

Why Teach in Kent and Sussex?

TimePlan Kent & Sussex places primary and secondary teachers in schools throughout the South East of England, including the Local Authorities of Kent, Medway, East and West Sussex and Brighton and Hove. In addition the office also places teachers in the London Boroughs of Bexley, Bromley and Greenwich.

The South East is a wonderful location in which to live and teach. The region is an area of outstanding beauty, with excellent shopping and leisure facilities, glamorous city living, modern bustling towns and quaint villages. There are excellent road and rail links north into Central London and south to the coastal towns of Kent and Sussex. The major airports of Gatwick, Heathrow and London City Airport are all within easy reach, and offer low cost flights to hundreds of destinations. Travelling to Europe couldn't be easier than catching the Eurostar from Ebbsfleet or Ashford to Calais, Lille, Avignon, Paris or Brussels and then onwards to capital cities throughout the European continent. There is also the Channel Tunnel which takes you from Folkestone to Calais, France in just 20 minutes.

The Schools We Cover

There are over 1500 schools within the Local Authorities covered by the Kent and Sussex office. Schools range in size from 30 pupils up to 2500. Schools vary in character depending on their location and socio-economic environment and range from small rural village schools to those with an inner city flavour. Many schools achieve high academic results and there is also a large number of grammar and independent schools. Our teacher co-ordinators are sure to find you the ideal teaching position in a school that is the perfect match to your requirements.

Education systems vary between authorities. Teachers will come across infant, junior and primary schools which will feed into a variety of secondary schools, and where no sixth forms exist students will have to the opportunity to continue their studies in sixth form colleges. Kent, the Unitary Authority of Medway and the London Boroughs of Bexley and Bromley have a selective education system, where pupils transfer from their primary school to either a grammar school, secondary modern school or a comprehensive school depending on how they perform in the eleven plus test. Grammar schools are among the highest achieving schools in the country.

Everyday TimePlan has a number of teaching vacancies placed with us, ranging from daily supply to long-term positions. We currently have teachers in long-term primary and secondary teaching positions in schools throughout the eight local authorities and have daily supply teachers living throughout the region.

Things To Do

Kent is known as "The Garden of England" and the "Gateway to Europe". It is renowned for its oast houses where hops are processed into beer, vineyards, lavender fields and orchards as well as its stunning coastline. Most towns in the South East have Farmers Markets with fresh produce grown locally and also French and Italian markets in larger cities.

For sporting enthusiasts there are a range of water sports and activities in Brighton, which is also home to the largest marina in Europe. For cricket enthusiasts both Canterbury and Hove have first class county cricket grounds. Football is also very popular, along with motor racing.

The Kent and Sussex region is also home to some of the most famous attractions in the UK which include:

[Canterbury Cathedral](#): One of the most spectacular cathedrals in the world founded in 597AD it is the mother church of the Anglican Communion.

[Dover Castle and the White Cliffs Experience](#): Discover 2000 years of history from the Romans to World War Two. Visit the secret war time tunnels where Winston Churchill planned the evacuation of Dunkirk in 1940.

[Dickens World](#): Enter a Victorian town courtyard and come face to face with some of Dickens' literary characters.

[Bluewater Shopping Centre](#): One of the largest and newest out of town shopping centres in Western Europe set around a boating lake.

[1066 Country - Battle Abbey](#): Ruins of the great abbey that William the Conqueror built in atonement for the blood shed at the Battle of Hastings.

[Royal Observatory](#): Home of Greenwich Mean Time and the famous Prime Meridian of the world.

Accommodation

TimePlan does not only help in finding you the perfect teaching position. Over a long period of time we have built up a network of landlords and accommodation agencies who offer good quality and affordable accommodation across Kent and Sussex.

Most lettings are for a minimum of six months. We can introduce you to lettings agents who will assist you in your search. There is a wide variety of accommodation available at reasonable prices. Generally, the further you are from London the cheaper the accommodation is. There are some excellent hostels in the area which offer a cheap place to stay initially while you check out suitable longer term accommodation.

Socials

Our socials are an opportunity to bring TimePlan staff and teachers together. We hold 12 socials per year throughout the Kent and Sussex area. Our venues are carefully chosen and range from trendy wine bars, to traditional old English pubs. The socials are held in the following locations: Blackheath, Rochester, Canterbury, Brighton, Maidstone and Tonbridge.

Most importantly the first drink is on TimePlan!! We hope to see you there!