

**Could your talent
expand minds?**





Discovering ways to share your skills could be a real education

The skills you've acquired in your current role mean you could turn your first career into a very rewarding second – teaching. Plus, there is currently a real demand for teachers with the hands-on experience you've gained.

Britain has always led the world in fields such as economics, science and technology, and with your help we hope to continue this tradition. That's why we've recently launched the Transition to Teaching programme. Aimed at professionals with expertise in science, maths and information technology, it offers bespoke support into teacher training that's supported by your organisation.

Benefits of joining the Transition to Teaching programme include one-to-one tailored advice and guidance, access to school visits to help you get a real feel for teaching, and peer group interaction with people making the same transition as you. By taking part you'll also be making an important investment in the scientific and analytical skills of tomorrow's workforce.

So, whether you're looking for a career change, taking an extended sabbatical, or considering early retirement from your current role, by entering the Transition to Teaching programme you could turn your talents into a very rewarding career.





After taking a career break from her role as a software engineer, Julia van Arkel decided to enter the teaching profession. She has found her previous experience invaluable in her new job. "The knowledge I gained from my first career really comes in useful as I can show students how ICT relates to the real world."

She has also found the creativity involved in teaching extremely rewarding. "Teaching really challenges me, and pushes me to use all areas of my imagination. I love having to discover new ways of bringing my subject to life, including coming up with practical demonstrations to get an idea across."

Julia van Arkel, ICT teacher (former software engineer)

Supporting you all the way

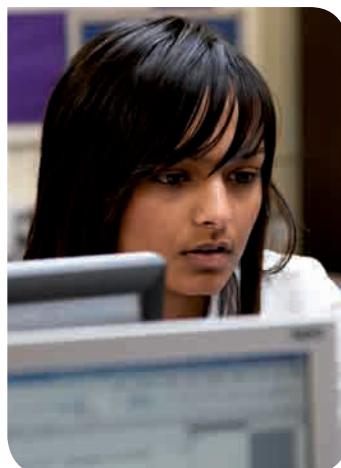


The Transition to Teaching programme has been designed for talented people like you, who have the specialist skills that are currently in demand. Our expert advisers will ensure you receive one-to-one tailored support throughout the whole process. Plus you'll have access to web-based resources, regular updates on the teaching profession, and peer group interaction. And don't worry if you feel your subject knowledge may be a bit rusty – we also offer plenty of subject enhancement courses to help get you up to scratch. If you decide that teaching is the right career for you, then we'll also help you to submit the best possible application to teacher training, and continue to support you once you're on a course. So remember, when you turn your talent to teaching, you'll not only be investing in our schoolchildren's future, but also your own.



A rewarding experience

As well as the uplifting opportunity to work with some of the countries most inspiring people, you'll also benefit from some attractive financial incentives. Teachers' salaries today compare well with those of other professions, with many classroom teachers earning £34,000 or more. Plus, as a science, maths or ICT trainee, you could also receive a tax-free bursary of £9,000 and a possible golden hello of up to £5,000.





Watch your career take off

Your unique talents and hands-on experience may mean you're well equipped to help inspire today's schoolchildren, providing them with the skills they need for the modern world. Each day you'll be able to explore your own creativity – bringing the curriculum to life and creating an atmosphere where young people are excited about learning.

Plus, you'll also have plenty of opportunities to develop your teaching and classroom management skills, giving you the chance to grow in your teaching career.



"Many people leaving business mid-career have the skills and knowledge needed to become excellent teachers."

Ed Balls, Secretary of State for Children, Schools and Families.





"Deciding to change career was a big decision for me, but I felt I wanted to give something back. And I've found that my industry background has really helped me bring science to life in the classroom. I enjoy getting pupils to look at the world around them and start asking questions. For instance, one experiment we carry out involves using a balloon to explain negative and positive forces. The static connection makes the children's hair stand on end, and on one occasion we had a competition to see how many balloons we could stick to one child – I think it was 23!"

David Wilson, science teacher (former industrial chemist)





**Kalpana Patel, maths teacher,
(former accountant)**

Kalpana chose a career in teaching after spending a number of years in accountancy. It's a decision she hasn't regretted. "I've been teaching at my current school for over four years now and I still find it rewarding. My days are never the same and I'm always facing new challenges. I don't think I could ever see myself going back to an office job now."

As a career changer, Kalpana discovered there were lots of benefits to her new job that she hadn't expected. "To be honest, I was pleasantly surprised by how well teachers are rewarded financially. Plus, my school is quite flexible in terms of working hours, especially if you're a parent."

With her background in accountancy and banking, Kalpana has also found her industry experience invaluable in inspiring her pupils. "It's made it easy to relate to the A-level pupils, especially talking to them about potential careers, and jobs where they could use their maths skills."

When asked what she thinks of the Transition to Teaching programme, Kalpana says: "I think it's a great idea. Having a tailored programme in place to help people transfer their skills to teaching should benefit everyone involved."



Get in touch

To find out more about the Transition to Teaching programme, or to talk to an adviser, please call our helpline on **0845 6026 880** or visit our website at **www.teach.gov.uk/transition**

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