

Case study

Are you thinking of
teaching on the East Coast?

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Read Elliot's story...

Undergraduate degree: BA Hons Physical Education & Youth Sport, York St John University

Teaching subject: Physical Education

Why did you decide to become a teacher?

From a very young age I have always had a strong passion and desire for sport and working with others. The fulfilment of a young individual reaching their optimum performance due to my expertise and teaching delivery is the greatest feeling around. I feel there is no greater profession than helping the next generation achieve excellence in the sporting industry through the use of my knowledge, support and motivational drive to assist them to reach great things.

What attracted you to train to teach on the Hope Sentamu Learning Trust School Direct programme in partnership with York St John University?

Although I was aware of the many different paths that can be taken into teaching, I was confident this route was the best due to my previous experiences in working with a wide range of schools. I wanted to be part of the schools PE Department from day one to help build my knowledge and expertise in practical settings. I am very happy with my decision and would certainly recommend this route to any future NQTs/teachers.

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

Quite simply, brilliant. Help is always just around the corner and the support offered allows you to become the greatest teacher possible. My PE mentor was exceptional, I couldn't have asked for any more time and effort. Examples of this include thorough 'mentor meetings', discussing all aspects of the Teaching Standards and discussing how I could further improve any observed lessons. I always took constructive feedback on board and, over time, aimed to alter any areas of improvement into strengths. I learned throughout the year, being a reflective practitioner is paramount to development. I would recommend the Hope Sentamu programme to anyone and everyone, I have loved every minute!

What has your experience been like during your NQT year on the East Coast?

My experience has been fantastic. The whole community is extremely supportive and willing to help whenever an issue may arise. At first, I was worried about the limited number of jobs available on the East Coast. This fear quickly disappeared due to the excellent support and guidance I was given throughout my job hunting by Hope Sentamu, I am forever thankful for this NQT opportunity on the East Coast.



Great teaching changes lives.