

TeachVac Newsletter

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Our Monthly Newsletter for Teachers

Welcome To The New TeachVac Newsletter

Introduction

Now is the time to start thinking about where you want to teach after next year. Whether you will be an NQT looking for their first job or an experienced teacher seeking to change schools now is the time to start your research.



Over the course of the year there are around 60,000 jobs for classroom teachers wanting to teach in England. Between now and the Christmas holidays is an ideal time to search out possible areas, especially if you are thinking of moving to a different part of the country to where you are currently living. Some schools are located close to transport routes but, especially in rural areas, a car may be necessary unless you can live near the school.

For new entrants and those that haven't completed an application form for some time, here are a two tips with more to follow:

Completing An Application Form

Help - A blank page, what do I write?

Completing the first part of any application form is easy. Mostly it consists of compiling factual information and making sure that there are no gaps that leave time periods unaccounted for. As teachers work with children and young people, employers need a full employment history and explanations for any gaps, such as a period spent travelling or raising a family. Then there is the personal statement; essentially the part of any application where you tell the school why they should employ you.

Start with the job description

Remember schools have used the advert and job description to state what they need. Collect evidence that shows how you meet their stated needs. Sometimes it is worth doing a bit of research - what examination syllabus does the school use for your subject and have you studied it or taught it this year? This shows initiative if they haven't mentioned the examination syllabus and you are forewarned if you are called for an interview.

Are there other key statements in the job description that you will need to cover in your application? Does the school say anything about the wider life of the school and how anyone appointed might contribute beyond their subject area?

Before you complete the form you could also look at the Ofsted Inspection Report to see how others view the school from an external perspective.

More tips next month!

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Other Services

Do remember to ask your school whether they use TeachVac to save them money on recruitment. TeachVac is free to schools and applicants alike.

There is a free jobs portal available to schools - details can be found on the front page of [TeachVac](#).

[TeachSted](#) is available to support schools undergoing an Ofsted inspection.

Our new service, [TeachVac Global](#), is a vacancy matching service for international schools and teachers. It brings together schools looking for teachers and teachers looking for teaching posts, at any level, within international schools.

The Job Alert Service – How It Works

Visit www.teachvac.co.uk and register today, it's free.

TeachVac is open to all teachers looking for primary & secondary posts at any level including leadership.

You select a subject and a location. The service looks at school vacancies within your specified area and identifies any jobs that match. The system then sends you an email alert about the job so that you can decide whether to apply. After this it is between you and the school, TeachVac does not get involved. As we use advanced technology to drive TeachVac, jobs often appear with us before they appear elsewhere. In such cases, you may be one of the first to see these vacancies.

Schools are told how many trainees there are in the subject, and how many vacancies have been set against this pool so that they know how challenging recruitment may be in each subject.

To contact us with ideas for future newsletters and any stories about job hunting email newsletter@oxteachserv.com

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You can chat with other trainee teachers and share experiences as well as question members of our team. We look forward to meeting you online!

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