

# Top 10 careers by Yr. 11

## No.4 Teaching

### The work

Apart from actually teaching, teachers have lots of other duties, including planning lessons, setting and marking work, and recording pupil progress. Teachers in secondary schools usually teach just one or, possibly, two subjects, but they may also be involved in other activities. Teachers of younger age groups or children with special educational needs and disabilities usually work with the same group of pupils for most of the time.

### Education and training

There are various training routes. You can either follow a degree course leading to QTS (Qualified Teacher Status) or take a degree then gain QTS through a postgraduate course based at university, or gain QTS through a school-based training programme.

For entry to an initial teacher training programme, there are GCSE grade requirements for English and maths and, for early years or primary school teacher training, for science. Equivalent qualifications to GCSEs may be acceptable.

### What it takes

Teaching takes energy, dedication and commitment. Teachers need imagination, confidence and communication skills to stimulate and encourage all children and young people to achieve their potential.

### Prospects

Opportunities for promotion include to head of department/year, deputy head and headteacher. Promotion can be rapid for those wishing to take on extra responsibilities. Schools can create leading practitioner posts for teachers whose main purpose is to improve the quality of teaching within their school.

There are a number of leadership development programmes, including the National Professional Qualification for Headship course. Future Leaders is a programme aimed at developing leaders for challenging schools.

### Pay

Newly qualified teachers start on a minimum of around £22,500 and salaries can rise to approximately £33,000 (more for teachers in inner London); schools have the flexibility to pay more to attract teachers of shortage subjects. Progression to a higher salary is dependent on the individual teacher's performance. There is also additional pay for those who take on extra responsibilities. Leading practitioners can be paid up to £60,000. (Note that independent schools, academies and free schools can set their own terms and conditions for staff, but most pay similar rates to local authority maintained schools.)

## **For further information**

**Get Into Teaching** - freephone: 0800 389 2500. For information on teacher training and teaching as a career in England call the helpline or view:  
[www.education.gov.uk/get-into-teaching](http://www.education.gov.uk/get-into-teaching)

**Teacher Training & Education in Wales** website - for those interested in teacher training in Wales:  
[www.teachertrainingcymru.org/home](http://www.teachertrainingcymru.org/home)

**UCAS Teacher Training** - tel: 0371 468 0469. You can find information on postgraduate university- and school-based teacher training routes and apply online at:  
[www.ucas.com/ucas/teacher-training/ucas-teacher-training-getting-started](http://www.ucas.com/ucas/teacher-training/ucas-teacher-training-getting-started)

For information on full-time undergraduate degree courses leading to QTS, visit:  
[www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)

**National College for Teaching and Leadership (NCTL)** - responsible for initial teacher training and QTS in England.  
[www.gov.uk/government/organisations/national-college-for-teaching-and-leadership](http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/national-college-for-teaching-and-leadership)

**Education Workforce Council** - tel: 029 2046 0099.  
[www.ewc.wales](http://www.ewc.wales)

**Teach First** - tel: 020 3862 8000.  
[www.teachfirst.org.uk](http://www.teachfirst.org.uk)

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[www.tes.co.uk/jobs](http://www.tes.co.uk/jobs)