



Training to teach... Helen

From TA to QTS



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I had been a teaching assistant for five years, but was becoming bored with my role and ready for a challenge. Although I was nervous about taking that next step and becoming a teacher, I had witnessed a colleague train and qualify through the SCITT programme and could see that they had been fully supported, received excellent training and qualified as an outstanding teacher. So, I decided to take the plunge.

It is an incredibly challenging year's programme, however, the support you get from the entire SCITT team is amazing. They are always there if you need them and they completely understand all the ups and downs that you experience throughout your training. You also have a mentor that you work with in the classroom to support you.

Your teaching responsibilities build up slowly and you get opportunities to learn from other teachers. It is optional whether or not you study for a PGCE alongside your QTS qualification; I have elected to do this to ensure that I get the maximum out of this year and am as qualified as I can be. Again, this is hard work, and I have found the team to be there for me every step of the way.

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It is a great way to qualify as a teacher as you receive high-quality training on a weekly basis and a highly experienced team support you all the way, both educationally and emotionally.

I am confident that when I qualify this summer, I will be as prepared as I possibly could be to have a class of my own next year. I look forward to being able to teach outstanding lessons to ensure excellent progress for my pupils and providing them with a fun and engaging learning experience.



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