



Testimonial



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Teaching Assistant

I have worked at Hospital School for almost two years. I initially joined through an agency placement that was only meant to last a week, but I quickly realised this was somewhere I wanted to stay.

Before joining Hospital School, I was unsure about my career path and where I would fit both personally and professionally. That soon changed because of the incredible staff team, the unique provision, and, of course, the amazing pupils. The personalised support offered to every student inspired me to develop professionally so I could provide young people with the support I did not receive during my own school experience. This has enabled me to build positive relationships with pupils and learn from talented and experienced colleagues. Every day, I feel grateful to play a part in supporting the futures of our young people.

The pupils continue to inspire me with their resilience, and I enjoy getting to know each individual's personality. Working in an alternative provision allows us to build meaningful relationships and witness both significant achievements and small daily successes, which continually remind me of the importance of my role.

Since becoming a permanent member of staff, my professional development has been fully supported. I have completed my HLTA qualification through Hospital School and am currently working towards a Level 5 Specialism in Social and Emotional Wellbeing, with the aim of progressing onto a teaching qualification. The trust, encouragement, and opportunities provided by leaders and colleagues have helped me develop professionally and grow in confidence.

I am also proud to be Hospital School's Staff Wellbeing Champion, supporting staff wellbeing alongside our commitment to students. As I continue my career within RTMAT, I look forward to embracing new opportunities, developing further, and contributing positively to the school community.