

Are you thinking of training as an English teacher?

Read Megan's story...

Undergraduate degree: B.A English Language & Linguistics, York St John University

Teaching subject: English

Why did you decide to become a teacher?

I have always wanted to be a teacher. At school, I was lucky enough to have some amazing teachers who passionately encouraged me to join this profession. Their drive and encouragement made me want to make my dream into a reality. The thought of bringing my favourite subject, English, to life in the classroom and getting others to enjoy it the same way I do, further enticed me to the job.

Why did you choose the School Direct route into teaching?

I chose the School Direct route because I wanted to get stuck straight into school life. As much as I loved University, I think I work better practically being hands on. Therefore the School Direct route seemed the perfect fit. The one day in University actually provided a really nice break from school throughout the week and helped with theory based knowledge which would then be applied in the classroom.

What has your experience been like working with with Hope Sentamu Learning Trust in partnership with York St John University?

The experience has been a whirlwind of excitement and nervousness and packed full of learning. Hope Sentamu prepared me for, and helped me develop, the professional element of teaching. With invites to all their conferences or training sessions, you really feel like part of a teaching community. Alongside this, the University have been supportive of academic progression, helping to shape my thoughts and theories on teaching. I have enjoyed every step of the way and have received amazing support from both Hope Sentamu and the York St John University.

How did Hope Sentamu Learning Trust support your career progression?

They provided me with excellent training facilities and opportunities which continued into my NQT year. There have been countless opportunities for me to attend conferences and teaching sessions which have each added an extra layer of depth to my teaching knowledge. Their support has helped me in areas such as subject knowledge, preparing for interviews and dealing with workload. I could not ask for a better, more supportive group of people to begin my career with.

Megan has secured an NQT position with Hope Sentamu Learning Trust and will be teaching English at Barlby High School.

