

Why become an HLTA?

Prepared and assessed Higher Level Teaching Assistants (HLTA) have become a valuable teaching asset in all phases and sectors of education.

Some of the benefits of HLTA are:

- Increased confidence and expertise in staff who have achieved the status
- Creation of a portable, nationally recognised status
- Emergence of greater opportunities for all staff to develop
- Wider potential to make greater use of all staff in schools
- Positive impact on pupil progress

The status has enable teachers and TAs to work more closely in the classroom environment and they can step in during PPA time to provide short-time cover. HLTAs can be spread throughout a variety of classes, taking small groups of children who may be having problems within the larger group. Many HLTAs have specialist skills such as Art or Sports and are involved in working with the teacher to help lead the subject.