



**YORKSHIRE
WOLDS**
TEACHER TRAINING

NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2019

OUTSTANDING IN ALL AREAS

Last half term saw the return of our ITT Ofsted inspection team for part 2 of the Yorkshire Wolds Teacher Training programme inspection. As part of the 2 stage process, inspectors visited and observed NQTs, met with a variety of stakeholders from across the programme in both partnership and employing schools. We are delighted to advise that the final judgements were that the provision was outstanding in all areas.

The report details how the bespoke nature of the programme supports our trainees and ensures that their needs are met, helping them to develop their subject knowledge and pedagogy. The inspection team praised the mentor team that work in partnership schools "Mentors across the whole of the partnership are highly skilled and dedicated to the role" The full report can be accessed at via www.ywtt.org.uk

OUTSTANDING IN ALL AREAS



"Leaders are clear that they want to develop the next generation of great teachers, ethical school leaders and advocates for the teaching profession." [Ofsted, October 2019](#)

"Employing heads are impressed by how well their trainees transition into NQTs." [Ofsted, October 2019](#)

SPOTLIGHT ON ALEX DIXEY

From a very young age, I always knew I wanted to be a teacher. I remember playing schools and always wanting to be the teacher. I would create mark books just like those the teachers had and pretended to mark children's work. I studied mathematics, psychology and modern history at A level and I attended Hull University where I spent three years studying for a 'Primary Teaching with QTS' degree based on their Scarborough Campus. While at university my passion for maths continued to grow as I specialised in mathematics. After I had completed my PGCE, I took up my first teaching post at Cavendish Primary School in Hull teaching Year 4. I then became a school governor which gave me an excellent insight into the running of a school. It allowed me to be a part of the discussions about the school and the up and coming developments. This then secured for me that I wanted to eventually progress in to a management position within a school environment. During my second year of teaching, I was then given a role of being the

PICTURED: ALEX DIXEY



[@Wolds_TT](#) | www.ywtt.org.uk | [/YorkshireWoldsTeacherTraining](#)

TRAIN TO TEACH WITH YORKSHIRE WOLDS TEACHER TRAINING

computing lead, after this, I became a Year 6 teacher and the Phase Leader for Years 5/6. A few years later, I then got the opportunity to work for 'The Education Alliance' as the 'Yorkshire Wolds Teacher Training Primary Lead'. This was an exciting opportunity and allowed me to continue to develop my own skills, as well as supporting trainee teachers. I then left Cavendish Primary School and took up my current post at Hunsley Primary as Key Stage 2 lead and to work for the trust as a 'School Improvement Lead'. This gave me great opportunity to extend my knowledge but also apply my skills that I had already gained. Each part of my job offers their own positives and challenges and they form part of my continued development. Within my 'Yorkshire Wolds Teacher Training' aspect of my role, I thoroughly enjoy being a part of the next generations of teachers. Each year, I see trainees developing in to teachers. I enjoy working closely with all of the trainees to help them through their training year and beyond. When I am not in school, I enjoy spending time following football coming from a family that really love sport, although I do not support a specific team (however hard people have tried to get me to support their team!). Another hobby of mine is food. I love going to try new places to eat and I especially like Italian food.

EAL SESSION AT BOOTHFERRY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Lauren Roberts - Primary Trainee said: "I thoroughly enjoyed the EAL immersion day, it was such an enjoyable day that taught me a lot! Having EAL pupils come in and read a paragraph in their first language, with the odd word changed to English, brought a new perspective to how hard it really must be for them inside the classroom. The day supplied me with lots of techniques, resources and activities that I cannot wait to put into practise in the classroom with my own EAL students!"



GREG SELLERS - MY YWTT JOURNEY SO FAR

I have very much enjoyed my time on the Yorkshire Wolds Teacher Training cohort of 2019 specialising in Secondary English. Right from day 1 of the course I was welcomed by an extremely supportive team whose knowledge, experience and generosity towards the trainees have been tenfold. Any nerves I had previously really did vanish because of such a warm, mature and engaging welcome to the course. The Professional Study Sessions that have since taken place at the YWTT base have all been productive, interesting, inspirational and delivered by experienced professionals. They have also been structured in a logical order as to the stage we are at in the training year. In addition, the time spent at my orientation placement, South Hunsley School proved extremely helpful. I was able to familiarise myself in a school environment without having the pressure of teaching in the setting before moving into diversity placement. The learning process here too has been segmented so that our teaching time is very much personalised, and trainees teach to their own limits. The Yorkshire Alliance team at the partner schools, my subject and professional mentor, my YWTT tutor and my subject lead have all passed on a great deal of expertise and all give so much time to my lesson planning, teaching and evaluating. The lesson feedback has been regular and detailed as has feedback on the YWTT learning journal. I have now started my main placement at Howden School and as such am very excited to progress into the next stage of my initial teacher training year. The amount of guidance, experience and knowledge that has been passed to me would not have been possible without the professionals within Yorkshire Wolds Teacher Training.



Merry Christmas from the YWTT Team!

 @Wolds_TT | www.ywtt.org.uk |  /YorkshireWoldsTeacherTraining

