

The School Direct application and selection process.

Stage 1: Pre-selection

We will host a number of information evenings throughout the year to help prepare you for submitting your application. When the application window is open, you make your application through the UCAS Teacher Training system. The Teaching School then scrutinises the application form and looks for evidence that you have met the entry requirements. If you know which of our partner schools you would like to train in, you should indicate this on the application form.



Stage 2: Selection day

On the day you will be given a tour of Tidemill Academy, which is the lead School Direct school and the designated Teaching School, followed by a series of activities.

Maths task

This task is designed to assess your numeracy skills.

Literacy and ICT task

This task is designed to assess your written communication skills as well as your ICT skills.

Interview and presentation

This is designed to assess a range of skills and qualities including your ability to present information coherently, your understanding of what the teaching profession entails, your potential to fulfil the role of a teacher, and your ability to meet the challenges of the teacher training process.

Child-centred Activity

This will involve you working with a small group of children on a reading activity of your design based around a story, poem or selected chapter. This is to help us assess your ability to engage and enthuse students as well as to pitch an activity at a suitable level for children to learn most effectively.



Stage 3: Indication of outcome

We always try to give candidates an outcome on the selection day itself. If you have been unsuccessful, we will provide feedback.