

## Student Teacher Feedback

Name - Thomas Moyley

Course - PGCE Geography

Placement - 1

Please describe your expectations at the start of the placement.

Prior to the placement I was relatively nervous, both due to the fact it was my first ever placement within a school but also due to the fact it was a Church of England Middle School, something which I had very little knowledge regarding the inner workings of and therefore I felt trepidatious about the role I had to play at school. However, this was almost instantaneously dissipated with the warm welcome I received from the teachers at the school, in particular my subject and professional mentor as well as my fellow form tutor.

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

St. Egwin's Middle School went above and beyond my initial expectations. Following working closely with my subject mentor for the past months I have begun to develop my own teacher identity and through watching my mentor closely and also drawing back to my own personal teaching experiences I feel I am much more certain and closer to reaching this teaching style and identity I want to. The opportunities and trust shown towards me in relation to inputting my own ideas and twists on the geography scheme of work and also discussing fairly emotive and impassioned topics in form has been a great confidence boost for myself as I know I can make a positive impact upon young people's lives, however that was only made possible by the opportunities provided by the staff here at St. Egwin'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 – My confidence has improved exponentially during my time here as a result of the opportunities and support shown towards me by the fellow staff members

I have learned a great deal during the placement.

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Comment – I have learned so much during the placement through the modelling provided by my subject mentor and the way I have seen how differently and effectively geographical concepts have been delivered. Furthermore the professional studies sessions have been incredibly valuable with my professional mentor and I have understood behaviour management and the endless avenues that can be explored in relation to achieving effective classroom management

My mentor was helpful and made time for me.

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Comment – I could not speak highly of my subject mentor. The time and support provided has been so immensely appreciated and contributed to my early teaching experiences in such a positive way. The constant licence to create my own resources and implement them within the existing schemes of work have been incredibly motivating as I strive to continuously develop ideas to create engaging lessons within the scheme of work

My professional mentor was helpful and made time for me.

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Comment – My professional mentor’s advice was incredibly useful, particularly in relation to behaviour management due to the way a range of methods were introduced to me and therefore became a key part of my teaching. The advice was so important as it came at a time where I felt behaviour management was becoming an area of concern in my teaching and contributed massively to addressing these concerns

I was able to observe a high standard of teaching.

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Comment – The quality of teaching I observed was consistently of a high level. The variety of lessons I was able to observe was also immensely useful due to the way I could see the methods used and the effectiveness of these aforementioned methods in very different lessons such as P.E. and Food Technology and begin thinking how these methods could be used within a geography classroom

The staff was welcoming and friendly.

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Comment – All staff members were incredibly welcoming and helpful from the very first moment I walked through the door which made my experience infinitely more enjoyable

My ideas and opinions were valued.

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Comment – My ideas were extremely valued and my subject mentor gave me the licence to implement my own ideas and angles on existing schemes of work as well as collaboratively plan schemes of work

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

- Supportive mentors
- Access to resources (Schemes of work, e-praise, reprographics)
- Welcoming and helpful staff members who are always willing to listen and help in relation to your queries

How could we provide a better experience for student teachers?

Honestly, drawing on my own experiences I’m not entirely sure how the experience could be improved both due to the fact I have immensely enjoyed every moment I have spent within the school but also because this was my first placement therefore I’m not entirely aware of what could be better through knowledge of how other schools operate

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

Thank you so much for the incredible start to my teaching journey you have provided me with

Can we quote you on the school website?

Yes

Yes (anonymously)

No

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