

Student Teacher Feedback

Name – Scott Dyer
School

Course – PGCE Mathematics(secondary)

Placement – St Egwin's Middle

Please describe your expectations at the start of the placement.

With limited experience working in a middle school, I was unsure on what to expect at the school. I was really interested to teach a year 6 group as I wanted to become more familiar with the KS2 programme of study.

To what extent did St. Egwin's Middle School meet your expectations?

St. Egwin's Middle School went over and above my expectations. I was given many opportunities to try new methods and to develop my teaching practice. The school allowed me to have full access to their outstanding resources and with an incredible supportive environment; staff were always there to help each other.

Please give ratings for your experience (0 = not at all, 10 = very much so) and provide any comments you may have.

The placement increased my confidence as a teacher.

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Comment – The school's supportive atmosphere really built up my own confidence. My subject mentor and professional mentor were always available to talk about lessons and their feedback was assertive but always positively given. The school gave me the fantastic opportunity to complete a whole school assembly which was a really boost in my confidence and professional development.

I have learned a great deal during the placement.

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Comment – Comparing my teaching before and after my placement, I can see that I have improved greatly. This is down to the outstanding teaching that I was able to observe and the clear and structured feedback that I was able to receive from all staff.

My mentor was helpful and made time for me.

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Comment – Both my professional and subject mentor always gave up time to talk about lesson planning and lesson observations. My professional mentor made sure that we discussed the weekly review every week to produce some detailed targets against the teaching standards.

I was able to observe a high standard of teaching.

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Comment – I was given many opportunities to observe outstanding teaching at the school. Staff were very supportive in allowing me to observe their lessons and I was able to observe not only Maths lessons, but to see how other subjects were being taught.

The staff was welcoming and friendly.

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Comment – *Every member of staff at the school made me feel welcome. I had a great induction where all information about the school was provided for me and I had the opportunity to ask any further questions. Throughout my placement, staff were always very approachable and friendly.*

My ideas and opinions were valued.

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Comment – *During staff meetings, I was encouraged to share ideas that I had seen in other schools and staff seemed to really value the information I shared. The school gave me the fantastic opportunity to complete a small training session on using the iPads, which was great for my own development too.*

What do you feel are St Egwin’s strengths as a placement school?

St Egwin’s Middle School has been a fantastic school to work in. The supportive environment allows staff to share and discuss both issues and ideas. It is clear that staff have a strong passion for teaching and that they all want to give students the best opportunities. The school is well equipped with the latest technology and are really pushing forward to make sure that they are up to date with the latest teaching methods.

I feel St Egwin’s Middle School has a great strength in the way that staff are able to adapt frequently to the changes in the education sector. By being able to constantly adapt to new methods and the students growing needs, I know that the school will continue to be an outstanding school to work in.

How could we provide a better experience for student teachers?

Free coffee in the staff room? Honestly, I could not have asked for anything more during my placement.

Have you any other comments that you would like to make?

St Egwin’s Middle School has given me some fantastic opportunities that have and will influence me towards becoming an outstanding teacher. With outstanding support and feedback, I have been able to really develop my teaching practices and build on my professional responsibilities.

I look forward to one day working with the staff again in future. Thank you for all your help. Continue to be awesome.

Can we quote you on the school website?

Yes Yes (anonymously) No

Please return your feedback to Mrs Kennedy: CKennedy@st-egwins.worcs.sch.uk