

## School Direct – video transcript

Speaker 1: For me, School Direct was the perfect choice because you had the ground work – the theories, the behavioural management tips, the training on safeguarding children. But you also had your own experience within the school.

Just watching teachers – I mean one hour you can watch a teacher and come away with so much more confidence.

Speaker 2: Every trainee has a mentor who is based in their department. And as well as having a mentor who is your first port of call, the school also has a professional tutor who is there to support you and oversees all of the training for NQTs and for School Direct trainees too. And in addition to that – as if that wasn't enough – there's a strong administrative team.

Speaker 3: I wanted to become part of the school community. Not only being in the classroom teaching, but being the one that's there til 7 o'clock for the school play, being the one that's there on a Saturday doing fetes and things and just getting involved in the school community other than just teaching.

Speaker 4: You're in it from the start. That's definitely the number one benefit. It means that you see how a school year starts – that the nerves that you feel is not just as a student, us experienced staff are nervous when their classes show up for the first time as well, about setting their rules and establishing themselves.

And I think, because you're there from the start, you're part of the department more so than a student who comes in a few weeks into the school year.

Speaker 1: You're not going to be left in a room on your own. Your mentor, or the other teacher that you're taking the lesson of, will be there with you and you're feeling your own way through it.