



*...A great place to start*  
**Newly qualified teachers**



Newly qualified teachers (NQTs) are welcomed with open arms in Lewisham. We are dedicated to continuous improvement, including the development of all those who live and work here. Your hard work and commitment as an NQT will be rewarded with some of the best training and support available, as well as exceptional opportunities for career progression. If you want to bring about real change and help build something special, Lewisham is the place to be. Here we work together to improve the life chances of all our children and pride ourselves on closing the achievement gaps.

## Our induction programme

The quality of the support and guidance that you will receive in your first year is our top priority.

As a Lewisham NQT you will be supported by an induction programme, which begins in the school with a personal mentor. Together, you will evaluate your progress against the Teachers' Standards. You will also have opportunities to attend continuing professional development sessions where you can meet regularly with other NQTs and develop your professional knowledge and skills.

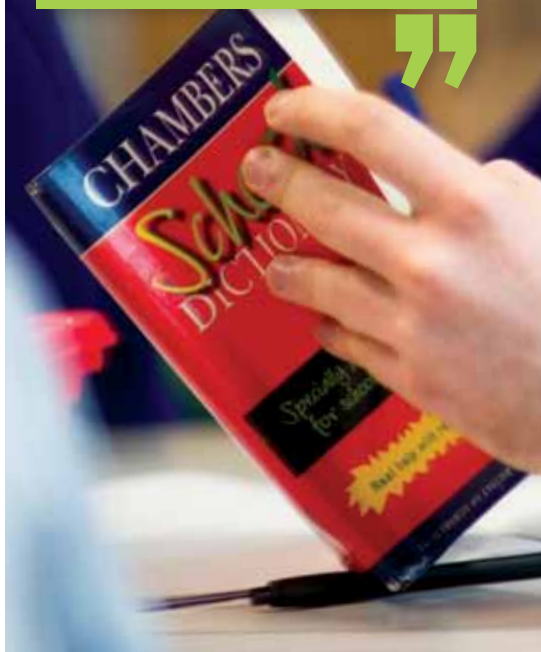
The induction programme underpins the assessment process that helps you successfully complete your induction period. It provides a firm foundation to develop a successful career in teaching and helps identify a professional development pathway as you move into your second year.



*I have really enjoyed all the induction sessions. They have given me a lot of practical tips and advice for employing different strategies in the classroom.*



*The induction programme has filled in the gaps of the training we have already received.*







*The support at this school has been amazing, from everyone – the senior managers, other teachers, teaching assistants... you name it! It's been great to know that if you have a problem there's always someone you can turn to.*

# ...a great place to develop your talent

## **In a class of their own**

We are proud of our vibrant, exciting and innovative schools in Lewisham. Our primary schools are among the top-performing in London and pupils are achieving above the national average. Our secondary schools are successful and exciting places to learn and provide exceptional opportunities for students. We also have a number of outstanding special schools. Overall our schools are going from strength to strength, results continue to rise and the popularity of our schools continues to increase.

We have also successfully attracted unprecedented levels of investment in recent years. As a result, some of our primary and special schools and all of

our secondary schools have either been rebuilt or refurbished. This enables our staff, children and young people to teach and learn in splendid buildings with world-class facilities, including technology, sports and creative arts.

## **Great place to share**

All of our schools aspire to be outstanding and have high expectations of their children. Our schools do not work in isolation, keeping their expertise to themselves. Within our four children's service areas, schools work together to address their locally-agreed priorities.



# ...a great place to live

More and more people are discovering why Lewisham is an attractive place to live. It's a large borough, stretching from Deptford on the edge of the River Thames down to the borders of leafy Bromley. It has a multi-cultural vibe, with an eclectic mix of shops, restaurants, galleries, bars and markets, as well as a quieter side with many award-winning parks.

Housing is more affordable than in most London boroughs, and teaching in Lewisham means that you will also receive the inner London pay scale.

## Great transport links

There are great transport links too, with central London only a 15-minute train journey away. The Docklands Light Railway connects the borough to the City and Canary Wharf. The London Overground Line provides direct services from Highbury & Islington in north London through several stations in the borough to Crystal Palace and West Croydon in the south and Clapham Junction in the south-west. This is ideal if you want to visit the shops or sample the night life in the west end, Brick Lane, Spitalfields Market and Hoxton – to name just a few.



*I love the diversity of culture in this area – Deptford Market is so vibrant and colourful. The Docklands Light Railway makes everything very accessible.*



# ...a great place to teach

Choosing where to start your teaching career could be one of the most important decisions you'll ever make. With a shared commitment to raising standards, we look forward to working with you to make a real and lasting difference to the children and young people of Lewisham.

## To apply

Our schools like NQTs to apply directly to them for posts rather than via a pool. They advertise on the Lewisham Council and Jobsgopublic websites and occasionally in the Times Educational Supplement. Please apply directly to Lewisham schools for any posts that you see advertised. If you are shortlisted you will be contacted by the school.

**For queries related to teaching in Lewisham please email [teacher-recruitment@lewisham.gov.uk](mailto:teacher-recruitment@lewisham.gov.uk) or telephone 020 8314 7388.**

