

TeachVac Newsletter

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Our Monthly Newsletter for Teachers

Welcome To The New TeachVac Newsletter

Introduction

Figures from the Department for Education published at the end of November have provided new light on what the 2018 job market might look like. For those seeking a post as a classroom teacher in the primary sector they are advised to start their search early, especially in the more popular parts of the country as there are likely to be more trainees entering the labour market next year.

Meanwhile for secondary teachers the picture is more nuanced. As every year, geography plays a big part in determining how easy it will be to find a teaching post but teachers of Physical Education and History may find the job search more difficult than those in most other subjects, with Design and Technology and Business Studies teachers having the greatest degree of choice and being able to name their own starting salary in many schools.



Continuing on from our last newsletter, here are some more tips on how to find a job:

It's not about what you want

Never start a personal statement with an 'I' phrase. It is not about you and what you want but about how you meet what the school wants. The fast track to the discard pile includes statements such as 'I have always wanted to be a teacher because ...' Well, if you hadn't wanted to be a teacher why are you on your present course? The same applies if you are already teaching. Don't waste words either stating the obvious or re-stating the information contained elsewhere on the form or trying to justify something such as a career change. You have a limited amount of space and you should try to make every word count. Ask yourself, what is this particular sentence adding to the statement that will convince either a senior leader or the head of subject that I am worth interviewing and would be a useful addition to the school?

Say how you meet the needs of the job

For example: - If you are a trainee it may be appropriate to indicate that you have worked in school with a similar profile to where you are applying or that next term you will be spending 10 weeks in such a school. If the advert specifies certain expectations, you can say something such as - The focus of my course so far has been on behaviour management and lesson planning. Next term, assessment and recording and differentiation are key elements of the course. - My projects with year 9 on [add a topic] have been copied by the teachers of the other classes in the year group.

For existing teachers, you will have much more to go on in terms of showing how you meet the needs of the vacancy you are applying for.

More tips next month!

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Other Services

Do remember to ask your school whether they use TeachVac to save them money on recruitment. TeachVac is free to schools and applicants alike.

There is a free jobs portal available to schools - details can be found on the front page of [TeachVac](#).

[TeachSted](#) is available to support schools undergoing an Ofsted inspection.

Our new service, [TeachVac Global](#), is a vacancy matching service for international schools and teachers. It brings together schools looking for teachers and teachers looking for teaching posts, at any level, within international schools.

The Job Alert Service – How It Works

Visit www.teachvac.co.uk and register today, it's free.

TeachVac is open to all teachers looking for primary & secondary posts at any level including leadership.

You select a subject and a location. The service looks at school vacancies within your specified area and identifies any jobs that match. The system then sends you an email alert about the job so that you can decide whether to apply. After this it is between you and the school, TeachVac does not get involved. As we use advanced technology to drive TeachVac, jobs often appear with us before they appear elsewhere. In such cases, you may be one of the first to see these vacancies.

Schools are told how many trainees there are in the subject, and how many vacancies have been set against this pool so that they know how challenging recruitment may be in each subject.

To contact us with ideas for future newsletters and any stories about job hunting email newsletter@oxteachserv.com

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You can chat with other trainee teachers and share experiences as well as question members of our team. We look forward to meeting you online!

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