



Shavington Academy

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Dear former Shavington pupil,

You are no doubt underway with your University studies and may be considering which career path to take. I am writing to you to inform you of an exciting opportunity to find out more about the teaching profession.

At Shavington Academy, we feel it is important to continue to offer to you, as alumni, opportunities to learn. As such, we would like to invite former pupils, interested in pursuing teaching as a career, to take part in our school experience programme. This will involve finding out more about the teaching profession, through meeting and talking to our passionate teachers and by experiencing first hand key aspects in the life of a secondary school teacher.

Personally, I cannot recommend the profession enough, as being both a demanding and rewarding career path, which has outstanding development opportunities. It certainly is not a profession for the faint-hearted but we feel that amongst our alumni that there are some future teachers.

Shavington Academy is part of the Chimney House Alliance, which is a National Teaching School, and consists of eleven secondary schools. Six primary schools also work with us in Initial Teacher Training.

Holmes Chapel Comprehensive School is the lead school in the Alliance, and has a national reputation for highly successful collaboration in the fields of Initial Teacher Training and Continued Professional Development.

The Chimney House Alliance has a number of information evenings taking place during the year. All of the information evenings are held at Holmes Chapel Comprehensive School, which offers high quality school-based training in both School Direct and SCITT programmes. They have a 100% employment rate for trainee teachers. Financial incentives are offered, and you could be eligible for a £30,000 bursary.

We are also offering suitable former students the opportunity to **complete a week's paid work experience to the value of £100** at Shavington Academy, shadowing teaching staff to get a real flavour of the rewards that a teaching career can bring. There is selection criteria in place for those applying for the £100 experience and Shavington Academy reserves the right not to offer the paid experience and can withdraw it at any time.

Further information can be found on the Chimney House Alliance website – www.chimneyhousealliance.co.uk/. You can also follow Shavington Academy and the Chimney House Alliance on Twitter – search for @shavington_ac and @CheshireCHA.

To find out more or to register for the week long experience or for an information evening, please contact Lilian McKechnie on 01477 689547 or email getintoteaching@hccs.info

Yours sincerely,

Mrs C White

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