursday afternoons) for specific, additional school-based INSET sessions in one of our partner schools, all excellent, all in Camden, a lead London borough. Our students also know that we take great care in organising their school placements within our group of outstanding Camden schools.

## WHY CHOOSE TO TRAIN WITH US

We are strong advocates for the School Direct model of teacher training – we are passionate about teacher training and want to recruit, develop and support enthusiastic new teachers; We have over 3 years School Direct experience with numbers growing every year – with 20 student places for 2015-16; We have over 25 years experience of training teachers; We seek feedback from our students on a weekly basis and strive to improve and develop the individual training sessions and our programme as a whole.

Access to teaching practices in excellent schools within an excellent borough;  
Partnership with an outstanding HEI (Ofsted November 2013);  
Schools that have strong and long-standing links with the IOE;  
Lots of opportunities for cross-phase observation and experiencing different settings and teaching styles across our group of schools;  
Experienced course leaders and mentors;  
Placements in genuinely comprehensive schools where you would gain experience of both very challenging pupils and also some exceptionally high achievers;  
School-based tutorials as a group led by experienced members of the Leadership team;  
Learning in schools that share a strong commitment to child centred hands on learning rooted in an exciting topic based approach;  
The chance to train amongst highly committed, positive professional staff;  
The opportunity to become part of a school community thus gaining understanding of the richness and complexities of primary teaching;  
Strong programme leadership by Eleanor Palmer senior leaders' and our course tutor at the IOE; Throughout the year strong liaison between mentors and class teachers from our across our partner schools to ensure that all students have a very well-supported ITT experience.

## WHAT ARE WE LOOKING FOR

**Above all, enthusiasm and an aptitude for teaching!**  
The ability to reflect and to question;  
Engaging personality, warmth;  
Good academic background;  
Ability to immediately engage with children (and hold authority!);  
Commitment to public service;  
Ambition.



## QUOTES FROM OUR STUDENTS

“What makes School Direct with the Camden Primary Partnership special is the chance to work and learn hands-on in the best primary schools in the country, each with its own unique teaching and learning ethos and a generosity of spirit in sharing skills, mentoring and expertise.”

“Being part of such an inspirational group of schools has given us the opportunity to observe outstanding practice. We're part of a really supportive group and have been welcomed into our schools from the very start”.

“School based training has been the most useful part of the course. Great to have more practical sessions to set against the IOE theory.”

“An amazing term! Thank you so much for all your support. It's great to be part of a group of schools where we are exposed to such inspirational teaching. My teacher has given me so many opportunities to try new things and I really feel like part of the class. I love being part of such a supportive group where we can bounce ideas around and share our experiences”.

“The school direct days have been invaluable. They have helped me in all the ways other PGCE students at the Institute struggle e.g. cross phase observation, experience in schools with outstanding practice.”

“I can't think of a more supportive way of doing the PGCE. Right from the outset meeting our fellow SD students and finding out about the IOE programme and our schools was a real heads-up from the beginning. Our cross-school training days were a great opportunity to see the practical side of teaching theory which complemented the theory led IOE sessions perfectly.”

“It is a personal and friendly addition to the PGCE. As a group, we have built trust and friendships with each other. It's been fabulous to learn together and from each other in our different schools. School Direct offers a network of support.”

“Thank you for an amazing year. I'm so glad I did school direct with Camden. Everyone's been so supportive and lovely and I feel ready for my NQT year!”

### FROM OUR IOE LINK TUTOR

“The students really benefit from having a close relationship with the mentors in their schools and a relationship with their Institute tutor. They realise that they are joining an education community in which teachers, researchers and academics are working together with a common goal: to develop best practice underpinned by research evidence, sound principles and values, so that all our children have the best possible experience at school.”

### FROM ONE OF OUR SCHOOL MENTORS

“The opportunity to extend the link between so many fantastic schools in Camden has meant that we are able to share practice and learn from each other. It has also given us the opportunity to think about what I do well as a teacher, share this practice, and identify areas that I can improve on. The opportunity to run INSET at the school for the visiting students has made led me to address my own practice, and think about why I do what I do as a class teacher.”

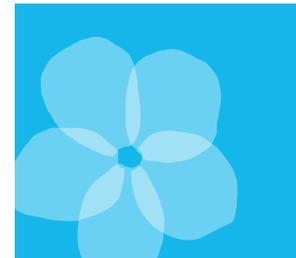
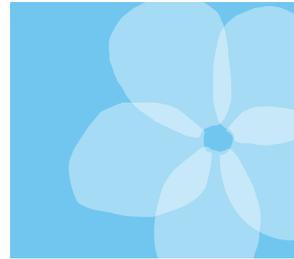
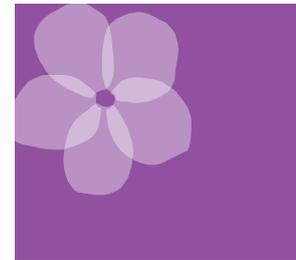
### IOE OFSTED INSPECTION NOVEMBER 2013

“The productive and mutually respectful partnerships between the provider and schools, colleges and other settings enhance the quality of provision and have a significantly positive impact on trainees' achievement.”

### QUOTE FROM OUR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PARTNER

“I work as a Camden Professional Partner with eight Camden schools, several of whom are partners in School Direct. Talking to Headteachers, teachers, mentors and student all believe this to be a cohesive method of training and supporting students during training. Students have a real identity as they are known to staff and as a result there is a continuity of support that is not possible in a larger model. Students who have been trained in conjunction with School Direct are really popular with would be employers as they know and trust the schools that have trained them.”

For more information please visit [www.camdentsa.org.uk/school-direct](http://www.camdentsa.org.uk/school-direct)



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Our Teaching School is based at Eleanor Palmer Primary School, Lupton Street, London NW5 2JA.  
**Lead School - Eleanor Palmer**  
Partner Schools - Christopher Hatton Primary School, Fleet Primary School, Holy Trinity and St Silas C of E Primary School NW1, Kentish Town C of E Primary School, Primrose Hill Primary School, Thomas Coram Centre, Torriano Junior School.



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