



# Train to Teach

For every level of teacher training, Early Primary, Primary, Secondary or Secondary with post 16, look no further than the Catholic Teaching Alliance.

**INITIAL TEACHER TRAINING (ITT) WITH**



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The quality of teaching is more important to pupil outcomes than anything else a school can control, so it is essential that the education system can **recruit, train, develop and retain the best possible teachers.**



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# Question 1

## Who are we?





The Catholic Teaching Alliance (North) is a cross phase alliance of over 70 Catholic schools covering an extensive area across the North West.

The lead school is Our Lady's Catholic High School, Preston, Lancashire. The school achieved 'Good' in all categories from Ofsted in 2022.



Our aim is to develop the outstanding Catholic leaders of tomorrow



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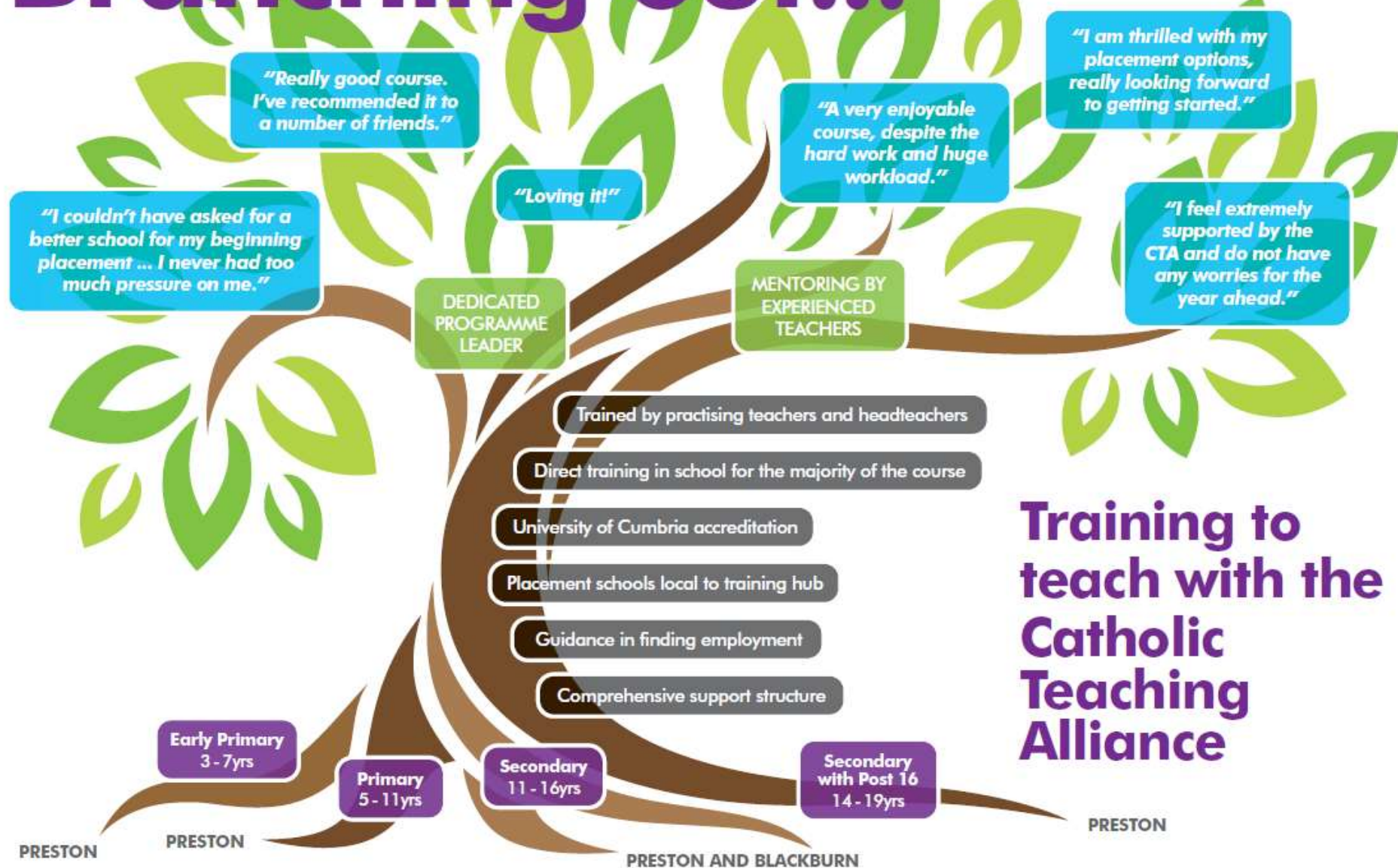
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## Question 2

# What can we offer?



# Branching out...





➤ School-based PGCE with QTS (Qualified Teacher Status)

➤ Early Primary, Primary, Secondary, Post 16



➤ Up to 60 credits towards your M.A.



➤ CCRS (Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies)



# CTA Placement Schools



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# Established in 2014

**330** teachers trained in our first **10 years**





Class of 2015



Class of 2016



Class of 2017



Class of 2018



Class of 2019



Class of 2020



**Class of 2022**



**Class of 2023**

- **The advantage of the School-based PGCE model is that you are learning from **current outstanding practitioners.****
  - **We are committed to working collaboratively with all our partners and are building a reputation as an **outstanding provider.****



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# Training Days



## Question 3

# What qualifications do I need to get onto the PGCE with QTS course?

- Degree – class 2:2 or higher\*
- English and Mathematics at GCSE level at Grade 4 (C) or above, or equivalent (plus Science for primary)
- Successful DBS checks

\*For secondary courses it is desirable that your degree should contain evidence of a substantial and appropriate level of subject knowledge.

\*For post 16 courses it is desirable that your degree is in the subject you wish to teach; that you have an A level, at least grade C, in that subject.



## Question 4

# What support is there to help me succeed?

Advice and support is available from:

- Your hub lead
- University of Cumbria tutors
- Trained mentors in schools



# Question 5

## How do I apply?

- Look on the [PGCE Courses](#) page on our website for course information
- Submit your application at the DfE's '[Apply for Teacher Training](#)' service

You will need:

- Personal statement
- Two references, can be supplied later

Try to build up your school experience



**Apply for  
teacher training**

The new GOV.UK service for applying for postgraduate teacher training. It is easy to use and gives clear guidance to help potential teachers make strong applications.

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## Question 6

# What does the interview process involve?

- Mini-teach (sent out in advance)  
We want to see you make your subject interesting and accessible and communicate with enthusiasm.
- Discussion or written task(s)
- Interview questions



# Our commitment to you...

- Training by practising teachers and headteachers
- Direct training in school
- Placement schools local to training hub
- Training hubs in Preston and Blackburn
- Comprehensive support structure
- Our QTS programmes are delivered by the University of Cumbria. The University of Warwick provides accreditation for the QTS element.
- 100% achieve GOOD or OUTSTANDING grades
- Guidance and support in finding employment



# Any questions?



Contact us by email

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