Aberdeenshire Student Incentive Scheme for Teaching (ASIST)

The Aberdeenshire Student Incentive Scheme for Teaching (ASIST) supports you in your new career through mentorship and financial support. Crucially, it also guarantees you employment experience for two years after Probation, setting your new career on a firm footing.

If you are intending to apply for a PDGE place with us, once you hold an offer from the University of Aberdeen you will be eligible and apply to the ASIST scheme.

ASIST is a unique opportunity which over a four-year period supports you from your first steps as a Student Teacher to being a confident teacher with two post-Full Registration years of teaching experience. The first year is spent at the University studying our PGDE with mentoring from an Aberdeenshire teacher and 18 weeks placement in two Aberdeenshire Secondary Schools. On graduating, the Probationary (second) year continues to build your experience as a Teacher in an Aberdeenshire Secondary school. Mentor support and a transport/accommodation allowance are provided. Upon the successful completion of this year, you are guaranteed two years of experience as a Teacher in an Aberdeenshire Secondary school. In year three, you will enjoy a one-off £5k addition to your salary coupled with further light touch mentoring in years three and four, in order to further your professional development. Through all of this, you will build relationships with colleagues and make new friendships as you grow as a Teacher and enjoy the benefits of living and working in the North East of Scotland.