



# Train to Teach with Leverhulme Trust

## Graduate Trainee Teacher (Maths/Computing/Physics/Chemistry)

Salaried Teacher Training - Postgraduate Teaching Apprenticeship Route  
(QTS & PGCE)

### Leverhulme Academy Trust

Based at Harper Green School or Rivington & Blackrod High School, with a placement in the partner school

- **Start date:** September 2026 (programme duration: one academic year)  
(Please note that successful applicants will need to be available on Friday, 28th August 2026)
- **Salary while training:** £22,600
- **Training costs:** Fully funded by the Trust (no tuition fees)
- **Qualification:** Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) with the option to gain a PGCE

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## **Train to Teach with Leverhulme Academy Trust**

### **Earn while you train to become a teacher.**

Our Postgraduate Teaching Apprenticeship programme offers graduates the opportunity to train as a Maths, Computing, Physics or Chemistry teacher through a fully funded, school-based route.

You will spend one academic year working in one of our schools while completing your teacher training, combining practical classroom experience with academic study.

We will pay you a salary of £22,600 while you train, and your £9,000 training costs will be fully funded through our apprenticeship levy, meaning there are no tuition fees.

On completion of the programme, you will achieve Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) and, if you choose to continue your career with us, move onto the qualified teacher pay scale as part of our Early Career Teacher (ECT) programme.

This is a fantastic opportunity to earn while you train, gain a recognised teaching qualification, and begin your career within a supportive and ambitious academy trust.

### **About Leverhulme Academy Trust**

As part of Leverhulme Academy Trust, you will train within a collaborative community of schools committed to discovering dreams, achieving ambitions and transforming lives.

Leverhulme Academy Trust is a growing multi-academy trust based in Bolton, serving communities across Lancashire and Greater Manchester. Our family of schools includes a primary school, two large secondary schools and a modern sixth form.

Our vision is to provide the highest quality education and create a community of happy, successful and well-rounded individuals who can flourish and make a difference in the world.

Our work is guided by three core values:

- Students First – putting students at the heart of every decision
- High Expectations – expecting the very best from ourselves and others
- Integrity – doing the right thing

These values underpin everything we do across our schools.

## **About Our Schools**

### **Harper Green School**

Harper Green is a welcoming and ambitious 11–16 secondary school in Farnworth where students are supported by a strong pastoral system and a staff team committed to ensuring every learner thrives.

### **Rivington & Blackrod High School**

Rivington & Blackrod High School is a successful and caring school with a long history in the community, focused on ensuring students achieve high academic standards and grow as confident global citizens.

Both schools work closely together as part of the Leverhulme Academy Trust to ensure every student receives an excellent education regardless of their starting point

## About the Programme

This salaried training route allows you to train to teach while working in school.

### During the programme you will:

- Undertake school-based training alongside university study
- Receive a full-time salary from day one
- Train alongside experienced teachers in a supportive environment, with a school-based mentor to support your success
- Work towards Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) with the option to gain a PGCE
- Gain experience across two secondary schools within the Trust
- Begin teaching from day one on a reduced timetable
- Receive regular visits and support from your university tutor
- Develop strong classroom practice through observation, research and supported teaching
- Benefit from a clear pathway to our Early Career Teacher (ECT) programme and the opportunity to continue your career in a permanent teaching role within the Trust

## Who We Are Looking For

We are seeking graduates who:

- Have (or are expecting) a degree in Maths, Computing, Physics or Chemistry (2.1 desirable)
- Have GCSE English & Maths grade 4/C or above (FS L2 accepted for Maths and English)
- Have the right to live and work in the UK (we are unable to provide VISA sponsorship) and have lived in the UK for more than 3 years
- Have Strong subject knowledge and a passion for your subject
- Have the ability to teach independently for a minimum of 13 hours per week across two consecutive key stages
- Are passionate about education and supporting young people to succeed
- Have strong communication and interpersonal skills
- Can commit to one academic year of in-school training from September 2026
- Demonstrate resilience, commitment and a willingness to learn
- Share the values of Leverhulme Academy Trust: Students First, High Expectations, Integrity

Previous experience of working with young people or in a school setting is desirable but not essential.

Stage 2 of the application process will involve completing an interview with the Initial Teacher Training provider.

Applications from final-year university students are welcome. If you are due to complete your degree this year, we can offer classroom experience in June or July ahead of starting the programme in September.

## Why teach?

If you are a graduate in Maths, Physics, Computing or Chemistry, your skills are highly valued in many industries. Teaching offers a unique opportunity to use that expertise to inspire the next generation, develop your leadership and communication skills, and make a lasting difference in young people's lives.

Many teachers go on to develop specialist subject leadership roles as their careers progress, shaping curriculum, supporting colleagues and influencing the direction of their subject across a school or trust.

## Why join Leverhulme Academy Trust?

Working for Leverhulme Academy Trust is rewarding in many ways. We know that to achieve our vision, it is our colleagues who make the difference.

We offer a competitive and thoughtfully designed rewards and benefits package to support colleagues at every stage of their career.

You will benefit from:

- A supportive and collaborative trust community
- Opportunities for learning, development and career progression
- A range of employee benefits designed to support wellbeing, security and work-life balance

You can find full details of our benefits here: [Leverhulme Academy Trust - Employee Benefits](#)

Teaching training is rewarding but can also be demanding. The Trust places a strong emphasis on creating a positive, healthy and supportive work environment.

Read more here: [Leverhulme Academy Trust - Employee Benefits](#)

## FAQ

### What will I get paid?

£22,600

### How successful am I likely to be?

The most recent cohort achieved a 100% completion rate.

### What is the cost to me of the training?

There is no cost, this is fully funded by the Apprenticeship Levy.

### What are my salary expectations after completing my training?

Salaries for early career teachers are growing fast. For September 2025 there was a 5.5% pay increase meaning that first year qualified teachers are currently paid £31,650.

### Will I be teaching from day 1?

Yes, but on a reduced timetable. Alongside your teaching responsibilities, you will have dedicated time for planning, preparation and assessment, as well as time for professional learning. This includes virtual university lectures, meetings with your university tutor, school mentor support, reading and research, gathering evidence for your training, and observing excellent classroom practice.

Most of the course is delivered remotely, with online training sessions on Thursday afternoons, and your university tutor will also visit you regularly in school to provide support and feedback.

### How to apply:

We ask all applicants to start the process by completing our application form:

[Leverhulme Academy Trust - Vacancies](#)

If you are not yet ready to apply but would like to find out more, please contact [hr@lcect.co.uk](mailto:hr@lcect.co.uk) for further information or advice.

If you are considering a future career in teaching but would like to gain classroom experience first, our Teaching Assistant or Cover Supervisor roles may also be a great option. These roles can provide valuable experience for graduates who are interested in teaching but would like to experience life in the classroom before committing to teacher training.

We recruit trainees across a range of secondary subjects. If you are interested but hold a degree in a different subject to those specified in our current adverts, please get in touch and we can explore what options may be available.

**Closing date:** by midnight on Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> April 2026

*As a Trust, we are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Any offer of appointment will be subject to a number of safeguarding checks, including an enhanced DBS check.*

*We are also committed to fostering an environment of dignity, respect, and equality of opportunity, ensuring all our employees can achieve their full potential.*