



School Direct 2016/17 – In partnership with The Nottingham University

About us:

Saint John Houghton Catholic Voluntary Academy is a smaller than average secondary school offering Christian education to students aged 11-16 from Derbyshire and surrounding areas. We are an inclusive school and place Christ at the heart of all we do. Prayer, worship and liturgy are integral parts of our daily life. Our students develop both academically and spiritually. Saint John Houghton Catholic Voluntary Academy are part of the Saint Robert Lawrence Academy Trust.

Benefits of training through Saint John Houghton Catholic Voluntary Academy:

We have well developed links between the schools in both of our Alliances, we understand the challenges our schools and children face. We have built relationships with other schools to ensure we can offer a rounded training experience to all of our student teachers. We deliver a strong and well developed student CPD programme throughout your School Direct training year which will help develop your knowledge and skills as a classroom practitioner.

The two alliances are shown below.

Chellaston Academy (lead school)	
1	Chellaston Academy (Lead)
2	St Benedict, A Catholic Voluntary Academy
3	Saint John Houghton Catholic Voluntary Academy
4	Wilsthorpe Community School
5	The Ecclesbourne School
6	Murray Park Community School

The de Ferrers Academy (Lead School) (Burton, Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire)	
1	The de Ferrers Academy (Lead)
2	The Holgate Academy
3	Broomhill Junior School
4	Holly Primary School
5	Saint John Houghton Catholic Voluntary Academy
6	Brookfield Community School
7	The Bolsover School

The subjects which we will be offering are:

Art and Design (Chellaston Academy lead school)
Biology (Chellaston Academy lead school)
Chemistry (Chellaston Academy lead school)
Computer science (The de Ferrers Academy lead school)
Design and Technology (The de Ferrers Academy lead school)
English (The de Ferrers Academy lead school)

Geography (The de Ferrers Academy lead school)
History (The de Ferrers Academy lead school)
Maths (The de Ferrers Academy lead school)

You will be allocated an excellent mentor who attends regular network meetings at the university to ensure they keep their skills up to date and for them to share good practice with colleagues. You will build a strong relationship with your mentor who will carefully monitor your progress and develop you to ensure you have a developed start as a newly qualified teacher.

What we are looking for in a candidate:

We are looking for individuals who can demonstrate potential and have a strong commitment to the training programme. It would help greatly if applicants have some paid or voluntary experience in a school classroom or similar which will help you demonstrate some insight into teaching and learning. It will help in your application to use a referee from this experience on your UCAS form. We would also welcome applicants who have a desire to teach young people, who have effective communication skills, a commitment to work hard on the course, a determination to succeed, a readiness to listen, learn and share and have a flexible approach to teaching and learning.

Applicants must also have:

- Honours degree: a 2:1 UK undergraduate degree or recognised equivalent qualification is preferable however strong applicants with a 2:2 will be considered.
- A GCSE grade C in English and Mathematics or a recognised equivalent qualification.
- A high quality personal statement submitted as part of your UCAS application
- Desire to teach and work with young people
- Effective communication skills
- A commitment to work hard on the course
- Determination to succeed
- A readiness to listen and share
- A flexible approach to learning and teaching

The interview process

If your application is successful you will be invited to an interview with The University of Nottingham who will check your suitability for your chosen route into teaching, if you are successful at that stage we will then invite you to interview here at Saint John Houghton Catholic Voluntary Academy. You will be given a tour of the school, will be able to meet colleagues and will attend a formal interview.

If successful you will be offered a place on the School Direct course subject to suitability checks.

Employment statistics

For both 2013/14 and 2014/15, 100% of our School Direct secondary trainees gained employment as a teacher in a school.

For further advice and information please contact Mrs Lucy Rees, School ITT Coordinator

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