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Dear Colleague

Routes to Qualified Teacher Status: Assessment Only Programme and the SCITT Salaried Programme

Do you have teaching staff in your school who do not yet hold Qualified Teacher Status?

The Assessment Only Programme is designed for instructors who have had whole class responsibility for teaching and learning for at least two years full time. This programme takes just three months and allows the individual to continue teaching whilst they qualify. Once accepted onto the programme, our assessors undertake four visits to the school in order to observe and provide feedback to the instructor to enable them to produce the evidence to demonstrate that they meet each of the Teachers' Standards. The cost of our AO programme is relatively modest at £2,650 to cover the costs of our visits and the final assessment of the AO. If accepted onto the AO Programme, Instructors can also benefit from joining the full-time SCITT Salaried trainees at their core/subject knowledge training sessions (up to a maximum of three sessions can be attended free of charge).

For other members of your unqualified teaching staff, who would benefit from a more comprehensive training programme, we can offer the SCITT Salaried programme which will run from 1 September 2017 to 15 June 2018. Practical experience in the school is supported by a lively and interactive training day on Thursday each week. It is usually possible for successful candidates to remain within their current school for the majority of their training, being released for a second school placement period of six weeks early in the spring term. NCTL funded SCITT Salaried trainees are allowed to teach their own timetabled classes for up to five hours per week from the start of the course. They gain further teaching experience in the course of the year on a supernumerary basis slowly building to 11-13 hours per week in term 3. School Funded SCITT salaried trainees are allowed to undertake a teaching timetable of up to 13 hours per week from the start of the is start of their training but must still be released for training on Thursday each week.

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From September 2017, we are also offering a part time training route for high priority shortage subjects including Maths, Physics, Chemistry, Computer Science and MFL. This part time training is particularly appropriate for those who would like to undertake teacher training but due to personal circumstances are unable to commit to a full time training route. We are piloting this scheme with a relatively small number of trainees in the current year and hope to attract a much larger number of candidates for 2017-2019. Further information about the part time route is available on our website.

Applications for the Assessment Only Programme are accepted at any time throughout the year using the application form which can be found on the SCITT website. The UCAS portal is currently open for secondary applications across the full range of subjects.

Further information on these employment-based routes into teaching can be found on our website at www.suffolkandnorfolkscitt.co.uk. If, after looking at the SCITT website you should have any queries, please do not hesitate to telephone the SCITT Salaried Office.

Yours sincerely

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