

Nwanneka Okwusoa – video transcript

I was never destined for a career as a teacher because my aim in life then was to work in media and I did that and I realised it wasn't fit for me, and after volunteering I gained more reward from working with children than my day to day job, so I looked into it and I feel now I get more reward and more job satisfaction in what I do now.'

'I teach secondary design and technology, the reason why I chose that subject is because all through secondary school I excelled in DT and for my degree I did graphic design, so I feel that was the best route for me to do as that's what I knew.'

'How does my job make me feel? 90% of the time it is the best job ever because no two days, I know it sounds like a cliché but no two days are ever the same, the lessons because of the two week time tables the lessons are always different, the students your meeting are always different. There might be an angel one day for you and tomorrow you might have the same time but someone totally different but it's just having that challenge of getting to them, and the eureka moment when they have decided to make this work or this is amazing, to me it's just great.'

'The effect a teacher can have on a student's life can be major, so if you have a good rapport with students, I think it makes a huge difference. I can remember teachers who taught me, especially in DT that made me decide to go into DT teaching and if it wasn't for them I don't think I would be here. I also want to have that effect with the majority of my students so they are enjoying my lessons and want to do it and it feels so good when some of my year 9 students say 'Miss I choose product design for GCSE' and I say that's good, that's what I want to see.'