



THE HOLGATE ACADEMY



I joined The Holgate Academy as a trainee teacher in 2014. The training given and support offered by the science faculty and wider school throughout my training and NQT years was exceptional. I was offered guidance whilst being given the freedom to trial new strategies which helped me to find my own teaching style. There was the opportunity to contribute to the wider life of the school, running extra-curricular activities and trips to local universities and abroad to CERN. The science faculty is a close-knit group and I quickly felt a part of the team.

Since then, I have seen the school change quickly. The chance to work in cross-curricular groups on research and development projects to contribute to this change has been a real highlight. Trialling, implementing and embedding new ideas on our chosen topic makes you feel trusted and valued. The Holgate Academy has

offered me excellent opportunities to further my career in teaching. Alongside responsibilities within the department, I have been given the chance to work within the pastoral team and on a whole-school project of my choice. Teaching my specialism at A level at a purpose-built centre, alongside the full range of year groups at the main school, means I get the best of both worlds!

What always stands out for me is that the staff will do all they can to support each other and every student within the school. Holgate is a great community to be a part of.

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