

# Case study

Are you thinking of training as a Drama teacher?

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## Read Rosie's story...

**Undergraduate degree:** Undergraduate degree: BA Honours Musical Theatre at Blackpool School of Arts

**Postgraduate degree:** PGCE Secondary Drama

**Teaching subject:** Drama

### Why did you decide to become a teacher?

I became a teaching assistant for my dance school at age 12 and my drama club from 15 and fell in love with teaching from there. I always loved helping out the younger students, being able to share my passion with others and also passing on my skills and knowledge is a wonderful feeling. After graduating university I spent a number of years as a freelance performer and Musical Theatre teacher, this helped me to build my confidence and subject knowledge so that when I was ready I could train to teach and follow my vocation.



### Why did you choose the School Direct route into teaching?

I love being in the classroom and have found that the School Direct route into teaching allowed me to maintain the hands on approach to teaching whilst still developing academically. School Direct allows you to really immerse yourself in school life becoming part of the school. I have been welcomed in as a member of staff and immediately feel like a valued part of the team surrounded by other teachers who all understand the journey you are going on as a trainee. School Direct has also allowed me to maintain my independence and really utilise the transferable skills I have developed in my adult life, my life experience is appreciated on the programme.

### What attracted you to train to teach with Hope Sentamu Learning Trust in partnership with York St John University?

Hope Sentamu immediately jumped out at me as a training provider which offered an incredibly high quality of teacher training as well as being supportive and nurturing toward the trainees. Throughout the application process I got a real sense that I was being invested in, that Hope Sentamu and York St John would do all they could to help me to achieve my best as a teacher.

### What has your experience been like working with Hope Sentamu Learning Trust?

Hope Sentamu placed me in a school with a mentor who is a fantastic teacher and role model and they tailored my placement to my personal strengths and needs. Hope Sentamu are an incredibly benevolent team and I am able to flourish with their guidance. Trainees are encouraged to work together, build friendships, and support one another on their teaching journeys. We are encouraged to aim high and consider how far we can take our careers as teachers to eventually take on leadership roles within schools and never stop learning. We have opportunities to join drop-in sessions with the ITT lead, input on what further training and enrichment we require, and are given a sense of control over our own training journey whilst feeling safe and supported the entire time.

Great teaching changes lives.