Charlotte Wilde – video transcript

‘What I enjoy about teaching every day, every lesson and every minute is different and people say it all the time but you really don’t know the children. They have got different moods, they’ve had different things happen and you have had different things happen. It could be the weather, the subject content, you just never know what you are going to get so it is exciting and exhausting all at the same time, but it keeps you on your toes and it’s never boring.’

‘The route that I took into teaching was taking a degree where I did a little bit of teaching every year, and so by the third or fourth year I’d got my teaching style really comfortable in front of the kids and how I was going to do things, so that’s why I did the Bachelor of Arts with honours in secondary education.’

‘The thing I look forward to the most is in each term and each year is meeting the year 7s and as soon as they walk into a lab for the first time I don’t care who you are, they walk in and their eyes go this big and their jaws drop and they just want to blow everything up, and it’s the awe and wonder ‘can we blow things up Miss’, and that’s their first question and that response is something we want to capture and put it into bottles, and make them feel that every lesson and that’s what does it for me.’

‘Career progression in teaching is so multi-faceted, I’m the head of science and a curricular director of science so I’m now looking towards developing that role and going into senior leadership but that’s on the curriculum side. You’ve got your pastoral side, very niche areas where people will take on certain types of qualifications, so it’s completely multi-faceted and it can be completely personal to you, and I’m not sure if there is any other job where you get that and you get to pick what you want to specialise in and how niche you want your career to be.’

‘My recommendations to anyone who wants to become a teacher are make sure you are prepared to work hard, the rewards are good not just monetary but also personally, but make sure you are willing to work hard and you really want to do it because if you really want to do it the hours, the paper work and everything that people see as possibly negative just won’t matter because that reaction from the kids and the feeling you get, maybe just a thank you post card or a kid who comes up to you and says that was brilliant Miss thank you so much, the kid who goes into a career in science and they turn around and go that’s your fault I’m blaming you, that’s what you do it for’