

## *Miss Woods's Career of the Month – October – An Introduction to Teaching*

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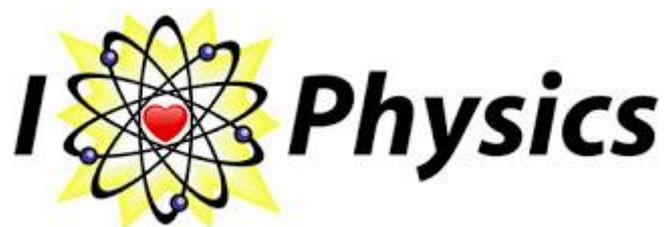
Do you have want to inspire people? Do you have a subject you are passionate about? Do you like the idea of supporting children and young people? Teaching is challenging, and involves lots of different skills, but it is often considered to be one of the most rewarding careers.



Teaching covers a wide range of age groups – from nursery and reception, all the way up to lecturing at University:

- Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) ages 3-5
- Key Stage 1 ages 5-7
- Key Stage 2 ages 7-11
- Key Stage 3 ages 11-14
- Key Stage 4 ages 14-16
- Key Stage 5 ages 16-18
- University or college lecturing ages 18 upwards
- Special Educational Needs (SEN) (any age group)

There is a range of different subjects which are currently priorities for schools to recruit teachers in. Maths, physics, chemistry, languages, computing, biology and geography are currently on the list of priority subjects. You may find there is extra support available to help get you into the classroom if you are interested in teaching any of these subjects.



Whilst you are in school, there are some things you can do to improve your skills for a career in teaching. If you get the chance to take part in delivering presentations and assemblies, this can be a

good way of improving your confidence and communication skills. Make sure you keep yourself well organised and maintain good timekeeping. If you are able to take on any student leadership positions, or extra responsibilities, this is also a good way to boost your skills.



Routes into teaching:

Any route you wish to take into teaching will involve taking a degree. At GCSE and A-level, your subject choices can be varied. If you wish you become a secondary school teacher, your degree should reflect the subject you wish to teach – for example if you wish to teach history, then your degree should be in history.

To teach in a state school in England, you must have a degree, and gain Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) by following a programme of Initial Teacher Training (ITT). You must have achieved minimum requirements in GCSE English, maths, and science if you wish to teach at primary-level.

Apprenticeship – it is now possible to complete your teacher training through an apprenticeship. Postgraduate teaching apprenticeships are new, and are available for prospective primary and secondary school teachers. You'll be employed by a school while you learn on the job. It is, however, worth remembering that as postgraduate teaching apprenticeships are new, there are currently only a limited number of vacancies.

There is a lot more information on the UCAS website in regards to undergraduate routes into teaching - <https://www.ucas.com/teaching-in-the-uk>



As well as a strong educational background, you will need excellent communication skills, organisation and time management, energy, enthusiasm, patience, resilience, initiative, creativity and lot more.

Other alternatives to teaching within education:

- Education administrator
- Educational psychologist
- Careers adviser
- Higher education lecturer
- Careers adviser
- Education officer

For these roles, there will be different entry requirements. Some people may choose to progress into one of these roles after they have been a teacher for a while and will use that valuable teaching experience in their new career.

For further information:

<https://successatschool.org/careerzonesummary/8/Education-Teaching>

<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/browse-sector/teaching-and-education>

<https://getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zdtgy9g>

<https://www.ucas.com/ucas/after-gcses/find-career-ideas/explore-jobs>