

Case study

Are you thinking of training as a Maths teacher?



Read Ellen's story...

Undergraduate degree: B.A Mathematics and Education Studies,
Liverpool John Moores University

Teaching subject: Mathematics

Why did you decide to become a teacher?

I have always wanted to become a teacher because I desperately want to make a difference to the lives of young people. I believe that effective teaching is more than just the learning of academic subjects, but preparation for life and the real world. My aim for all pupils is for my classroom to be a safe space where individuals can make mistakes and learn from them - hopefully developing the same love for mathematics as I have!



Why did you choose the School Direct route into teaching?

I chose the School Direct route in teaching as previous experience days within school had shown me the value of being placed in a classroom and learning from teachers and students first hand. By being in a school from September, I was made to feel like a valued member of staff in my school, with students viewing me as a permanent teacher in their lives. I have found this to be invaluable as I have progressed throughout the PGCE as it has strengthened my relationships with colleagues and pupils.

What attracted you to train to teach with EborHope Teaching Schools Alliance in partnership with York St John University?

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time with EborHope TSA and York St John. There has been constant support and many different individuals who have been able to pick me up when I have had a knock! The programme outline has been great, with the opportunity to have a contrasting 6 week placement at another school which allowed me to thrive and make further progress.

How has EborHope TSA supported your career progression?

EborHope TSA has supported my career progression by providing me with support with effective applications and interviews, which I then utilised when applying for a job with Hope Learning Trust. I have since been offered a job to teach at Vale of York Academy which I am extremely excited about. I am thrilled and honoured to be joining such a supportive and welcoming teaching family.

Great teaching changes lives.