Find out more...Teaching in Schools: Know your subject

The following links are to associations/organisations for people teaching in a particular subject area. Some have direct careers information, while others offer useful background, news and teaching ideas for the particular specialism, which may be helpful at interview to demonstrate interest in your subject as well as subject knowledge.

Please note that many of the associations are open not only to school teachers, but also to teachers in further and higher education and to researchers. Many also offer membership to trainee teachers.

**Citizenship**

**Association for Citizenship Teaching (ACT)** - the professional association for those involved in citizenship education. The site includes a section on training and CPD, curriculum information and resources for both primary and secondary teaching.  
[Association for Citizenship Teaching (ACT)]

**Classics**

**Association for Latin Teaching (ARLT)** - exists to promote the teaching of all types of classics courses in schools and to give practical help to teachers of these subjects.  
[Association for Latin Teaching]

**Joint Association of Classical Teachers (JACT)** - founded to improve and maintain the quality of the teaching of classics, to provide means by which teachers may help one another and enable them to reinterpret the traditional discipline in terms appropriate to the present day.  
[Joint Association of Classical Teachers (JACT)]

**Design & Technology**

**Design & Technology Association (DATA)** - the professional association which represents all those involved in design and technology education and associated subject areas at both primary and secondary levels.  
[Design & Technology Association (DATA)]

**Scottish Technology Teachers Association (TTA)** - resources, useful links, a journal and details of competitions for pupils make this a great resource for technology teachers and students.  
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**Economics & Business**

**Economics & Business Education Association (EBEA)** - represents teachers and lecturers of business studies and related subjects in schools and colleges throughout...
Economics & Business Education Association (EBEA)

English, Drama & Media Studies

National Association for the Teaching of English (NATE) - the UK association for all aspects of teaching English from pre-school to university. NATE supports effective teaching and learning, keeps teachers informed about current developments and provides them with a voice at a national level.

National Drama - site aimed at professionals working in the field of drama education. Limited direct careers information, but useful for keeping up with news in the field and the links section is a good source of further information.

TeachIt - an education resource specialising in English, Drama and Media Studies from primary to post-16.

Geography

Geographical Association - a subject association with a mission to further the teaching of geography and to communicate the value of learning geography for all. There are nearly 10,000 members including teachers in primary and secondary schools and further education, academic geographers and teacher educators and trainers.

Scottish Association of Geography Teachers (SAGT) - promotes and enhances the learning and teaching of geography in Scotland. Site includes useful resources and lots of well-organised links for the subject, by age group.

History

Historical Association - aims to further the study, teaching and enjoyment of history at all levels: teacher and student, amateur and professional. Membership is open to everyone.

Scottish Association of Teachers of History (SATH) - a forum for Scottish history teachers to comment on developments in education in Scotland, share new ideas and resources and provide training for history teachers through its conferences.

Information & Communications Technology (ICT)

Naace - the ICT Association, is the key influential professional association for those working in ICT in education.
Naace

Topmarks - website developed by a school teacher to help other teachers use the web for effective learning, which includes useful subject links.
Topmarks

Languages

The Association for Language Learning (ALL) - the major subject association for those involved in teaching foreign languages at all levels. ALL promotes the teaching and learning of foreign languages by providing information and publications, organising professional development activities and acting as a public voice on behalf of members.
The Association for Language Learning
Scottish Association for Language Teaching (SALT) - acts as a focal point for language teachers and students throughout Scotland. Site includes a newsletter, resources, events and useful links.
Scottish Association for Language Teaching (SALT)

Maths

Association of Teachers of Mathematics - established in 1950 to encourage the development of mathematics education, so that it is more closely related to the needs of the learner. There are about 4,000 members - mainly teachers in primary and secondary schools.
Association of Teachers of Mathematics

Mathematical Association - exists to bring about improvements in the teaching of mathematics and its applications, and to provide a means of communication among students and teachers of mathematics.
Mathematical Association

Modern Studies

Modern Studies Association (MSA) - promotes and enhances the learning and teaching of modern studies in Scotland. Site includes useful resources and lots of well-organised links for the subject.
Modern Studies Association (MSA)

Music

The Incorporated society of Musicians (ISM) - the UK’s professional body for musicians campaigns for musician's rights, and provides expert advice and specialist services, as well as careers information and advice.
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Physical Education (PE)
Association for Physical Education (afPE) - a UK-wide association aiming to promote and develop high quality PE, raise standards, provide a voice for teachers and ensure that children's experience of PE is enjoyable and meaningful.

Religious Education (RE)

Teach RE - an initiative to provide information and attract graduates into religious education teaching. Lots of great advice, much of it generic, but be aware that some of the information relates to England (and possibly Wales) only, so check.

Culham Institute (RE) - a small development and research organisation working in the areas of religious education, collective worship and church schools. The institute promotes and supports religious education.

Science

Association for Science Education (ASE) - the professional association for teachers of science. It was formed in 1963 by the merger of the Science Master's Association and the Association of Women Science Teachers. The ASE exists to improve the teaching of science and includes a Scottish branch.

Social Sciences

Association for the Teaching of Psychology (ATP) - a voluntary body run by psychology teachers for psychology teachers. Benefits for members include practical advice and support, CPD events, networking opportunities across the UK and Europe, and the magazine 'ATP Today'. Students can join at a reduced rate. Website links to the ATP Scotland.

Association for the Teaching of the Social Sciences (ATSS) - a voluntary group of social science teachers who have joined together to further the interests of social science teaching in secondary schools, colleges and teacher training courses in HE. Composed mainly of sociologists, the ATSS also includes teachers of psychology, politics and economics amongst its members.

British Sociological Association: Teaching Group (BSA) - specialist group section of the society, aims to promote social sciences in primary, secondary and higher education. Organise events, provide invaluable networking opportunities and publish the Sociology Teacher journal.
Related information

Visit **MyCareerHub** to access useful information resources, news, events and jobs in the education sector.

**MyCareerHub**

**Platform One** - we may have Edinburgh Alumni contacts who can give you useful information and advice about teaching. You can search for contacts by employer, job title, location and school (UG and PG).

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