

Student Teacher Feedback

Name - Anonymous

Course - PGCE Science Worcester

Placement - St Egwins

Please describe your expectations at the start of the placement.

I was initially worried being placed in a School where I could not teach GCSE's, which would ultimately lead to potential problems gaining a job. Also, I was worried I wouldn't gain enough experience teaching practical's leading to gaps in my subject knowledge. However, it soon became apparent that teaching in a middle School had many benefits such as the amount of time Rachael could give me, which has been invaluable. Also, I have been given opportunities to experiment with new ideas without exam stress and increase my behaviour management confidence. Going forward, I feel that I have grown in confidence and feel I can enter my final placement and beyond with confidence. I ultimately would like to teach GCSE and A-levels and teaching KS3 has given me time to find new ideas which are transferrable to teaching GSCE's.

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.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 **9** 10

Comment –

I have learned a great deal during the placement.

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Comment –

My mentor was helpful and made time for me.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 **10**

Comment – Amazing!! I have learnt so much from Rachael and any future trainees will be very lucky to have her.

I was able to observe a high standard of teaching.

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Comment

The staff was welcoming and friendly.

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Comment

My ideas and opinions were valued.

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

- In a middle School there is much less exam stress (Y7 Y8) than high School and therefore being placed here has allowed me to try new ideas which I may not have had teaching GCSE students. Teaching year 7 and 8 has allowed me to perfect my behaviour management and build confidence in the classroom.
- I have gained much more knowledge of the pastoral system here because I have been involved with how it works ect ... Which has allowed be to gain a greater insight into personal circumstances of the pupils.
- Being placed in the same form as my mentor has allowed me to get to know her much better which has allowed a good working relationship with Rachael, which has in turn improved my teaching.
- A range of abilities has allowed me to use many differentiation techniques.

How could we provide a better experience for student teachers?

- Continue to give excellent support (which was more than the bare minimum).
- On several occasions I found it difficult to use a computer in the staff work room. Not having access to the internet on my own laptop was a major problem at times because there was nowhere else I could go to do work. Also, there are limited places I could work where I could fully concentrate.

Have you any other comments that you would like to make?

Thank you for all the support I have received during this placement. Everyone has been very welcoming and has made this experience very enjoyable! I have learnt so much from both Rachael and Russ due to the time and effort they have put in. Furthermore, knowing I have my own daughter coming here in 2 years' time makes me feel confident that she will be well looked after and receive a high standard of teaching!

Can we quote you on the school website?

Yes

Yes (anonymously)

No

Please return your feedback to Mr Clabbon: jclabbon@st-egwins.worcs.sch.uk or Mr Pullan: npullan@st-egwins.worcs.sch.uk.