



Richard Jones - Chemistry

Tell us about your route into teaching.

I studied a degree in Chemistry at Sheffield Hallam University. During my time there I worked as a schools and colleges ambassador for the University. I then worked for 3 months at Moorbridge School before starting my PGCE in September.

What inspired you to be a teacher?

Speaking to and working with my teachers in school specifically in Sixth Form, inspired me as I loved their enthusiasm and passion for their subject. After seeing the impact a teacher can make on a pupil made me want to pursue this career.

Why did you choose Whitley Bay Teaching School Alliance?

I attended the school when I was a student and really enjoyed my time there, so chose WB TSA as I knew I would get a fantastic training experience.

What would you say to anyone else thinking of becoming a teacher?

Ignore all the bad press teaching gets in the news and get as much experience in schools as you can.

Julia Dixon - History

Tell us about your route into teaching.

I studied BA Hons History at Northumbria University for 3 years. During this time, I worked part-time in a call centre working in the recruitment sector, conducting interviews and basic administration. I have always wanted to be a teacher, and my enthusiasm for the subject was consolidated during my time at Northumbria. Working with teenagers and striving towards passionate learning is something I hope to do as a teacher.

What inspired you to be a teacher?

My History teacher from GCSE to A Level inspired me even further into the profession. I have always enjoyed school and learning something new every day and this comes with the role.

Why did you choose Whitley Bay Teaching School Alliance?

Whitley Bay Teaching School Alliance are locally renowned for their outstanding training. The way the school performs on an academic level is amazing and this further enhanced my wishes to train with some of the most experienced teaching professionals.

What would you say to anyone else thinking of becoming a teacher?

Do it. It is the most rewarding profession to be in. I am so inspired by the staff I am currently working with as well as the pupils being taught. It's amazing to see students reaching their full academic potential as well as grow as individuals.

