

DfE Undergraduate Teaching Internship Programme Opportunity Summer 2026



Teaching

Northgate High School has been awarded a grant by the Department of Education to offer a limited number of three-week teaching internships in the Summer of 2026.

When is the internship?

The programme will run from Monday 15th June to Friday 3rd July 2026 and you will be based at Northgate High School full time. You will need to be available to be in school from 8.20am to up to 4.30pm each day, but you will only work for 34 hours/week, so may leave earlier on some days.

Who can apply?

You can apply if you are a second, third or fourth-year undergraduate without a PGCE training place. You must be taking a STEM related or MFL degree and be interested in teaching secondary chemistry, computing, design and technology, maths, physics, German or Spanish in England in the future.

Those who already have a confirmed ITT place are not eligible for the programme. This also applies to PhD students and career changers. There are limited places available for Masters students, and mature students on an undergraduate degree course (either full or part time) are eligible. Both Industry Year and Part-time applicants are eligible to apply for the Teaching Internships programme.

What does it involve?

The programme lasts for three weeks and will involve you spending a significant amount of that time actively working in a school environment. You will experience a range of aspects of school life, not only observing, but also working with young people, and even getting the opportunity to plan and deliver lessons. You will encounter a range of staff and students who have very different views on education. You will see the ups and downs of school life. And, most importantly, you will see the difference that great teachers can make to young people.

We will provide you with £455 per week upon successful completion of the programme (subject to Tax and National Insurance), in order to support your living and travel costs during the three weeks. Moreover, we will provide training by expert teachers in school so that you can get the most out of your experience, with sessions on the vital basics such as safeguarding, how to approach lesson observations, and also on teaching, learning, behaviour management and SEND (special educational needs and disability), so that you are able to take a more active and meaningful part in lessons. We will also support you as you make your application to train as a teacher after the programme.

If you are thinking of applying to a Teacher Training Provider, but do not yet have a confirmed place, this is a perfect way in which to get the initial experience that they recommend. Furthermore, if you are in your second or third year of university, and/or have not yet fully decided what you would like to do after you graduate, this is an excellent way to be better informed about a career in education. Teacher Training Providers look favourably on candidates with relevant experience such as this, and it is an excellent way to make career focused networks and contacts for the future.

Students within UK and outside England

Undergraduates who are domiciled in Wales, Scotland or Northern Ireland can take part in the programme, but interns must be considering training to teach in England.

International students

Overseas students studying in the UK can take part, but interns must be considering training to teach in England. There may be some restrictions on some overseas students participating.

Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks

All interns must have a DBS check. This must be completed by coming into the school in person in March/April on successful acceptance onto the internship.

Funding

Payment for each intern is £455/week (£1,365 in total). This will be paid on successful completion of the course and will be subject to Tax and National Insurance.

Support for you while you are in school

You will be allocated a Subject Mentor - an experienced teacher who is an experienced PGCE mentor and/or has been given mentor training.

All Professional Development (PD) sessions will be delivered by our very experienced school Professional Tutor and/or the members of the school's Teacher Development group, who have a special interest in working with new members of the profession.

Follow up support for you after the internship

You will be in email contact with the school's Professional Development Tutor and your Subject Mentor at the end of the programme.

In October 2026 you will be invited to an online training session in Applying for Teacher Training, outlining the process to apply for each of the key training providers in Suffolk, with the offer of individual consultations to support applications.

How to apply

Please note that internship places are limited to one or two per subject, so we may have to close applications early if all places are filled before this time. Please apply by completing the application form using [this link](#), or the link on the Northgate High School website. The deadline to submit the application is **Monday 23rd February 2026**. We may close applications before this date if the places are filled.

Online Interviews will be held during the week beginning 9th March 2026 and places will be offered during the week beginning 16th March 2026. You will need to accept your place before Wednesday 25th March 2026. You will then need to complete a DBS check within school.

Please ensure that you have read the Privacy Notice for Applicants on the Northgate website before applying.

For further information or to discuss your application, please contact Miss Mary Hallett, Professional Development Tutor mch@northgate.suffolk.sch.uk.

We look forward to receiving your application!