

EDUCATION

Throughout my time in school, I have always wanted to become a teacher. I believe that I hold many qualities that a teacher must have, one of which is patience. I feel this quality has helped me, in both school and work, where working with others is key to gaining the best possible results. In life, I think that the learning process is never ending, which is why I would like to continue my journey and pursue a career in education. As a daughter of a head teacher, I am fully aware of the hard work and challenges that I will face. However, I feel that this exclusive insight into teaching has helped with my career choice and aided me in deciding which age group to teach.

For my work experience, I went to a primary school, where I spent time with children from the ages of 4 to 11. This experience opened my eyes to how different the needs are for these age groups; this gave me an understanding of how children's development affects how they undertake different tasks and how they communicate with each other. The first important insight I gleaned was that creating a warm, friendly and stimulating setting ensured that the children felt a sense of self-worth and it inspired them to succeed. Furthermore, I discovered different techniques on how to control lively classes and I realised that to be teacher, you must be very passionate towards the subjects that you're teaching. Enthusiastic teaching got the best response from the students, as they were eager to learn more. For further work experience, I am using my free periods to go to the local infant and junior schools, where I am observing and helping the teachers during lessons. This is giving me an opportunity to experience different classes and study how they learn. I feel that these placements are providing me with essential experience, which will enhance my own training and help me to become a competent teacher.

In school, I have taken part in many extra-curricular activities, ranging from hockey to athletics, where I represented the school and even the county on a few occasions. My main passion is music. I have been a member of the school orchestra since Year 7, where my flute and I have been on many adventures, including trips to the Urdd Eisteddfod, Barcelona and Lake Garda. The orchestra has become my second family, it has helped to develop my confidence and it has greatly supported my personal journey from childhood to adulthood.

I am currently studying English literature, History and Music, subjects that really engage my attention. So far, I have really enjoyed reading Shakespeare's Othello, where the language used in the play awakens my imagination. I have equally enjoyed learning about the English Civil War in history, where the never-ending debate about who caused the war stimulates argument. I took Welsh at AS level too, whilst studying Welsh I had the opportunity to go to Llangrannog, a centre where learning Welsh and outdoor activities are combined, as a student assistant. This trip gave me tremendous responsibility and experience, as I had a group of 30 Year 7 students to supervise during the days we were there.

During my time in school, I have been a form representative on the school council and more recently been elected as a senior prefect. I am also a member of the CHIPS team, working alongside the NSPCC in supporting vulnerable young people. I feel this role has helped me be a good listener, I have also gained the trust of other students and been shown respect, something that all teachers need from their class.

In addition to my teaching experience, I have a part-time job in a local in a restaurant; I really enjoy interacting with customers and providing a high quality service.

I feel university would help me gain independence and the skills to assist me in adult life. Everybody has their favourite teacher and I hope that someday, after a lot of hard work and patience, that I will fulfil that role.