

# Become a teaching assistant

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Today's presentation  
supports your first steps  
to become a  
teaching assistant

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- What routes can you take?
- How do I need to act?
- How do I apply?

# Route #1

## Apprenticeships and training

- Some vacancies in schools will require people to have a C/4 in maths and English
- If you feel you need to gain these qualifications, The Learning Place and City of Portsmouth College can support you
- Alternatively, if you would like to undertake an apprenticeship and gain a formal qualification you can go to: [findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk](https://findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk)
- Other level two and three qualifications are also available

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# Route #2

## Volunteering

- If you need experience before you apply for a job, volunteering is a good option
- You will need a basic DBS
- Experience working with children and young people will strengthen your chances
- Community groups and other relevant organisations can also provide this experience through transferable skills

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# Route #3

## Applying direct

- Check job vacancies to view requirements
- Visit the Portsmouth City Council jobs portal and search for 'school jobs'
- Extend your search to other places including school websites, Indeed.co.uk etc.

Patient

**You  
need to  
be...**

Resilient

Professional

Caring

Calm

Team  
orientated

Good  
communicator

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# Next steps...

- Search for vacancies – PCC careers portal and other websites
- Explore apprenticeship and training opportunities – The Learning Place and City of Portsmouth College
- Ask local schools about volunteering opportunities
- Explore the Teach Portsmouth Jobs and Opportunities Fair



# How can today's event help you become a teaching assistant?

- Talk to exhibitors about their vacancies
- Enrol on Teach Portsmouth taster sessions
- Speak to training providers about apprenticeships and short courses
- Attend other presentations

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# Mary McKenzie

## The Flying Bull Academy

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# CITY OF PORTSMOUTH COLLEGE



**Brancy Pacheco**

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**Heather Murray**

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Apprenticeships



	Level 1 Award in Preparing to Work in a School for Adults	Level 2 Certificate in Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools and Colleges for Adults	Level 3 Diploma in Specialist Support for Teaching and Learning in Schools and colleges for Adults	Level 3 Teaching Assistant Pathways Apprenticeship
Duration	3 months	1 year (part-time)	1 year (part-time)	18 months
Start date	September/January	September	September	Flexible
Entry requirement	None	None + Placement (work towards achieving English and Maths qualification)	English and Maths qualification + Placement	English and Maths qualifications
Assessment	Assignments, group discussion and participation in classroom discussion	Assignments, observations, witness statements, personal statements	Assignments, observations, witness/ personal statements and professional discussions.	Written reports, witness statements, observations and professional discussions
Course fees	£200 or free*	£613 or free*	£2225 or student loan (ALL)	Free



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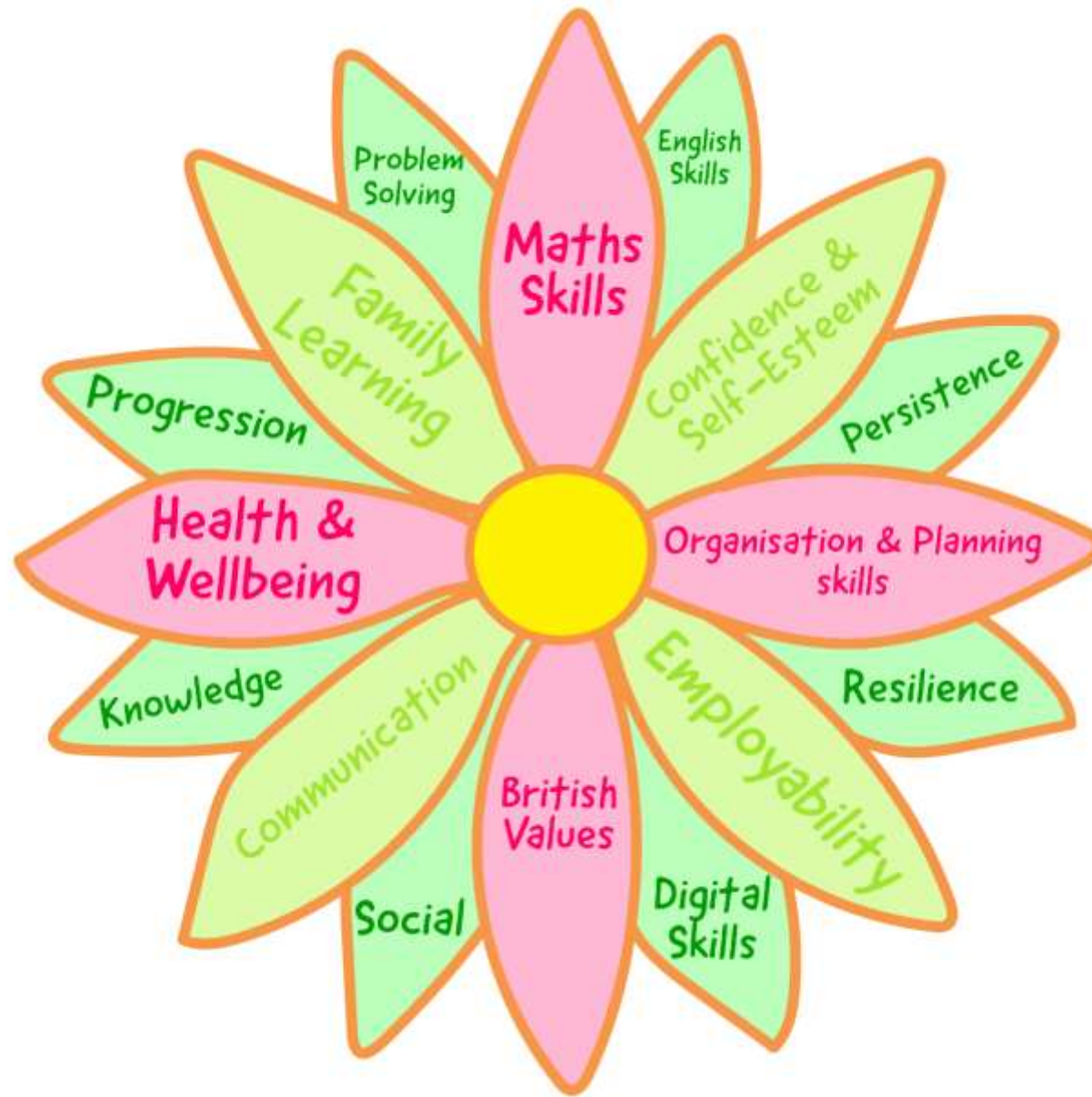
# Jenny Bellinger

## Community Learning Service

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Where you can  
grow your  
potential...



... and broaden  
your horizons



# How we can help

Maths &  
English

Support Work  
in Schools and  
Colleges

Support  
Children's  
learning

Digital  
skills

Understanding  
Children and Young  
People's Mental  
Health

Prepare for  
employment

Prepare  
for further  
learning

Our courses are free for the  
majority of learners

# Questions?

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