SKE explained – video transcript

Speaker 1: SKE stands for subject knowledge enhancement and it allows you to build upon your subject knowledge that you would be expected to have as a teacher. And people do it if they maybe have an A Level in the area but not a degree.

I personally didn’t have a degree in the area, so it felt quite intense and it was a lot of work, but I really loved doing it, and it’s allowed me to start my PGCE in physics with confidence that I know that I have the ability to teach that subject.

Speaker 2: People perhaps have been in accountancy and think, well, you know, ‘I would like to be a maths teacher’ so there’s relevancy there. They might have a degree in maths but want to teach physics, so we would look at the whole person’s profile and then make a decision or recommend whether they needed subject knowledge enhancement.

Speaker 3: I did my A Level, but it was nearly nine years ago now – I’m getting on a bit. So I thought, even I knew that I’d need to polish up on my maths course and knowledge from A Level, just so I’ve got a bit of certainty when I teach it.

Speaker 4: Originally I was interested in biology, but when I contacted the University of Southampton the said that I didn’t have enough to do biology, but because I’d done A Level physics, the physics programme would be very much open to me to apply. And as a result of that, got more interested in that.

Speaker 2: There’s lots of people who’ve thought about teaching, perhaps drifted into different career paths and they’ve perhaps had a hankering, a desire in the background, to be a teacher. I think it’s particularly for those sort of people who’ve got in a job, it’s bringing money in, but they’re not totally satisfied in what they’re doing and they think teaching will give them more job satisfaction – the idea of making a difference to people and the world.