

## Student Teacher Feedback

Course – H Gosling PGCE Secondary Geography

Placement - St Egwin's (2)

Please describe your expectations at the start of the placement.

I was looking forward to having the opportunity to experience middle school teaching practice, as before this placement I had not taught year 7 or 8. I was also expecting to be supported by both a subject and professional mentor, and increase my knowledge of pastoral care through taking the role of a form tutor.

To what extent did St. Egwin's Middle School meet your expectations?

I have thoroughly enjoyed my school placement at St Egwin's! All staff members have been approachable, and I felt extremely welcomed into the school, so much so that I felt like any other member of staff. The support I have received from both my subject and professional mentor has gone above and beyond my expectations, and I am grateful for all the advice and areas of development they have signposted me to.

Please give ratings for your experience (0 = not at all, 10 = very much so) and provide any comments you may have.

The placement increased my confidence as a teacher.

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Comment –

I feel far more confident teaching key stage 3 pupils across a wide ability range.

I have learned a great deal during the placement.

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Comment –

I have been able to develop further the importance of collaboration with other teachers and departments in order to effectively produce schemes of work, and improve the teaching quality which students receive.

My mentor was helpful and made time for me.

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Comment –

My subject mentor has shown me how to effectively plan a scheme of work with targeted assessment points, and the need to take time for reflection after teaching in order to improve resources and delivery of a lesson. Also, my mentor also checked in on my wellbeing and made sure that my workload was manageable, but still challenged me to develop new skills and access new ways of teaching, such as oracy.

My professional mentor was helpful and made time for me.

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Comment –

My professional mentor made time for me and ensured that I am equipped to successfully begin my NQT year through the delivery of a variety of sessions covering important aspects of the school environment, such as the behaviour policy and role of the form tutor.

I was able to observe a high standard of teaching.

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I observed high quality teaching from a variety of subjects, and being able to do this has developed my understanding of different pedagogical approaches which can be adopted to allow students to learn effectively and progress.

The staff was welcoming and friendly.

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I felt extremely welcomed to St Egwin's from the moment I arrived, and all my nerves were put at ease. Being able to talk to staff members at lunch time and in the staff work room allowed me to share ideas and ask questions about students, and if particular teaching methods work better with others (e.g. EAL, SEN). As a result, I could reflect more effectively on my delivery of lessons and adapt my teaching to suit this.

My ideas and opinions were valued.

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My ideas and development of resources for a scheme of work on 'development' were highly valued, and my subject mentor was able to effectively advise me on different ways to approach teaching, for example, through increasing the level of student involvement by developing engaging activities.

What do you feel are St Egwin's strengths as a placement school?

- The support from members of staff in the school – subject/professional mentor, SLT, TAs.
- Opportunities for trainees to become involved in extra-curricular activities and develop good relationships with students.
- Providing experience of a pastoral role (form tutor).
- The encouragement from subject/professional mentors – risk taking and having the opportunity to try out something new in lessons.
- Opportunity to have experience in teaching a second subject.

How could we provide a better experience for student teachers?

- Opportunity for multiple trainees to be based at the school to allow collaboration and sharing of training experiences.

Have you any other comments that you would like to make? My placement has been rewarding and enjoyable!

Can we quote you on the school website?

**Yes**

Yes (anonymously)

No