



ST POLYCARP'S TEACHER TRAINING





***“To anyone on the fence, I would say
don’t hold yourself back and pursue a
rewarding career with St Polycarp’s
Teacher Training.”***



Thank you for your interest in St Polycarp's Teacher Training

Welcome and congratulations: you are now one step closer to starting a rewarding and fulfilling career in teaching. We look forward to meeting you shortly.

This brochure contains useful information and links, including an overview of our school direct programme, how to apply and the qualifications you will achieve on graduation.

Becoming a teacher through St Polycarp's Teacher Training will give you an excellent foundation upon which you can build your future career. We have a wealth of experienced, motivated staff working together in a friendly, inspiring environment to make all students feel valued and supported throughout their training.

If you have any questions or queries, please talk to one of our friendly team who can point you in the right direction.

We look forward to meeting you,

St Polycarp's Teacher Training Team



Sophie Murdoch



Catherine Easton

Why choose us?

Various routes to success

We offer multiple routes to suit different circumstances, including combining working and training, and enhanced programmes. If you have a pre-existing relationship with a school, you may be a good candidate for an apprenticeship.

Close network and relationships with a diverse range of schools

The schools we work with offer a broad range of settings, all aiming for excellent classroom teaching in different ways. We welcome all schools to our partnership including faith-based and non-denominational, specialist, infant, junior, primaries, small and large.

Hands-on approach

Whether it is through formal assessment or a friendly face when it is needed, we are there to support you become the best teacher you can be.

*"Trainees are **highly regarded by headteachers**, are superbly prepared for their careers in teaching and are making a notably significant impact on teacher recruitment."*

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Expert training from classroom-based professionals

Our general professional studies lectures are led by experts in their field, working 'on the ground', at the forefront of educational developments. These include subject days, broader teaching concepts and pastoral needs.

100% employment following training

All of our current trainees and alumni have secured employment following training, many in their host or away placement schools.

"Throughout my role as head teacher, I've employed 7 trainee teachers who had gone on to have such a positive impact on our school. I know that any trainee I employ will have received the best training and will be a real asset to my staffing body. "

Partnership headteacher



Clear documentation and support for mentors

“The support paperwork provided not only gives trainees a clear structure and framework to the course, it also allows mentors to quickly understand the trainee's progress and next steps. The weekly mentor bulletin gives structure, focus and pace to the course keeping the trainees on track. The optional weekly drop-in session for mentors is invaluable when advice is needed. This allows mentors to give trainees the best guidance. “

Sarah, Mentor

Ongoing support throughout your whole career

Through close connections with the Xavier Teaching School hub, we continue to support our trainees through all their next steps, from your ECT years to NPQs and niche CPD...

“St Polycarp's links with Xavier meant that my transition from trainee teacher to ECT was really smooth and there were some familiar faces to support my professional development. I know they are always available to support me in my next steps, both at this point in my career and with my future prospects.”

Pavlina, ECT



“Training at St Polycarp's has opened up so many wonderful opportunities for me, while still early on in my career. From becoming English lead, to completing an NPQ and taking on phase leadership, the training environment and mentors were always highly supportive and allowed me to develop the skills and confidence I needed to succeed in my current role.”

Chrissy, Year 5/6 Phase Leader

Routes available

Fee paying

We have **3 routes** available to fee-paying trainees.

QTS only: this can be undertaken on a **fulltime** or **part-time** basis, agreed with your host school. You need qualified teacher status (QTS) to teach in most schools in England.

Assessment: completed through end of term reviews and lesson observation.

PGCE with QTS: undertaken on a **fulltime** basis. Accredited by University of Sussex, the PGCE provides a stronger grounding in educational research and academic theory. It is an internationally recognised qualification and is the better option if you may want to teach overseas. It also counts as 60 credits towards a masters. There are 8 additional lectures.

Assessment: in addition to end of term reviews and observation, you will complete one assignment and one professional conversation.

	QTS only Fulltime	QTS only Part-time	PGCE with QTS Fulltime
Cost	£7950	£10930	£9250
Weekly time requirement	4 days in school 1 day training*	2 days in school 1 day training*	4 days in school 1 day training*
Duration	1 year	Maximum 2 years	1 year

* there are some weeks where you may have more training

Apprenticeships

If you have experience of working in a school, your school may be willing to support your training through an apprenticeship. The expectations for this differ in that you will have your own class and be paid as an apprentice. This route may be suitable for HLTAs, unqualified teachers and LSAs.

Due to the nature of the program, this is usually offered to grant QTS only.

SEND enhanced

Through an exclusive partnership with Ridgeway Farnham, we can offer training in preparation for a job in specialist settings. This will involve specialist training and a placement in one of our specialist settings.



“You are guided through your training by excellent mentors, and surrounded by excellent teachers.”

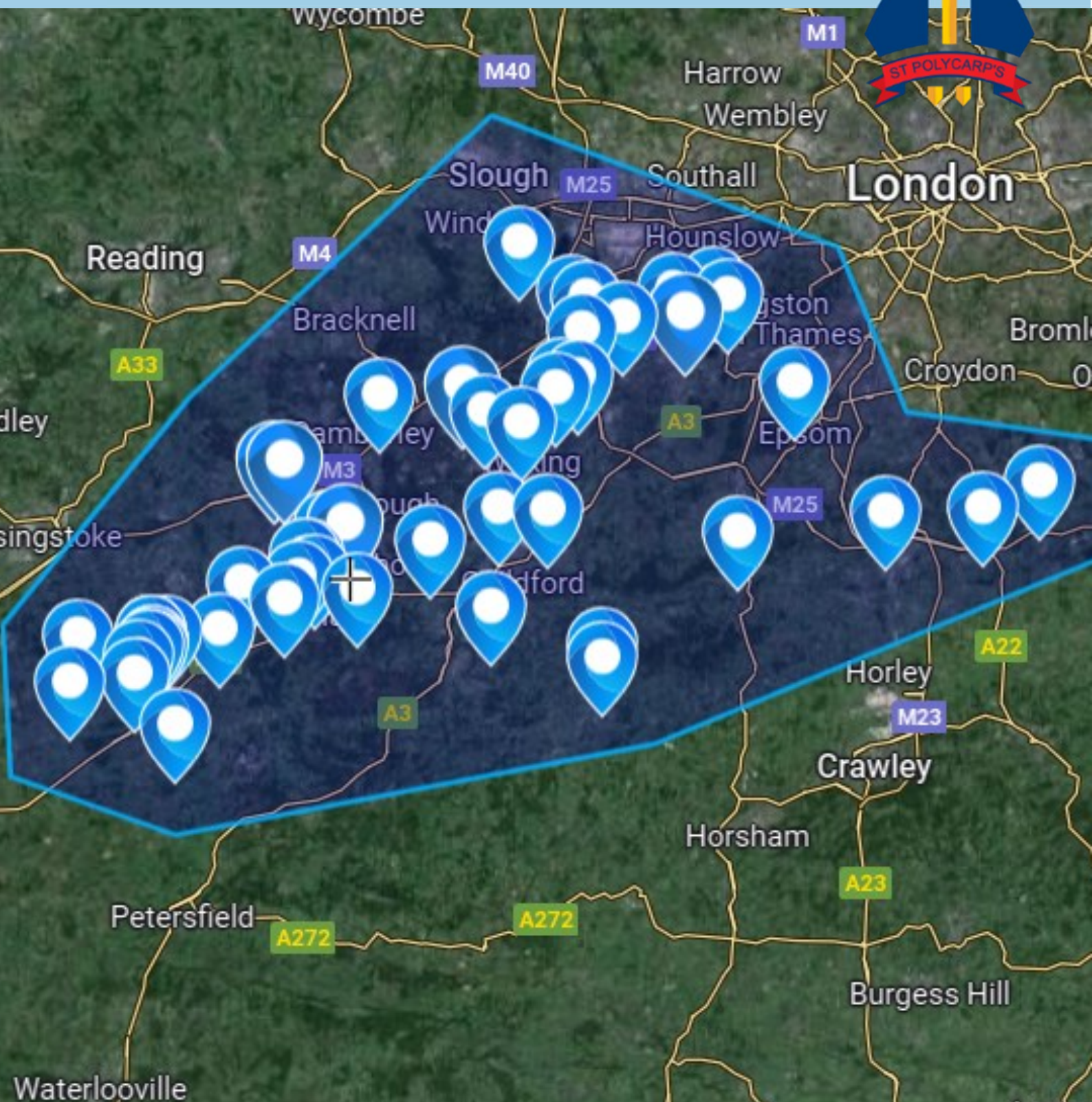
Who we work with



We work in partnership with over 50 schools across Surrey and Hampshire, diverse in their settings but similar in their approach to teaching and inspiring children.

St Joseph's Specialist Trust, Cranleigh
Potters Gate C of E School, Farnham
St. Paul's Primary School, Thames Ditton
Puttenham C of E Infant School
St Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School, Guildford
Heatherside Junior School, Fleet
Badshot Lea Infant School
Bisley C of E Primary School
St Peter's C of E Primary School, Farnham
St Polycarp's Catholic Primary School, Farnham
Waverley Abbey C of E Junior School, Farnham
St Paul's Catholic Primary School
St Edmund's Catholic Primary School, Godalming
Cardinal Newman Catholic Primary School, Walton-on-Thames
Holy Family Catholic Primary School, Addlestone
The Marist Catholic Primary School, West Byfleet
St Alban's Catholic Primary School, West Molesey
St Anne's Catholic Primary School, Chertsey
St Augustine's Catholic Primary School, Frimley
St Charles Borromeo Catholic Primary School, Weybridge
St Cuthbert Mayne Catholic Primary School, Cranleigh
St Hugh of Lincoln Catholic Primary School, Woking
Fleet Infant School
St Andrew's C of E Infant School, Farnham
Barnsbury Primary School and Nursery, Woking
Broadmere Primary Academy, Woking
Godstone Primary and Nursery School
Grovelands Primary School, Walton-on-Thames
New Monument Primary Academy, Woking
Pyncroft Grange Primary School, Chertsey
St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School, Englefield Green
St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Dorking
St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Epsom
St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Guildford
St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Redhill
St Mary's CofE Primary School, Oxted
The Ridgeway School, Farnham
William Cobbett Primary School, Farnham
Alton Infant School
Andrews' Endowed C of E Primary School, Alton
Anstey Junior School, Alton
Bentley C of E Primary School, Farnham
Binsted C of E Primary School, Alton
Chawton C of E Primary School, Alton
Medstead C of E Primary School, Alton
Rowledge C of E Controlled Primary School, Farnham
Saint Lawrence C of E Primary School, Alton
Selborne C of E Primary School
St Mary's Bentworth C of E Primary School, Alton
The Butts Primary School, Alton
Wootey Infant School, Alton
Wootey Junior School, Alton

ST POLYCARP'S HUB



“I knew I could trust St Polycarp’s to make decisions for my placements. The school was so welcoming and my mentor was equal parts inspiring and supportive.”

Trainee 2024-25



Requirements and how to apply

Requirements

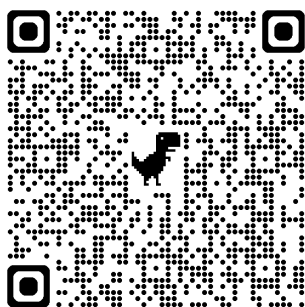
- A degree (or equivalent) with a 2:2 or above,
- GCSEs (English, maths and science) grade C (or 4) or above or equivalent qualifications,
- Evidence at application of the ability to demonstrate a high standard of standard written English,
- Complete a 'Fitness to Teach' health questionnaire,
- Enhanced DBS check completed before enrolling.

All applications must be made through Apply at:

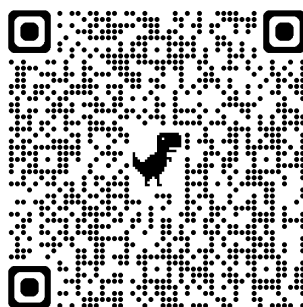
<https://gov.uk/apply-for-teacher-training>

To apply to St Polycarp's, you will need the code 2EG, or scan...

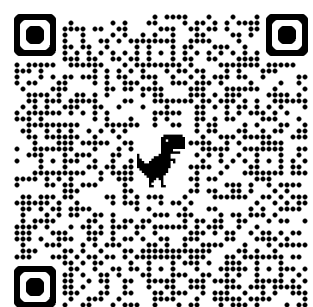
Full time QTS with PGCE



Full time QTS only



Part time QTS only



What do I do if I do not meet the entry requirements?

Firstly, don't panic. There is a lot of help out there. To check if you may have equivalent qualifications from abroad, contact ENIC on <https://www.enic.org.uk>

If you do not have the required GCSEs, you will need to sit an equivalence test. For more information, please get in touch so we can talk through next steps.

FAQs

Should I do PGCE or QTS only?

This entirely depends on you. QTS is the required qualified teaching status to teach in England. The PGCE qualification comes with QTS plus Masters credits which grounds your practice in theory.

My degree isn't related to the National Curriculum. Does that matter?

Not at all, we accept applications from all candidates who meet the qualifications.

How much time do I need to spend in school before applying?

Spending time in school will reinforce your decision to become a teacher but there is no requirement to spend time in school before making an application.

What are the working hours?

This varies dependent on school, however standard working hours are 8-4:30. Outside of this, you will be required to attend specific meetings such as weekly staff meetings. You can also volunteer your time for wider school experiences, such as Christmas Fairs. Your placement schools would discuss this in further

I don't have one of my GCSEs. Can I still apply?

Absolutely! The GCSE requirements need to be met by the beginning of the course and we are able to offer opportunities to take equivalency tests.

Can I get financial support?

Please contact us directly to discuss the finances for each of the options we have to offer.

I haven't finished my degree. Can I still apply?

Of course and in these circumstances any offer on the course would be conditional to your successful completion of your degree.

Stay in touch



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