

To the Head Teacher

Monday 19th January 2004

The Student Associates Scheme

We are pleased to announce that the University of East Anglia has been awarded funding by the Teacher Training Agency (TTA) as part of the national programme, to develop and implement a Student Associates Scheme for the next three years. This Scheme is in collaboration with the University of Essex, and Norfolk, Suffolk and Essex LEAs.

The Student Associates Scheme gives students an opportunity to gain insight into teaching by working alongside experienced teachers in the classroom. Students are given the chance to use their subject specialisms or to pursue an area that is of particular interest. The student will build a record of their experiences in schools which will enhance their CV and can also be used towards Initial Teacher Training (ITT).

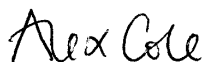
Our 'Student Associates' will commit to a regular day or half day per week, a block of days, or a combination of these, entering the Scheme at one of two Levels;

- Students on Level 1 will provide classroom support and will be positive role models to pupils. At this Level students undertake a 10 day placement
- Students on Level 2 will build on their previous experience in schools, bringing subject expertise and be able to teach small groups of children or whole classes under the direct supervision of an experienced teacher. At this Level students are required to undertake 15 days within the placement school, for which the school will receive £115.00

It is recognised that placing students in schools with experience of supporting and mentoring adults and who are willing to take part in relevant training to ensure that they can support students appropriately, will be vital to the success of the Scheme and the quality of each students' experience.

We are currently seeking schools that would be interested in developing their links with UEA and its students and that would like to explore ways of developing individuals with an interest in working in schools. If you would like your school to be involved with this exciting new Scheme, we will be holding an Introductory Schools Working Group on 11th February 2004. We would be grateful if you could express your initial interest to participate in the Student Associates Scheme by telephoning us on (01603) 591434 or emailing edu.studentassociates@uea.ac.uk. Thank you.

Yours faithfully,



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