

What our trainees say about us...

Being able to observe outstanding teachers before my assessed placements was rewarding. I was able to ask questions and unpick exactly what the teachers were aiming to achieve during every lesson.

I feel I have learnt invaluable lessons, these started from the moment I began the course. This not only refers to my understanding of how things work in the classroom but also a broad range of other aspects of school life such as parental contact, awareness of policies, time management and extra-curricular provision. I have received the highest standard of support and truly couldn't have asked for more.



I chose School Direct for my teacher training as I believed it would be the best route into becoming a teacher, a thought that has not changed. You are extremely well supported by mentors and staff members who have a wealth of experience. I don't believe that other training courses provide you with the same feeling of 'being part of the whole school team' as School Direct does. I believe that learning and developing is largely down to practical experience and as you are in school from day one, this is something that School Direct very much offers you!

The programme is really well structured and there is always support and guidance when I need it. The needs of each of the trainees have been catered for and training opportunities have been put in place throughout the course in response to needs. I would strongly recommend the School Direct training route and the programme that is offered within the Ouseburn Learning Trust.

Managing the balance between the university work and the school-based work has been the toughest challenge, as the pace has been fairly relentless. That said, I appreciate that this is a minor aside in the otherwise excellent progress I am making in becoming a good teacher.

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