

What does a Secondary Teacher do?

Secondary school teachers teach children from 11 to 16, or up to 19 in schools with Sixth Forms.

How do you become a Secondary Teacher?

You can get into this job through:

- a university course
- an apprenticeship
- working towards this role

You can do an undergraduate degree that leads to qualified teacher status (QTS), for example:

- Bachelor of Education (BEd)
- Bachelor of Arts (BA) with QTS
- Bachelor of Science (BSc) with QTS
- A postgraduate certificate in education (PGCE), if you have a first degree without QTS.

Entry requirements

You'll usually need:

- 4 or 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 or equivalent, including English and Maths
- 2 to 3 A levels, or equivalent, for a degree
- a degree in any subject for a postgraduate course

Average Salary

From £30,000 to £42,000 (UK average salary £28,758)

Typical Working Week

37 to 45 Hours

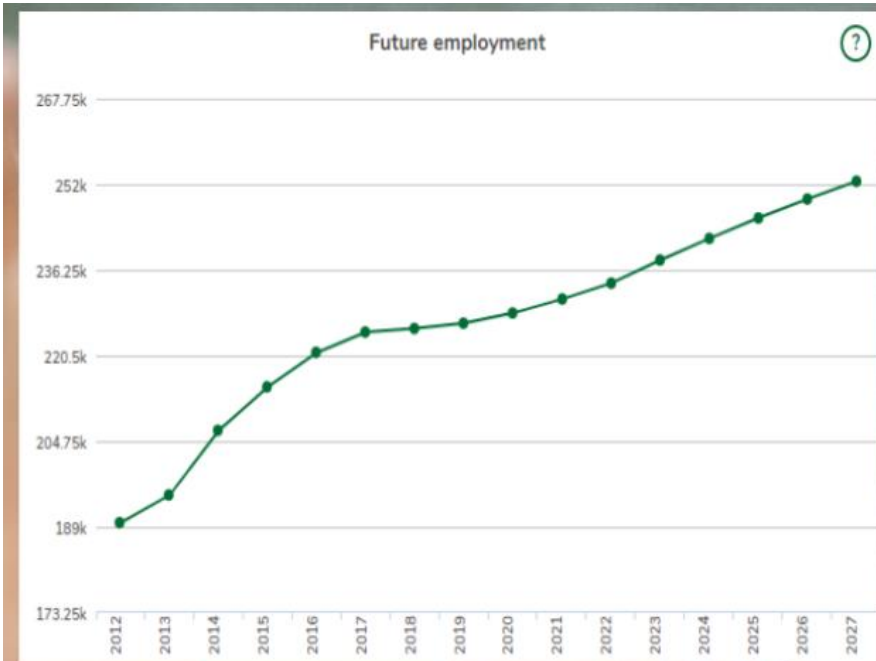
Including Evenings and Weekends

Day-to-Day Tasks

- plan lessons and prepare teaching materials
- set up the classroom, organise displays and resources
- teach whole class lessons, work with small groups and do practical activities
- direct the work of learning support and teaching assistants
- mark and assess pupils' work
- provide a safe and healthy environment and follow safeguarding procedures
- update records, take registers and write reports
- talk to parents and carers about their children's progress

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42% Male and 58% Female
 The UK workforce is 53% Male and 47% Female

Skills and Knowledge to become a Secondary Teacher?

You'll need:

- knowledge of teaching and the ability to design courses
- patience and the ability to remain calm in stressful situations
- the ability to create the best conditions for learning or teaching new things
- leadership skills
- to be flexible and open to change
- excellent verbal communication skills
- maths knowledge
- administration skills
- to be able to use a computer and the main software packages competently

