



**2024/25
Prospectus**

**Mersey Boroughs
Initial Teacher
Training
Partnership**

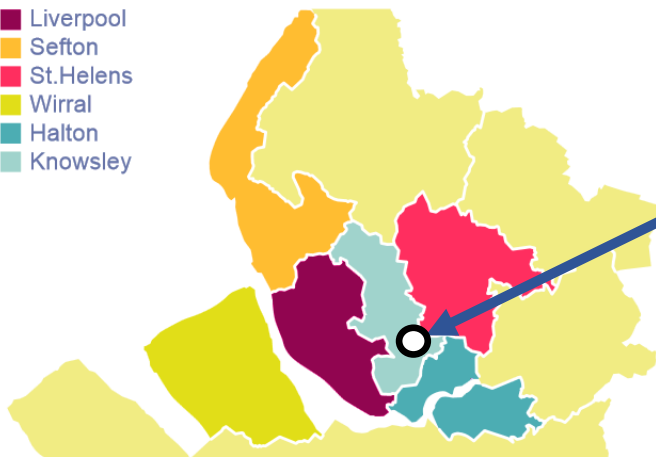
*“Train in great schools,
learn from amazing
teachers.”*



Who are we?

Mersey Boroughs ITT Partnership is a school-centred provider of Initial Teacher Training - a 'SCITT'. The partnership is led by St Mary & St Paul's CE Primary School, who are a well-established provider of School-based and School-led initial teacher training. The centre-based training element of the programme is held at Mersey Boroughs' fully accessible training centre at St Mary & St Paul's Primary School in Prescott, Knowsley. We work in partnership with a variety of primary schools across Merseyside, to provide high quality school-based training for prospective primary school teachers.

- Liverpool
- Sefton
- St. Helens
- Wirral
- Halton
- Knowsley



What do we do?

Mersey Boroughs ITT provides Initial Teacher Training for graduates, leading to the award of Qualified Teacher Status (and with the chance to gain a PGCE and masters-credits from our university partner) We believe that it is the best way to get into teaching - and our very high employment rates show that trainees on our programme leave us as very employable, effective teachers!

Trainees will be based in a 'home school' for the autumn and summer terms. This allows them to

100%

**Trainees rate their
overall training with
MBITT good or better!**

(2022-23 cohort)

develop an in-depth knowledge of life in schools and provides them with a significant amount of teaching experience. In the spring term our trainees complete a substantial block practice in another, contrasting school and have the chance to broaden their experience through a range of other visits, placements, tasks and activities. We believe that the amount of time that our trainees spend in school (compared with a lot of university-based PGCE programmes) is one of the big advantages of our course – and a key reason why our trainees are so well prepared for their ECT years and beyond.

The time spent in school is complemented by our training programme, which is delivered by outstanding practitioners. This covers areas such as Professional Practice (behaviour management, planning, assessment etc.) as well as Subject Development (covering the content of the curriculum – and how best to teach it!). Because our taught sessions are almost all led by serving practitioners, we're able to make sure that our programme is as up to date as it can be. Masters-level work, led by our university partner, adds to the training package and leads to the award of a PGCE.

We also believe that training shouldn't stop at the end of the course; we run a series of ECT conference days and CPD training sessions for our local authorities and invite all of the ECTs who've trained with us to attend these free of charge, so that we can keep in touch and continue to provide support and encouragement.

“The scope & content of MBITT's ITT Curriculum would be the envy of many other ITT providers”

(External Examiner's Report July 2022)



Who trains with Mersey Boroughs ITT Partnership?

A wide range of people! We have around 30 trainees on our course each year, of which about a third have previously worked in schools as Teaching Assistants or Learning Mentors. Another third come to us straight from finishing their degree; some of these degrees are education based (SEN, Psychology, Early Years, Education Studies and so on), some are in national curriculum subjects (English, History) and some are not directly related to education at all! (Zoology, Law) The rest of this year's cohort are complete career changers, coming to train with us from backgrounds in business, legal professions, finance and retail. We don't have a 'model candidate' for our teacher training programme – we are looking for those people who have the potential and passion needed to make brilliant primary school teachers.

Entry Requirements

- Undergraduate degree, class 2:2 or above*
- Minimum grade C in GCSE (or equivalent) in English, Maths & Science
- Experience in school is not a formal entry requirement for our course, however you may find it beneficial to have, especially during the interview process.

*Candidates with a lower class of degree may be considered if they have evidence of appropriate additional, accredited study – please contact us directly to discuss this further.

How to apply?

Once you have decided that you want to train to become a teacher and have the necessary qualifications you'll need using the following steps:

- Find us and [choose your course](#)(Link opens in new window)
- write a personal statement
- get two references
- apply for our teacher training course via [Apply for teacher training GOV.UK service](#) (Link opens in new window)

Search for us on DfE Apply - <https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-teacher-training>
using course code **2DFY** or **3CLS**



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