

## Phillip Hall – video transcript

‘I think what made me decide to become a teacher was kind of my own educational background, going through school unfortunately I didn’t always have the best teachers and I really wanted to be the teacher that I never had, so that was my main inspiration for why I decided I wanted to become a teacher.’

‘The route I took for teaching, I did my degree first in design for multimedia. In my heart I always knew that I wanted to be a teacher, it was always the time for me and even though I did explore the other options I did design so I did websites, shop signs. I’ve done some things professionally, but in my heart, my passion has always been teaching and working with young people.’

‘In my subject area, probably one of my favourite topics at the moment is game maker, because it doesn’t just inspire the boys. Even though generally boys tend to like games, girls also like it as well, and it’s great for them to design and then create a game. They really get enthusiastic about it, it gives a great buzz in the classroom and they see how you can take these concepts and use them in fun areas like games.’

‘I would definitely recommend it, it’s a very rewarding career. However, what I will say is that it’s not a 9-till-5 job, it does become part of your life and it does become a part of your lifestyle so you have to be committed to it. However, when you see the benefits and rewards from teaching, it just really makes you feel passionate inside. I think there are a lot of great potential teachers out there who have probably never actually considered it as a career. What I think they should do is get some experience in a school. Schools will happily have volunteers in, and just see what it’s like in an actual classroom setting because hearing about it and reading about it, is different to experiencing it and once you experience it you’ll know for definite if that’s the career choice for you.’

‘My job makes me feel very good when I’m working with students and I see them succeed, especially students I take from Year 7 and have gone all the way through to sixth form, it’s great seeing their journeys. There are some days when it is challenging, but it’s not challenging in a negative way, it’s challenging in a way that wants to make you improve, so you can be the best for the students you’re teaching.’

‘There are many career opportunities for teachers. I started off as a NQT, which is a newly qualified teacher, I then progressed to a Key Stage 4 manager, which meant that I was in charge of GCSE. I have recently been promoted to head of department, and that’s where I’m staying at the moment. However, I could go on to assistant headteacher, from assistant headteacher to deputy head, from deputy head to associate head and then headmaster or head of school, so there are lots of different career paths.’

‘As a teacher I think I can have a huge effect on students’ life and I’m a very big believer in local parents, where in the absence of parents we take on that role. And as well as being there to teach the students we are there to help them mould as well and become good citizens in the community, and we are there to be a support for them, and some students don’t always have that support from home, and they need that in school.’