

From my very first week at Marple Hall I knew there was something special about this school. The community feel, the warmth of the teaching staff and the overall supportive atmosphere at Marple has allowed me to grow as a teacher and as a person. I have been supported every step of the way by my amazing subject mentor, who has guided me the whole way through my training (as well as being there with a box of tissues when things haven't gone to plan!). The department welcomed me from the moment I arrived and made me feel part of the team very quickly - they really are a fantastic group of people. I truly feel that I have been welcomed, accepted, challenged and prepared in the best possible way to start my career as a teacher through my time here.

The training program at Marple is second to none and the effort that the school professional mentor puts in to his trainees and supporting their development makes a huge difference to your self confidence and provides you with the knowledge needed to enhance your practice and hone your skills. I always felt that I had people to turn to if I ever needed to talk through a problem and knew that I would have members of staff supporting me from the side-lines to offer a helping hand whenever I needed it.

Marple Hall has been brilliant in so many ways this year and I am truly grateful for the time and effort they have put into ensuring that I felt happy and supported during the most challenging year that the world has ever seen. I am forever grateful for their support.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at MHS.
All members of staff have made me feel welcome and have
positively impacted my teaching practice.

I have certainly seen that students have the ‘Marple Hall Spirit’
and are proud to be part of such a great community.

Thank you to all staff and students who have made my time at MHS
an invaluable and positive experience.

I have felt really welcomed at MHS and feel that I have been able to form good relationships with the students and other members of staff.

The professional studies sessions were extremely interesting and useful
- I just wish they could have been a bit longer, there was always so much to talk about.

I have learned so much during my time at MHS and I think the experience has, without a doubt, helped me become a better teacher.

My experience at Marple Hall has been a positive one. My Subject Mentor and Professional Mentor have both been hugely supportive and have always made time to answer my questions or help me in any way they can, and I feel like they are both regularly in touch and have my best interest at heart, which has been really reassuring throughout.

Professional studies on a Thursday has been a great opportunity to see all the other trainees and know that we are all experiencing the same challenges and highs of teaching.

Every single member of the department has been friendly and approachable, and they have fully included me from day one.

I have learned so much about different ways to teach my subject and I feel that I have progressed hugely during this placement. Thank you MHS :)

Training to be teacher can be a stressful and anxious time. I was very nervous about coming to my second placement as I knew my workload would increase and there would be high expectations from my university and the school to make good progress.

Within the first week of being at Marple Hall all my anxieties about coming back to teaching were ironed out and I felt extremely confident I would succeed during my time here.

The staff have such a compassionate outlook of their students and trainees, and the support I received not only from my subject and professional mentor but every other member of staff I spoke to made me really feel like a part of the Marple Hall community.

Their inclusive attitude towards education has taught me so much, not only about teaching but how far we still have to go as a society to really make everyone feel valued. Training to teach Marple Hall has given me hope that there are schools out there who truly value teacher and pupil wellbeing as much as they do attainment. Thanks everyone <3

My time at MHS has been hugely beneficial in terms of my development as a teacher. The support I received from my mentors, the CLs and Head of Faculty and all members of the department has enabled me to learn a huge amount.

Everyone was always willing to talk through lesson ideas, student behaviour and teaching in general. Undoubtedly, MHS and the department is a fantastically supportive and welcoming environment for any trainee.

Every class was different and it was great to get to know the students and see their enthusiasm for learning (most of the time!)

The professional studies sessions were incredibly useful and informative and I have lots of ideas that I will use as I begin my career.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at MHS and consider myself privileged to have been a part of the Marple Hall Community, albeit for a short amount of time.

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I felt very welcomed and comfortable at MHS from the start. Both my mentors, my department and other staff members have been so supportive as I begin my teaching career. I have found my feedback constructive and helpful, and it has allowed me to develop as a teacher.

The professional study sessions have also been very useful, especially as we got to decided what we wanted to focus on.

I look forward to coming back for placement 3!

Overall, I have thoroughly enjoyed every minute of my teacher training at MHS and was made to feel like a member of staff by all the teachers within department and across the school. I felt welcomed and as part of the Marple Hall community as every member of staff would greet you with a smile and good morning as you walked past which created a positive environment. My subject mentor has been fantastic with the support he has given me which has helped me develop as a teacher.. Also, other teachers have also given me support and advice when I have asked/ needed it and helped me to develop.

Being part of a form group was extremely beneficially to me and helped me to develop my relationships with students. In addition, being attached to a form gave me great opportunities to teach some challenging PSHE topics which have been way out of my comfort zone but helped me to develop my style of teaching.

My Professional Mentor, was also very supportive and was someone I knew I could email or meet to ask a question or gain some advice and would reply promptly with support. The advice he has given me has not only improved how I teach this class but how I teach other classes to and he has helped me improve as a teacher.

Overall, it has been a pleasure to train at Marple Hall School and I look forward to coming back after Easter.

From the moment I started my placement at Marple Hall I was instantly made to feel apart of the community. Both staff and students were extremely accommodating and warming as I progressed throughout my teaching experience which really aided my development as a student teacher. I really benefited from the opportunity to watch other teachers and subjects as it has allowed me to think deeper into how my own lessons work and how I can facilitate students learning. The professional development sessions each week were so beneficial to my practice and these sessions have really started to come through in my teaching. I appreciated the fact that they were tailored to us and the things we wanted more information on.

There is no moment throughout my time here when I have not felt supported by colleagues. When things have not gone exactly to plan both my professional mentor and subject mentor were there to build me back up. They were incredibly supportive which made such a difference in my confidence as a trainee. There never a moment of doubt that I was ever alone in this process, they believed in me when I maybe was not so sure. My experience here at Marple Hall is something that I will never forget; it has been an amazing place to start my teaching journey. This has by far been one of the most challenging years, but definitely the most rewarding and I am greatly appreciative in all the support and feedback I have received.

I definitely felt supported in every aspect of my professional development. The professional studies programme was very well structured and offered the necessary information to complete University assignments, as well as looking at some very useful techniques which can be used to great effect in the classroom. It was absolutely amazing to have the headstart room where we could work alongside, learn from and reflect with fellow trainees. The effort put into this room was greatly appreciated and it was so nice to have a base to work from which was fully equipped to meet trainees' needs.

I really enjoyed my time at Marple Hall School it was a great place to start my teacher training and all the staff I interacted with were helpful and supportive. In particular, my subject mentors provided constant support and helpful feedback which was so useful to my development as a teacher.

Having a specific room for the trainees also was an additional bonus as we quickly became a support system for each other and having a group of people who were going through the same thing as me was an invaluable resource. Overall thank you for a wonderful first placement experience!