

“Trainee Chat”



Thomas Beech Primary (5-11)

Why did you decide to train to teach? What inspired you?

For as long as I can remember, teaching has been my dream career and the passion was only furthered by seeing the positive impact that my father had in his role in schools. I carried this deep interest into my university degree and again, with the experiences gained there, it further solidified my willingness to pursue this career.

Why did you choose to train to teach with Outwood and the National Institute of Teaching?

I chose to train to teach with Outwood and the NIoT due to my experiences with the Trust as a student. I attended Outwood Academy Adwick from Year 7 right through to Sixth Form and thoroughly enjoyed my time at school. My personal views strongly align with the values of OGAT and it was an opportunity that I felt I simply had to take. The location of the Outwood Institute of Education also played a part as it is in close proximity to myself, but I also appreciated the opportunity to be further afield for my placement.

Please describe your experiences so far?

I have loved every second of all aspects of my training so far. The training days are extremely engaging and insightful and I have often found myself actively implementing strategies that I have learnt into my teaching episodes. My experiences within my placement setting have been fantastic. I have been welcomed by all members of staff and have been supported by all. I have enjoyed experiencing the teaching life so far, including building positive relationships with the students and building my own teaching style.

What level of support have you received in your training so far?

The support I have received by all mentors and tutors have been fantastic. They have listened to all queries and questions and made me feel validated in every situation. Also, as the primary course representative, it has been promising that the feedback that I have provided from our cohort has been taken on board and explored.

What advice would you give to someone thinking about becoming a teacher?

If you have got a passion for it, do it! Fully immerse yourself in every opportunity that presents itself and you will reap the rewards. It has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life.