

Trainee experience

Working as a trainee at West Hatch last year was very beneficial to my professional development. I always knew that I wanted to complete my teacher training by doing School Direct because of the hands on experience you receive on the course.

Observing experienced teachers from day one gave me so much advice and many strategies to follow when I eventually started teaching. My mentor was always on hand for support and to answer any questions that I had. The whole school was very supportive throughout the year and working alongside people every day, meant I formed relationships with colleagues very easily.

It has been a huge help to have already worked at the school for a year before starting my NQT year. For one, I already knew a large proportion of the students in my classes before the year started, so learning names has been that bit easier! Most of all though, you know the building, you know the staff and you know the systems which are in place to help you.