

# Higher Level Teaching Assistant Status

We now have over 600 Higher Level Teaching Assistants (HLTAs) in Kent Schools.

HLTAs are playing an increasingly important role in Kent Schools. They are taking on many varied duties, from line managing TAs to mentoring other colleagues from across schools and children's trusts. Their experience can be utilised in so many ways to support teaching and learning of both staff and pupils.

The ever better news is that all the training to become a HLTA is FREE, it is fully funded by the Training & Development Agency (TDA) grant, plus a possible bursary for the school may be available. Training is available across the county throughout the year.

## Higher Level Teaching Assistant status routes

### 3 Day Route

The shortest route, for those TAs who can show that they already meet the HLTA standards, is a three day preparation route, to prepare the teaching assistant for the half day assessment they will undertake. Preparation involves the teaching assistant attending an external course for three days at a local venue in Kent.

3, 12 & 24 November	Oakwood House, Maidstone ME16 8AE
6, 13 & 30 November	Ashford Chamber of Commerce
10 & 17 November and 11 December	Howfield Manor, Canterbury CT4 7HQ

### 9 Day Generic Routes

For teaching assistants requiring training to meet all the standards, via a 6-day generic programme includes the 3 days in preparation for assessment as described above.

4, 11, 18 & 25 November and 2 & 9 December	Holiday Inn, Ashford TN26 1AR
6, 13 & 20 January 2010	Holiday Inn, Ashford TN26 1AR

### Higher Level Teaching Assistant Specialism Routes

TAs (with or without HLTA Status) to improve their individual subject knowledge with practical ideas to help support children in these Specialism subject: Secondary Maths and Science, Vocational, PE, Food Technology and Primary Science.

10 September start - Maths and Science  
Other specialism start dates to be confirmed

### Higher Level Teaching Assistant Route linked to the Canterbury Christ Church University Foundation Degree in 'Childhood Studies'

TDA funding is offered to TAs wishing to achieve the HLTA Status during the 1st year of the generic or specialism degree course. Fees for year 2 and 3 of the degree course will not be funded by the TDA and required to be paid by self or other means. Specialism: English as an Additional Language (EAL), Special Education Needs (SEN), Physical Education (PE) and Modern Foreign Language (MFL).

## Apply for Higher Level Teaching Assistant Status Programmes


To receive an Information Pack and Application form contact Dawn Foxwell  
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## Higher Level Teaching Assistant Information Sessions





If you are unsure which route to take and would like to find out more; attend a free half day session to hear the facts about the entry criteria, carry out a simple needs analysis exercise to determine your development needs to achieve the HLTA Status. (These sessions may be booked using the form on page 34. Details and dates on page 32).

## Higher Level Teaching Assistant Needs Analysis Information Session

 Teaching Assistants  All  half day (0930-1230)

 No charge Kent LA

*This information session will enable Teaching Assistants to choose a route for HLTA Status.*

Date	Code	Venue and Location	LLN
28 September 2009	WDOHLT01/01	Grange Moor Hotel, Maidstone	 
1 October 2009	WDOHLT01/02	Howfield Manor, Canterbury	 
7 October 2009	WDOHLT01/03	Salomons Centre, Tunbridge Wells	