

Teaching in Bracknell Forest



Bracknell Forest is a small, innovative, friendly and highly effective local authority, located to the west of London, in Berkshire.

We have great schools and fantastic children who welcome inspirational teachers to challenge them to reach their full potential.

Bracknell Forest is committed to providing an excellent education service by recruiting the best teachers to influence the success of our pupils and schools.

We look for people with ability, enthusiasm and imagination to join our successful school teams.

By combining quality training in a supportive local authority with financial incentives, housing initiatives and flexible benefits, we are sure you will find working in Bracknell Forest the right career choice for you!

Our Schools

We have three paired infant and junior schools, 25 primary schools (including five academies) six secondary schools (including three academies), one special school and one pupil referral unit.

Every school within Bracknell Forest has its own characteristics, from rural, single entry primary schools to state of the art, purpose built secondary schools each has their own merits and strengths, many with achievement awards and specialist school status.

There is no better place to develop your teaching career. We are a supportive authority who will guide you through all stages of your career as a teacher, whether you join us as a Newly Qualified Teacher or an experienced professional.

At Bracknell Forest we continue to invest heavily in our schools to raise standards and make them an exciting place to learn. Many exciting initiatives are happening so there is no better time to join us!

Your Future!

More and more teachers are choosing Bracknell Forest because of the excellent ongoing support and training we offer.

We recognise that the development of the school workforce is key so our training programmes are designed to support you in your new and future roles by enabling you to constantly update your skills and share experiences with others.

We promote a community of learners amongst our teachers with plenty of opportunities to network. Our schools work in both formal and informal groups.

We have our own, dedicated Education Centre located in beautiful countryside, the purpose of which is to provide a stimulating and well-resourced base to enable networking and support the training of teachers and school staff.



There are opportunities for teachers at all stages of the profession from tailored support for NQTs to the Leadership Development Centre for aspiring headteachers and leaders.

By responding to the needs of current teachers and looking to the future we aim to retain high quality teaching staff.

Many of our schools have Investors in People status recognising the importance placed on staff development.

Headteachers moving to the area frequently comment on the excellent support they and their schools receive from the authority.

What You Can Expect

How much will I be paid?

As a teacher, you will be paid on national conditions of service and Bracknell Forest pay for teachers includes the Outer London Fringe Allowance. We are the most westerly authority to be able to pay this.

What other benefits can I expect?

As part of our Flexible Benefits scheme you can also choose from a variety of benefits at a preferential rate. The current range includes private medical insurance, discounted shopping vouchers, childcare vouchers, gym membership and car loans. Full details of the latest benefits will be made available to you when you start employment with Bracknell Forest.

Do I receive any help with housing or moving to the area?

Bracknell has a wide variety of largely modern housing to rent or buy and we offer a number of different schemes to help you find an affordable home. The schemes change regularly, for the latest offers available check our website for the current loan, mortgage, homebuy and rental options. Key leadership posts may be eligible for a relocation package.

What training will I receive?

Continuing professional development is considered very important in Bracknell Forest and is supported by a programme of high-quality in-service training courses and conferences. Additional training may be carried out in either your or neighbouring schools to enable you to network with your own and other schools team. Many formal & informal cluster arrangements exist to enable expertise to be shared between schools.

What leisure activities are there in Bracknell Forest?

The leisure and community facilities in Bracknell Forest are second to none, and include Bracknell Leisure Centre, Edgbarrow and Sandhurst Sports Centres, Horseshoe Lake Watersports Centre, Coral Reef, The Look Out, Downshire Golf Complex, John Nike Sports Complex, South Hill Park Arts Centre and The Point Leisure Complex. As part of your benefits options you can receive free membership to one of the three sport centres.



Out and About in Bracknell Forest

Bracknell Forest is a small, modern town with an historic background. Once part of the Windsor Great Forest, Bracknell still nestles in woodlands; one fifth of the borough is forest, with another fifth protected for its high wildlife value including ten sites of specific scientific interest.

Located in the heart of the Thames Valley and close to Reading, the town of Bracknell has good road and rail links to all areas of the UK.

These are exciting times as the town has recently been regenerated to provide a vibrant new shops, restaurants and leisure opportunities.

Bracknell Forest is a thriving business area; the following companies all have national offices in the borough: Waitrose, Panasonic, Fujitsu, Dell, Hewlett-Packard, Sharp Corporation, Vodafone, Honeywell, Avnet, Novell, Syngenta, Avis and Daler-Rowney

Where do I start?

Bracknell Forest is a great place to teach whether you are looking for a permanent, full-time, part-time, job share or supply teaching appointment.

To keep you up to date with the latest opportunities, all teaching vacancies are advertised on our web site www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/jobs

If you cannot find the ideal post for you, please contact the recruitment team.

For NQT applicants - further details can be found on our web site www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/nqt

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