

Case study

Are you thinking of training as a Modern Foreign Languages teacher?

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Read Sarah's story...

Postgraduate degree: MA in French and Spanish (1st),
University of Edinburgh

Teaching subject: Modern Foreign Languages - French and Spanish

Why did you decide to become a teacher?

Growing up I always wanted to be a teacher. Although previous roles I worked in tended to have an education theme to them, they haven't given me the sense of satisfaction that teaching does – feeling like you are making a difference and building relationships to have a positive impact on children's futures.



Why did you choose the School Direct route into teaching?

Having worked as a teaching assistant for Hope Sentamu Learning Trust, I felt like there was a lot to be learnt from the predominantly school School Direct route. There is so much you can absorb from simply being in a school that can't be taught elsewhere.

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

I really related to the ethos and values of the Trust and felt that training through them would provide me with a solid foundation as a teacher. I am also interested in the CPD opportunities that are available to support your development in the NQT year and beyond.

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

One of the best things about training with Hope Sentamu has been how supportive the team are in ensuring you get the most out of your training year - you really feel that the staff know each trainee individually. The academic training sessions run by Hope Sentamu and York St John have been useful and relevant. The advantage of having sessions running parallel to teaching placements is that you can put theory into practice straight away.

What has your experience been like during your NQT year?

I was very lucky to be offered a job at a school in Kendal. Although the start of school year was tough after so many months out of the classroom, my school has been really supportive which made everything a lot easier and more enjoyable. It was surprising how quickly teaching and planning came back to me - which is testament to the solid training I received from Hope Sentamu during my PGCE year.

Great teaching changes lives.