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Headteacher  
All Norfolk Secondary Schools

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Dear Headteacher

**Do you have staff teaching in school without qualified teacher status?**

As you will be aware, the whole landscape of teacher training will be changing radically from September 2012. In its ITT Implementation Plan, November 2011, the government made it clear that in future the cost of training on mainstream ITT routes will largely be met through fees. Following this decision, it now appears likely that the majority of mainstream ITT providers will be charging annual fees of £9,000-00.

**Self-funded training places**

The future of GTP providers is still not entirely clear but it has emerged in the past few days that there will be no limit on the number of 'self-funded' training places which GTP providers can offer. Such places are suitable for unqualified teachers who already have a post within a school and who wish to achieve QTS. The Suffolk and Norfolk GTP has recently completed an extensive review and we have decided that it will be possible for us to offer self-funded places at the current rate of £4,000-00 for one more year (an additional £500-00 is payable for self-funded trainees who are employed in neighbouring counties). These fees are payable by the trainee's school or by the trainee through their school. As you will be aware, the policy of the DFE is that wherever possible unqualified teachers should seek QTS and over the past few years a number of those who had been working as 'instructors' have successfully qualified through the GTP with greatly enhanced skills relating to teaching and learning.

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### High Quality Local Training

At its most recent inspection in May 2010 the Suffolk and Norfolk GTP was judged to be a 2:1 provider. Since this inspection, the programme has made further significant improvements in the quality of its training provision and the development of its QA processes. The GTP cohort for 2010-2011 exceeded, by a substantial margin, the requirements for a grade one provider with 66% of its secondary trainees being graded 'outstanding'. The programme has been particularly praised for its training relating to positive behaviour management and creative teaching and learning strategies.

Further details of the high quality training offered by SNITT GTP are available on our website at: [www.snitt.co.uk](http://www.snitt.co.uk) In order to secure a self-funded place on the GTP, candidates must hold a current post as an unqualified teacher, have the full support of their Headteacher and be successful through our recruitment process. Candidates must submit their applications through the TDA GTP portal. Full details of the application process and a link to the application portal are available on our SNITT website. The deadline for self-funded secondary applications for a September 2012 start is 2 March 2012.

If you would prefer to discuss directly with me the training offered within the self-funded route please send an email for my attention to [debbie.barr@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:debbie.barr@norfolk.gov.uk) I will be happy to follow up such enquiries by telephone or by arranging a visit to your school.

Yours sincerely



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