

## How to become a teacher – video transcript

Speaker 1: When I realised I wanted to go into teaching, I used to have a day off in the week working in retail, so I tried to get into as many schools as possible just to gather some evidence and make sure it really was something that I wanted to do.

Speaker 2: I did absolutely loads of research on the government websites. I also did a couple of placements as well – I did a lot of placements – I did six or seven – at different schools in Worcester where I did my degree.

Speaker 3: I knew of various routes and research on the Internet and speaking to teachers first hand and asking them their advice really confirmed to me that doing a programme like School Direct, where you are in the classroom from day one, would be the route for me.

Speaker 4: I had two different placements in contrasting schools, really. Over those two placements you have a whole range of teaching – from year 7 all the way up to year 13. And we had academic courses delivered at university as well.

Speaker 5: You may not have a great deal of educational experience, but, in your subject area, what would you be expected to teach? And can you show that you either have experience and knowledge of that, or how you would get that?

Speaker 1: It's never too late for a career change. I think you can bring so much into teaching as well if you go into it a bit later on. But yeah, I'd certainly be investigating my options and getting as much work experience as possible.

Speaker 5: If it is what you want, then show that commitment. Do it. Get the application in and commit to the career, and really embrace what it is you want to do. And apply, because, until you try, how do you know?

Speaker 6: Don't let September pass you by again. Make sure that you're on that placement this September.