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Why did you decide to train to teach? What inspired you?

I have loved computers my entire life and have been infatuated by how they function and how programs, games and applications can be created on them. During my time at school, I had the opportunity to study Computer Science and get answers for all the questions I had, that allowed me to pursue it further in education. All this was achieved with the help of my favourite teacher, my Computer Science teacher and I want to give students the same opportunities I have been given.

Why did you choose to train to teach with Outwood and the National Institute of Teaching?

Outwood Grange Academies Trust is a very reputable trust that always strives to improve their schools and teachers, where students are always put first.

Please describe your experiences so far?

During my teacher training I have experienced a variety of different days, most of my time is spent within a secondary school but I have also experienced key stage 2 and key stage 5 to grasp what students are achieving before they arrive at secondary school and after they leave. I have had quality training sessions and constant feedback on how to improve my teaching, which has made me improve dramatically.

What level of support have you received in your training so far?

Throughout my training I have received many intensive training days, where we cover a variety of topics which encapsulate all the strands of teaching; giving an understanding of the best methods of dealing with the complex environment of a school as well as this we practice a variety of pedagogical approaches with other trainees. Any time I have needed any support there are many different people who are only a message away that will guide and assist me through any issues I am having while within school or at home.

What advice would you give to someone thinking about becoming a teacher?

Teaching is an intimidating profession not because of the students but because they mean so much to you and you want them to succeed, so become a teacher and help them achieve whatever they want in life.



