



Suffolk & Norfolk Initial Teacher Training
Incorporating Primary & Secondary SCITT
Primary & Secondary GTP
Overseas Trained Teacher Programme
Assessment Only Route

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Dear Headteacher,

SNITT wins bid to offer Assessment Only Route to QTS

SNITT trainees qualify with record breaking results

SNITT moves Ipswich office and training facility to UCS

SNITT Programme in top ten of Good Teacher Training Guide 2011

These are just some of the headlines this year as Suffolk and Norfolk Initial Teacher Training gains national recognition for its achievements, working together with its partner schools in Norfolk and Suffolk. At the beginning of the school year, I wanted to take the opportunity to let you know about these recent exciting developments.

Assessment Only Route to QTS

In June of this year, Suffolk and Norfolk ITT was one of only 19 ITT Providers in the country to win a bid to pilot this new route to Qualified Teacher Status. We are the only provider of the AO Route in this region. This means that suitably experienced and qualified instructors currently working in school who are performing at a high level can apply for assessment without the need to follow a full time teacher training course. We are delighted to be able to offer this option to our partner schools and we have posted an article on the news and events section on the front page of our website at www.snitt.co.uk. However, places are limited to 21 for the pilot so competition is likely to be fierce in this first year.

2010-11 SNITT trainees break all records

Almost 100 SNITT trainees qualified with a grade of 'outstanding' at the end of the summer term.



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This was very much a shared success with all our partner schools who worked hard in training and supporting throughout the year. Well over 50% of our SCITT and GTP Primary trainees were judged outstanding at recent Assessment Boards and one of our Secondary programmes achieved a staggering 65% of grades at outstanding. If you provided one or more placements for our SNITT trainees then thank you for your part in this success. If you were not able to provide trainee placements last year but would like to be a partner school this year then please contact us as soon as possible. Many schools find that hosting a trainee is an excellent way to recruit top new teachers and to provide professional development for serving staff who work with the trainee.

SNITT moves Ipswich Office to UCS

At the end of September, SNITT will move its Ipswich office and training facility to University Campus Suffolk. This will give greater access for many of our trainees to an academic environment with all the resources and support that goes with it. However, our unique partnership with Norfolk County Council, Suffolk County Council, UCS and our partner schools will continue exactly as before. This move happily coincides with a new opportunity this September for our SCITT trainees to gain up to 60 M Level credits with UCS during the training year. GTP trainees will continue to access M Level credits in partnership with Edge Hill University for the coming year. Our offices in Norwich at the Professional Development Centre (GTP, OTTP and AO Route) and in Lowestoft at the Kite Centre will continue as before.

SNITT Programme named in national top ten training providers

Our Primary PGCE SCITT Programme was placed ninth out of 227 providers in the Good Teacher Training Guide 2011 published by Buckingham University. It was joined in the top ten by five universities including Oxford and Cambridge. You may have seen recent coverage of this in the local press and on the BBC News website. Again, credit must go to our partner schools as well as to Carol Nind, Programme Leader, and her team.

And finally...

Perhaps you currently have graduates in school working as instructors, HLTAs, TAs or in some other capacity who would like to gain QTS. Please consider putting such staff in touch with us. The website will be open for applications in early September 2011.

Full details of all our Programmes and an application form can be found on the website: www.snitt.co.uk

Yours sincerely



Geoff Robinson
Suffolk and Norfolk ITT Leader