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## Introduction

### Ready to make a real difference in your community?

Barking Abbey is proud to be entering our **third year of training teachers** – and our track record speaks for itself. We've already helped local people, trained by local teachers, secure jobs in **local schools**.

With us, you're not just a number. You'll be part of a small, highly successful group of trainee teachers, supported every step of the way by experienced mentors who know what it takes to thrive in the classroom.

Our **School-Centred Initial Teacher Training (SCITT)** is a one-year, school-based route into teaching. From day one you'll be in the classroom, building relationships with pupils, learning on the job, and gaining the confidence and skills you need to succeed. Alongside this, you'll receive subject-specific training and expert guidance to help you become the best teacher you can be.

By the end of the programme, you'll be awarded **Qualified Teacher Status (QTS)** and a **Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE)** – and, more importantly, you'll be ready to inspire the next generation.

## Outstanding Providers

### Outstanding training. Outstanding schools.

We've worked with a wide network of **local schools**, and wherever possible we'll support you if you have a particular school you'd like to train in.

Barking Abbey is an **Ofsted-rated Outstanding school**, and we're proud to be working in partnership with **Teach First** to deliver this programme. Together, we combine Barking Abbey's local expertise with Teach First's national reputation for excellence.

With over 20 years' experience as the UK's largest Initial Teacher Training provider, Teach First bring unrivalled expertise and a proven track record of success. Their **Ofsted 'Outstanding'** rating across all areas reflects their commitment to ensuring every trainee teacher reaches their full potential and makes the biggest possible impact in the classroom.

## The Course

Our one-year, **research-led SCITT programme** gives you hands-on experience from day one, training in a school local to you. You'll spend **four days a week in the classroom** to start, supported by a skilled mentor, and **one day a week in training** designed by Teach First's expert curriculum team. You will end the programme on an 80% timetable.

The programme kicks off with **two weeks of intensive training** in September, covering the essentials such as behaviour management and lesson planning. You'll also take part in additional intensive training weeks later in the year.

Alongside your core placement, you'll gain **broader experience in other schools**, building subject knowledge, practical skills, and strategies to manage workload and wellbeing.

By the end of the year, you'll achieve **Qualified Teacher Status (QTS)**, a **PGCE with 60 master's credits**, and the confidence and expertise to thrive as an early career teacher.

## Mentoring and support

You'll be eased into teaching by shadowing other expert teachers, before leading your own lessons with guidance from more experienced colleagues.

You'll work with a skilled and knowledgeable subject-specific mentor who will meet with you regularly to give you guidance. Your lead mentor will deliver your training alongside subject experts and oversee your progress throughout the year.

Your mentors also receive support and training from Teach First and us to ensure that they are briefed on the latest research and can tailor their coaching to suit your needs.

## Core programme overview

September 2026 - July 2027



Intensive training  
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### Core placement stats



Term 1

Module 1

Module 2

Development review 1



Term 2

Module 3

Module 4

Intensive training  
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Broader school experience

PGCE assignment 1

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Weekly training includes

Self directed study sessions

Live seminars

Whole day conferences



Term 3

Module 5

Module 6

Intensive training  
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PGCE assignment 2

QTS sign off meeting

Receive your QTS and PGCE

## Eligibility

To be eligible to apply you will need:

- an undergraduate degree, or equivalent.
- to demonstrate sufficient knowledge in the subject you are applying to teach, either through your degree qualification, your A levels or relevant experience.
- grade 4 (C) or above in English and maths GCSEs, or equivalent qualification.

We will not consider candidates with pending GCSEs. Functional skills qualifications are not equivalent to maths and English GCSEs.

We accept most equivalency test providers. You will need to have passed your GCSE equivalency test before applying to our programme; we will not be able to process your application until you have passed.

Overseas qualifications will be reviewed by the UK national agency for international qualifications and skills (ENIC) to ensure they meet programme requirements.

## International candidates

You'll need the right to study in the UK. You already have this if, for example, you:

- are an Irish citizen.
- have settled or pre-settled status under the EU Settlement Scheme (you may still be able to apply).
- have indefinite leave to remain in the UK.

If you do not already have the right to study in the UK, you may need to apply for a visa. The main visa for fee-paying courses (those that you have to pay for) is the Student visa. We do NOT sponsor visas.

## Subjects we offer

Biology, Business Studies, Chemistry, English, Geography, History, Mathematics, Physics, Religious Education, Computer Science and Primary



## Our Headteacher - Tony Roe



The most important factor in a young person's education is the quality of the adult in the room. High quality subject knowledge, advanced pedagogy and a commitment to professional development are all foundational in this. On top of this young people respond best to adults they connect with, and it is important they see themselves and their communities represented in their teachers. We firmly believe that if you can't see it, you can't be it. We want to give young people in our partner schools the chance to see successful people of every religion, colour and background whilst they are at school. Our SCITT was set up to increase the numbers of people from our community who want to teach in our community. We have been massively successful so far and have a number of alumni actively making a difference in their schools. If you want to change lives and you want to do it in our community then we are the only choice.

## Delivery Partner Director - Helen Blake



Having lived in Dagenham my whole life, I was inspired by my teachers to succeed - to study geography, travel the world, and become a teacher myself. My focus is on ensuring that the next generation also has teachers who inspire them to greatness. East London is a unique place to teach, with some of the best schools achieving incredible things despite increasingly limited resources. We want to support our community by training teachers within our context—helping them understand the challenges our students face. While recruitment into ITT is tough, our unique selling point is clear: **local teachers for local schools.**

## Director of ITT and SCITT Lead - Victoria Murphy



I have nearly 20 years experience of teaching in a large inner London school. Over that time I've held a number of roles – as a classroom teacher, Head of Geography and now Director of ITT. My love of Teaching & Learning means that I have been lucky enough to work with and mentor, a range of teachers at different stages in their career. I firmly believe that to achieve the best outcomes for our students, we must invest in high quality training for our teachers, and this begins with Initial Teaching Training. Effective professional development in the first years of teaching is vital, and we pride ourselves in providing a supportive environment where teachers can grow. As a result, our trainees have all gone on to successfully obtain their QTS and PGCE.

## Personal Qualities

We believe that great teachers are shaped by their habits, values and commitment to growth.

On our SCITT programme, we are looking for aspiring teachers who:

- Show **bravery** and resilience when facing challenges in the classroom.
- Strive for **excellence**, always seeking to improve their subject knowledge and practice.
- Demonstrate **self-discipline**, managing workload and reflecting on feedback.
- Value **teamwork**, collaborating with peers, mentors, and school communities.

We welcome candidates who are committed to creating classrooms where every pupil feels a sense of **belonging**, is encouraged to **aspire**, and supported to **succeed**.

If you are motivated, reflective, and eager to make a lasting difference in young people's lives, we would be excited to support your journey into teaching.

## Fees and financial support

This is a fee paying course - The course fees for UK students in 2026–27 are expected to remain in line with recent years (2024–25 fees were £9,535). As a full-time student on our SCITT, you will have access to a wide range of student benefits and can apply for a tuition fee loan (subject to eligibility).

In addition, **depending on your subject and qualifications, you may be eligible for a government-funded bursary or grant in 2026** to support you throughout your training. These can make a significant difference to your year of study.

We strongly encourage all applicants to check the Department for Education's website for the latest information on bursary amounts and subject eligibility before applying.

## Course accessibility

Equality, diversity, and inclusion are fundamental to our programmes and partnerships. You will have access to our partner university's support services, and we will take a tailored approach to all reasonable adjustments trainees may need. You will be able to apply to Student Finance for additional support dependent on eligibility, for example Disabled Students' Allowance.



## How to apply

Visit: [www.gov.uk/apply-for-teacher-training](https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-teacher-training) and choose Barking Abbey as a provider.

We'll then contact you directly with information about the next steps in the application process.

All offers are subject to satisfactory results from necessary pre-employment checks.

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## Find out more

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