



Dear Parents/Carer

Schools Direct Information Event

Are you or anyone you know interested in considering a career change and would like to train to teach?

Teaching is one of the most enjoyable, dynamic and engaging careers available. Teachers who have trained with us are now successfully working within positions of responsibility, from Heads of House, to Curriculum Leaders and even Assistant Headteachers. As a teaching school, The New Horizons School Alliance, offers the opportunity to train to teach through salaried and non-salaried School Direct courses, currently in the following subjects for 2018/2019:

Art and Design, Biology, Business Studies, Chemistry, Computing, Dance, Design and Technology, English, Geography, Health and Social Care, History, Mathematics, MFL, Music, Physics, PE, Religious Education, Social Science, Primary General and Primary General with Maths.

These courses are delivered at Rochester Grammar School, Holcombe Grammar School, The Victory Academy, New Horizons Children's Academy, All Faiths Children's Academy, Cedar Children's Academy, Gordon Children's Academy; along with a number of other schools in partnership with Canterbury Christ Church University, University of Exeter, University of Greenwich and the University of Kent,

Financial support is available to fund training, as well as generous tax-free bursaries of up to **£30,000** in shortage subject areas. A classification of a 1st class degree in Physics for instance, can attract a bursary of **£30,000**.

Ideally, you would have graduated with a 1st or 2.1. For primary teaching your degree can be in any subject but for secondary it should be relevant to your chosen subject. You must have a GCSE qualification at grade C or above (or equivalent) in Mathematics and English (and Science for Primary courses). You will also need to sit and pass the Professional Skills Tests required to embark on the Train to Teach School Direct course.

Interested? Then, I would like to offer you or anyone you may know the opportunity to further your interest by attending our **Schools Direct Information Event on Thursday 11th January 2018, from 5pm at The Victory Academy.**

The event will give those interested in the opportunity to hear from teachers who have successfully qualified via the School Direct route into teaching, those who are currently qualifying along with the Teaching School recruitment team who will be available to answer any of your questions. An array of staff and Headteachers from different schools within the Alliance will be in attendance who will also be able to answer any questions you might have about their experiences of teaching within the Trust and the Alliance. We will also be registering any attendees who are interested in attending one of our 'School Experience Days'.

The sole purpose is to offer those interested in a change of career and wishing to consider teacher training the opportunity to explore a teaching career.

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I would also like to hear from you or someone you know who already has QTS/PGCE status and may be considering returning to teaching.

If you or anybody you know would be interested attending the event on Thursday 11th January 2018 please RSVP to recruitment@tsatrust.org.uk. The event will begin at 5pm at The Victory Academy, Magpie Hall Road, Chatham, ME4 5JB. Refreshments and networking will take place in The Galley at the school after the presentation.

If you can't make the event but would like more information about teaching, or know of anybody who would like to find out more, please contact us on the same address and we will be happy to talk to you further about these exciting opportunities. Alternatively please visit: <https://www.newhorizonstsa.org.uk/>

May I also take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I look forward to seeing many of you at the event.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S. Gardner". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'S'.

Stuart Gardner
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