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Teaching in Schools: Independent, Alternative & Faith Schools

The information in this guide will help you to research the teaching profession in schools outside the state or mainstream education systems, as well as faith schools within the state system.

Platform One
We may have Edinburgh Alumni contacts who can give you some useful advice about teaching in independent and faith schools. Access Platform One via the Careers tab in your MyEd portal to search for contacts by employer, job title, location and school (UG and PG).

MyEd

Independent schools

HMC Teacher Training - The Headmasters' & Headmistresses' Conference (HMC) is a professional association for heads of the world's leading independent schools. This two-year programme offers a direct route into teaching. Trainees work in salaried posts in HMC independent senior schools and gain a PGCE with Qualified Teacher Status. Vacancies are advertised on the HMC Teacher Training website, and candidates must apply directly to the individual schools.

HMC Teacher Training

Boarding Schools' Association (BSA) - UK association promoting and serving education in boarding schools. The site includes a school and job search facility.

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Independent Schools Council (ISC) - represents 1,280 independent schools. The site has links to member schools and associations connected to the independent schools sector. It also has a section on teaching in independent schools, including information about teacher training in independent schools, information for NQTs and a vacancies list.

Independent Schools Council (ISC)

Independent Schools Inspectorate (ISI) - set up by the ISC to inspect member schools in England. Inspection reports are available on the site.

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**International Schools** - these are independent schools that educate children from all over the world. Some of the larger schools have pupils from more than 70 countries, speaking over 30 languages. They may take day pupils, boarders or both. Students will normally be working towards internationally recognised qualifications such as the International Baccalaureate Diploma. These schools set their own criteria for the qualifications and experience they require. Vacancies are advertised on individual school websites. To find these schools visit:

- **Council of British International Schools (COBIS)**
- **Scottish Council of Independent Schools (SCIS)** - site offers comprehensive details of all independent Scottish schools represented by SCIS via a searchable database. There is also information on teaching in the independent sector, including advice for newly qualified teachers looking to undertake their probation year at an independent school, and information about supply work.
- **Montessori Schools** - the site includes information about the ideas behind Montessori education, finding Montessori schools, and details of their teacher training courses.
- **Steiner Waldorf Schools Fellowship** - represents 31 Steiner schools, 56 Early Years settings, and six Steiner teacher training courses in the UK and Ireland. The site includes information on the Steiner principles, details of training courses, vacancies and links to schools/organisations both in the UK and overseas.

**Faith schools**

- **Association of Muslim Schools (AMS)** - established to support and develop excellence in the growing number of full-time Muslim schools.
- **Catholic Education Service (CES)** - promotes and supports Catholic education in England & Wales. The site includes a Catholic teaching vacancy section.
- **Catholic Teachers' Gazette** - online version of the teaching jobs gazette, which lists vacancies for every Catholic school and college in England and Wales.
- **Scottish Catholic Education Service** - provides information about Catholic education and Catholic schools in Scotland and offers support to teachers, parents.
students and others. Includes information on the Certificate in Religious Education by Distance Learning (CREDL) qualification, and on church approval for teaching in Catholic schools.

Scottish Catholic Education Service

Jewish Schools - Details of both primary and secondary schools in the UK from the Something Jewish web portal.

Jewish Schools

Jewish Teachers Association - provides information, advice, support and professional development opportunities for Jewish ‘educationalists’. Membership is open to trainees and teaching assistants as well as qualified teachers.

Jewish Teachers Association

National Society (Church of England) for Promoting Religious Education - this body informs and encourages Church schools throughout England and Wales, and promotes Christian education. The site has general information about teaching and specific information about teaching in Church Schools, as well as information about the individual schools. The Church in Wales also supports a large number of schools.

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