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Press Release: Nottingham Academy Named as one of the Top 10 Teacher Training Providers Nationally!

George Spencer Academy in Stapleford, Nottingham, has been named by the 'Good Teacher Training Guide' as one of the Top 10 teacher trainer providers in the country and the second best primary teacher trainer nationally. The report comes hot on the back of the academy's 'outstanding' Ofsted in May 2015, which also praised the impact of the school's wider partnerships.

The George Spencer SCITT finds itself amongst a considerable number of prestigious providers like Cambridge University in the overall Top 10. CEO of The Spencer Academies Trust, Dame Susan Jowett, and Academy Principal, Fraser Mitchell, are thrilled: "It's great to know that the teacher training we deliver is ranked so highly - and to rub shoulders with the very best in the country. It's a tribute to the relentless hard work of our staff, trainees, placement schools and their students and parents that we are helping to create the very best of tomorrow's teachers at a time of local and national teacher shortage. It also shows we have the balance right between academic rigour and on-the-job training on our courses,"

Mary-Alice Lloyd, the Vice Principal who has led the school's SCITT and Teaching School work since their inception also celebrated "I am delighted with this. Over the last 20 years of teacher training, we have built strong and supportive relationships with our SCITT partnership of schools. This is an accolade for us all to celebrate including all our past and present trainee teachers. We take great pride in being able to make such a contribution to teacher supply and quality in our region."

The 'Good Teacher Training Guide 2015' is written by the Centre for Education and Employment Research, at the University of Buckingham. It ranked 174 providers by a score derived from a range of factors, including looking at the degree classification of those training, Initial Teacher Education Ofsted grades, the ratings of the Newly Qualified Teachers and the percentage in employment six months after competing training. The tables from the report are attached on the following page.

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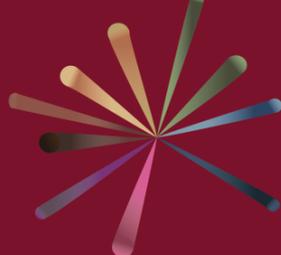


Chart 2.1: Top Ten Teacher Training Providers

Provider	Trainees		Score	Rank in 2013
	First Yr	Final Yr		
1. North East Partnership SCITT (Physical Education)	31	31	667.4	6
2. Billericay Educational Consortium SCITT	53	51	649.8	2
3. The King Edward's Consortium, Birmingham	27	27	639.1	1
4. University of Cambridge	388	403	628.3	3
5. Leicester and Leicestershire SCITT	32	31	614.8	13
6. Royal Academy of Dance ¹	22	22	601.8	18
7. Surrey South Farnham SCITT	54	54	600.3	na
8. University of Birmingham	327	340	598.0	17
9. Portsmouth Primary SCITT	33	33	597.3	5
10. George Spencer Academy SCITT	29	28	595.2	na

1. The status of the Royal Academy of Dance is ambiguous. The DfE lists it among the SCITTs because it is funded on that basis, but organisationally it is more like a HEI. We have included among the latter.

Chart 2.2: Top Ten¹ Primary and Secondary Providers²

Primary	Score	Secondary	Score
Billericay Educational Consortium SCITT	637.2	North East Partnership SCITT	663.7
George Spencer Academy SCITT	621.3	The King Edward's Consortium,	639.4
University of Sussex	615.8	University of Cambridge	626.3
University of Birmingham	613.0	Royal Academy of Dance	598.0
University of Cambridge	612.4	Devon Secondary Schools TTG ³	587.6
University of Manchester	612.1	Cornwall SCITT	587.0
Leicester and Leicestershire SCITT	605.6	Redcar and Cleveland TTP	586.9
Surrey South Farnham SCITT	593.0	University of Birmingham	586.2
Portsmouth Primary SCITT	591.6	Durham SCITT	586.0
North Lincolnshire SCITT Partnership	587.2	George Spencer Academy SCITT	585.6

