School experience programme – video transcript

Speaker 1: The School experience programme is an opportunity for people who want to teach, who are considering teaching to come into schools; to observe in schools; to see what’s happening in the school; to see what teachers do; to talk to pupils; and to get a greater understanding of what the role is.

Speaker 2: It was organised really well, really quickly – I didn’t have to wait too long to get my first observation done. After my initial observation in a school it was really easy to organise more observations if I needed it.

Speaker 3: I think signing up to the School experience programme ensures you go to a school which is able to provide you with the experiences you need and that has experience in organising placements like this.

Speaker 4: I, when I went in, thought I was just ticking the box to go through the process and within a couple of days I realised that I was getting far more out of it.

Speaker 5: It’s such a different experience now – being a teacher – and such a different environment with modern schools now that you do need to go into a school before you decide anything.

Speaker 3: We’ve had a few teachers that have emailed me directly saying how amazing the school’s been and the programme has been, and how useful it was for them, as a potential teacher, to see the day to day operation of a school.

Speaker 6: I’d definitely recommend it. It really helped me to decide what I wanted to do and that I definitely wanted to become a teacher. And it did help me when I was interviewing to get on the School Direct programme.

Speaker 2: Schools are busy, schools get loads of people asking them ‘Can I come to...?’ It’s really difficult to organise that so, if you just have someone else doing it for you, it saves a lot of time. It’s fantastic!