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Initial Teacher  
Training



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# Welcome

Thank you for taking the time to consider the London East Teacher Training Alliance as your route into teaching.

Set in the heart of Docklands, the London East Teacher Training Alliance (LETTA) is a school-centred initial teacher training provider (SCITT) working in close partnership with schools in Tower Hamlets and Newham. We share a common goal, which is to provide exceptional opportunities for the trainees and the communities we serve.

LETTA is located in one of London's most vibrant areas, close to Canary Wharf, the Olympic Park and Lee Valley. The area is notable for open green spaces, restaurants and cafes, renovated historic warehouses alongside the many canals running through the area. There are stunning views of the River Thames and iconic London landmarks. The area is also well served by London Underground, overland train services and buses.

Training as part of LETTA gives you the opportunity to learn 'on the job' for the whole year of the course. We offer quality teacher training through this school-based approach. You will benefit from working and learning every day in a school and getting an immediate insight into what teaching and learning involves. You'll have an extended support network of experienced teachers and mentors on hand to help you throughout your course. You'll also learn from our excellent centre-based programme which is highly regarded by our trainees and partners.

In addition, all our trainees have the opportunity to gain a PGCE with 60 Masters credits, through our partnership with Sheffield Hallam University. We also offer a three day science and outdoor learning residential in the Oxfordshire countryside.

Children deserve the very best quality teachers and we have the opportunity to be directly involved in developing the next generation of outstanding teachers.

**We look forward to supporting you on your learning journey.**

The LETTA team

# Why Choose LETTA?



Excellent mentors and role models

Top quality candidates selected by head teachers and leaders from our partner schools

Training in schools committed to your learning

Excellent pastoral support

An inspirational training programme

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The opportunity to work alongside outstanding teachers in a variety of school settings is incredibly helpful for your training, you pick up amazing tips every single day and see top teachers in action first hand.

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LETTA Trainee



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Thank you for such a lovely opportunity to work with good people... I really enjoy your young teachers...

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Jenny Mosley  
(LETTA facilitator - circle time)



# Vision

Our vision is to train and develop outstanding teachers and leaders for future generations of children, through shared practice, collaborative approaches and scholarly reflection.

## LETTA

- maintains a focus on pupil progress and pupil well-being
- prepares trainees to be reflective, outstanding teachers and learners
- provides inspiring training within creative and collaborative partnerships
- provides equality of opportunity for our trainees
- supports our partner schools so that trainees learn from experienced teachers who are also continually learning
- maintains a focus on trainee wellbeing

# ITT Courses

We offer several courses, all with the academic qualification of PGCE and a recommendation for QTS. You can choose to do your training in EYFS & KS1 (3-7) or KS1 & KS2 (5-11). If you have a Grade B at A Level, you can apply for the 3-7 or 5-11 with Mathematics specialism. There may be additional courses on offer at the time of your application.

## Unsalariated Courses

- Primary General 5 - 11
- Primary General 3 - 7
- Primary General 5 - 11 with Mathematics specialism
- Primary General 3 - 7 with Mathematics specialism
- Primary General 5 - 11 with Primary SEND specialism
- Primary General 3 - 7 with Primary SEND specialism
- Primary General 7-14 with Secondary SEND specialism



## Salaried Teaching Apprenticeship Courses

- Primary General 5 - 11
- Primary General 3 - 7
- Primary General 5 - 11 with Mathematics specialism
- Primary General 3 - 7 with Mathematics specialism
- Primary General 5 - 11 with Primary SEND specialism
- Primary General 3 - 7 with Primary SEND specialism
- Primary General 7-14 with Secondary SEND specialism



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*Before applying to the course, I had the opportunity to visit one of the LETTA schools, and meet several of the current students - all of which not only made me excited about the course, but also dispelled any concerns I had.*

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LETTA Trainee

# Entry requirements

- A standard equivalent to a GCSE grade 4 in English, mathematics and science.
- A 2.2 degree as minimum and normally a 2.1 degree or above for the salaried teaching apprenticeship routes
- A Grade B or above at A level for the maths specialism
- It is desirable but not essential to have 10 days recent UK primary school experience
- Pass functional skills tests in numeracy and literacy. Trainees sit functional skills tests in English and maths with bksb: [www.bksb.co.uk](http://www.bksb.co.uk)
- Complete a fit for post health check
- Complete all the LETTA safeguarding requirements, including an Enhanced DBS
- If you are shortlisted, information will be sent to you about the interview process.
- You will be asked to bring photo ID - a passport or photo driving license
- Evidence of immigration status
- LETTA and Sheffield Hallam University will accept GCSE equivalency tests in English, mathematics and science from [www.equivalencytesting.co.uk](http://www.equivalencytesting.co.uk) or [www.astarteachers.co.uk](http://www.astarteachers.co.uk)





# Recruitment

## The Selection Process: An Overview

The figure below is a diagrammatic representation of the process.

### Start

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#### Do I need a school to apply?

No. Schools must have the capacity to train. Partner schools are in Tower Hamlets and Newham

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#### Unsalariated

**A Degree:** 2:2 or above

**Work Experience:** No minimum or maximum

**School Experience:** Desirable to have a minimum of 10 days but not essential

**GCSEs or equivalent: Grade 4 or above in:** English, mathematics and science

**A Level for maths specialism:** Grade B or above

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#### Do I apply for a salaried apprenticeship or an unsalaried place ?

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#### Salaried Apprenticeship

**A Degree:** Normally a 2:1

**Work Experience:** 3 years or more

**School Experience:** Desirable to have a minimum of 10 days but not essential

**GCSEs or equivalent: Grade 4 or above in:** English, mathematics and science

**A Level for maths specialism:** Grade B or above

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#### I have an overseas degree and qualifications

You need a ENIC statement for your degree and school certificates. Your degree will be assessed for equivalency to a British Honours degree.

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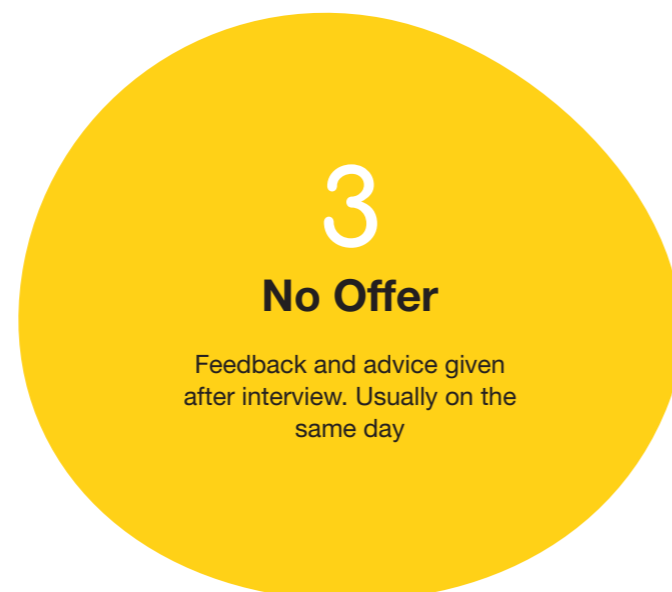
#### Apply online

The online application form can be accessed from <https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-teacher-training>. The site usually opens in early October.

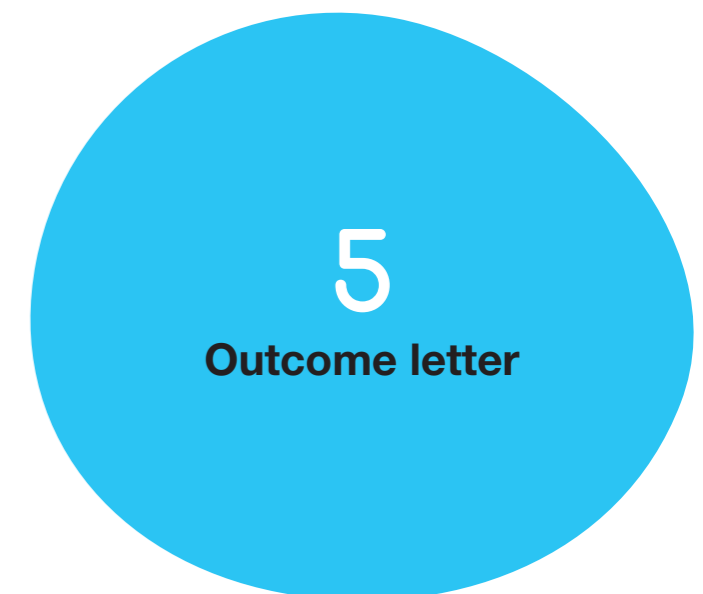
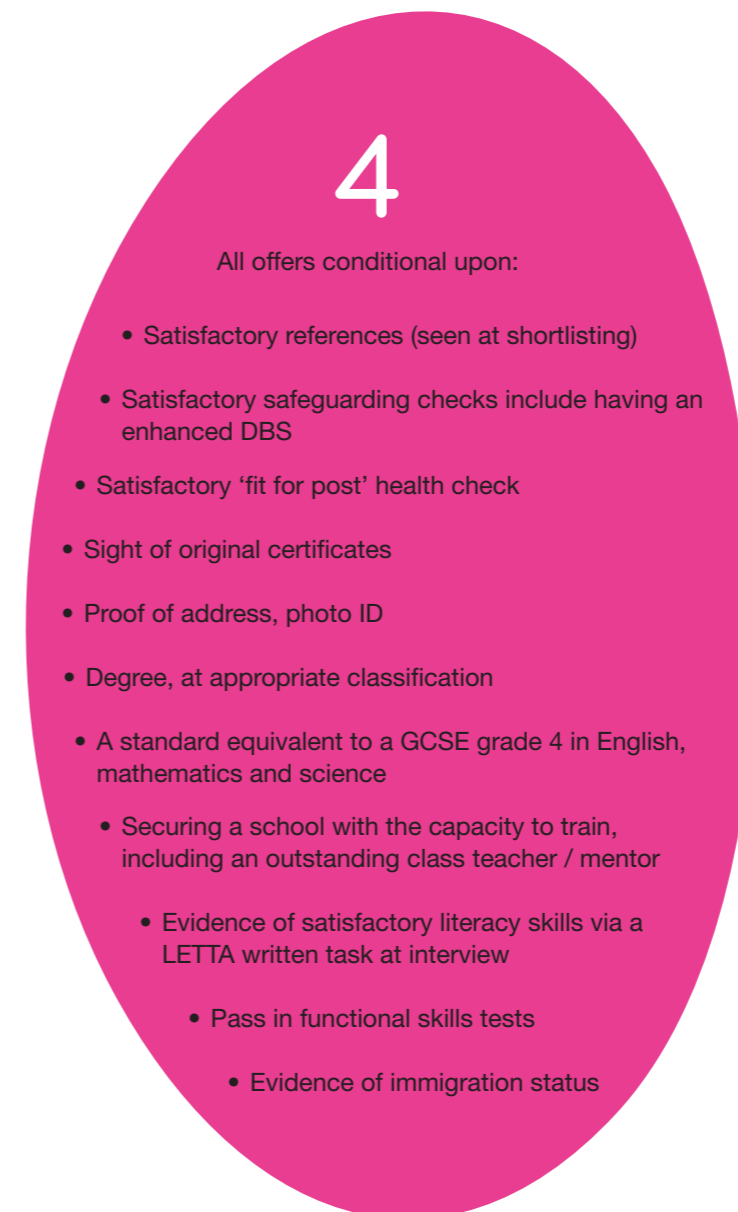
### Interview stage

# The Interview

Start



End



End

NOTE: All schools must be deemed suitable for training by LETTA. An advisory visit may be needed. Potential new partner schools are always visited. Mentors need to apply to LETTA for the role, with head teacher commendations.

# Schools in the LETTA partnership

2021 - 22: Partner Schools

**Bygrove Primary**

[www.bygrove.towerhamlets.sch.uk](http://www.bygrove.towerhamlets.sch.uk)

**Canary Wharf College**

[www.canarywharfcollege.co.uk](http://www.canarywharfcollege.co.uk)

**Cayley Primary**

[www.cayley.towerhamlets.sch.uk](http://www.cayley.towerhamlets.sch.uk)

**Children's House Nursery**

[www.childrenshouse.towerhamlets.sch.uk](http://www.childrenshouse.towerhamlets.sch.uk)

**Columbia Primary**

[www.columbia.towerhamlets.sch.uk](http://www.columbia.towerhamlets.sch.uk)

**Cubitt-town Infants & Junior School**

[www.cubittown-jun.towerhamlets.sch.uk](http://www.cubittown-jun.towerhamlets.sch.uk)

[www.cubittown-inf.towerhamlets.sch.uk](http://www.cubittown-inf.towerhamlets.sch.uk)

**Lansbury Lawrence Primary**

[www.lansburylawrence.towerhamlets.sch.uk](http://www.lansburylawrence.towerhamlets.sch.uk)

**Mayflower Primary**

[www.mayflower.towerhamlets.sch.uk](http://www.mayflower.towerhamlets.sch.uk)

**Our Lady & St. Joseph Catholic Primary**

[www.olsj.towerhamlets.sch.uk](http://www.olsj.towerhamlets.sch.uk)

**Park Primary**

[www.park.newham.sch.uk](http://www.park.newham.sch.uk)

**Phoenix Primary and Secondary School**

[www.phoenix.towerhamlets.sch.uk](http://www.phoenix.towerhamlets.sch.uk)

**Plaistow Primary School**

[www.plaistow.newham.sch.uk](http://www.plaistow.newham.sch.uk)

**St. Helen's Catholic Primary**

[www.st-helens.newham.sch.uk](http://www.st-helens.newham.sch.uk)

**St. Paul's Way Trust (Primary Phase)**

[www.spwt.net](http://www.spwt.net)

**Sandringham Primary**

[www.sandringham.newham.sch.uk](http://www.sandringham.newham.sch.uk)

**Sir William Burrough Primary**

[www.sirwilliamburrough.net](http://www.sirwilliamburrough.net)

**Stebon Primary**

[www.stebon.towerhamlets.sch.uk](http://www.stebon.towerhamlets.sch.uk)

**Virginia Primary School**

[www.virginia.towerhamlets.sch.uk](http://www.virginia.towerhamlets.sch.uk)

**Wellington Primary School**

[www.wellington.towerhamlets.sch.uk](http://www.wellington.towerhamlets.sch.uk)

**William Davies Primary**

[www.williamdavies.newham.sch.uk](http://www.williamdavies.newham.sch.uk)

**Woolmore Primary School**

[www.woolmore.towerhamlets.sch.uk](http://www.woolmore.towerhamlets.sch.uk)



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... The trainees are so receptive and reflective...It was easily the most packed training we've ever led, and they kept with it right through... We think your inspiring organisation could be one of the starting points for a better culture in primary education. We left on a real high

”

Lindsay Pickton & Christine Chen  
(LETTA facilitators - English & EAL)



# The Team

Who will be supporting you on your learning journey?

**You will be supported by:**

- outstanding teachers
- a school-based mentor who will work alongside you as the class teacher
- LETTA tutors who you will see regularly throughout the year
- academic tutors from the University, to help you with your PGCE

**Everyone will be committed to your development as a high-quality reflective practitioner.**

# LETTA Training

What to expect during your training year on this course.

You will attain Qualified Teacher Status and a PGCE qualification, which is worth a third of a Masters degree.

On the LETTA weekly programme, you will benefit from innovative sessions which will be informed by research and theory and linked to your classroom practice.

These training sessions are led by experienced trainers, professional tutors and well known educationalists like Bill Rogers, Professor Barry Hymer, Shirley Clarke, Pie Corbett and Daisy Christodoulou.

The training covers all areas of the primary curriculum appropriate to your course. There will be additional emphasis on national priorities such as reading, phonics, maths, special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and behaviour management.

Information regarding the primary course with maths or SEND specialisms, can be obtained from the LETTA administrator. PGCE assignments must have a maths or SEND focus and there will be a variety of personalised activities with an emphasis on maths or SEND, depending on the specialism.

The programme is carefully constructed by LETTA and the schools involved and builds upon excellent practice already established within the partnership.

During your training year you will teach in a minimum of three settings. Your placements will be:

- Your main class
- Another age phase, usually in the same school, for four weeks
- Another school, for five weeks
- Another class, for one week. This is the collaborative creativity placement where trainees teach collaboratively in small teams.



# Equal opportunities

LETTA has an equality, diversity and inclusion policy to ensure that no trainee shall receive less favourable treatment because of a protected characteristic (See Equality Act, 2010). Nor will they be disadvantaged by any other condition or requirement which cannot be shown to be justifiable.

## Funding

Information about funding for trainee teachers is available on the Department for Education website: <https://getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/funding-and-salary>

### For salaried apprenticeship routes

If you are on the salaried apprenticeship route you will be paid a salary by your host school at point 1 of the unqualified teachers pay scale. There will be an additional cost of £1,600 for the PGCE, paid in instalments during the year. Further advice is available from the LETTA Business Manager.

### For unsalaried routes

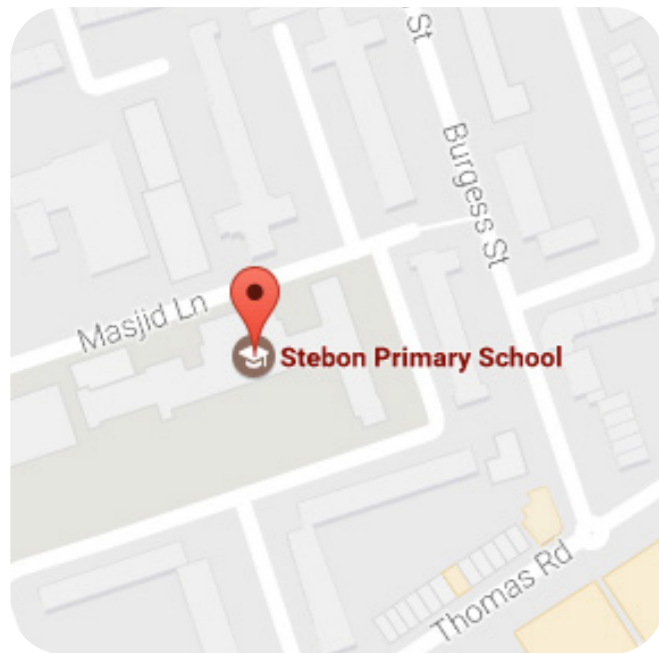
Tuition fees are £9,250. You can access the tuition fees and maintenance loans from the Student Loans Company. [www.slc.co.uk](http://www.slc.co.uk)

You can pay all or part of the tuition fees yourself, if you prefer.

Many partner schools will offer an untaxed bursary to support unsalaried trainees. This is discretionary.

Further advice is available from the LETTA Business Manager.





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## Nearest DLR stations:

All Saints; Langdon Park; Westferry and Poplar

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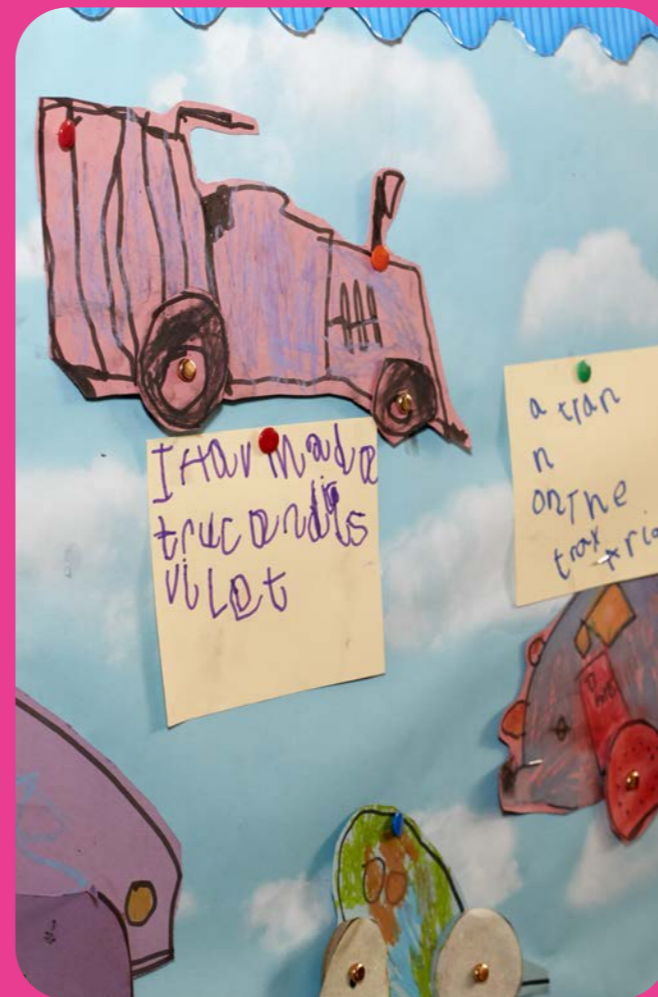
**Twitter:** @LETTA\_TSA

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LETTA sessions cover a fantastically wide range of topics integral to teaching. Communication is very much two-way, meaning you can feedback to course tutors who will proactively tweak the course to suit your needs!

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