

Summary of Primary Teacher training provided by The Tommy Flowers SCITT

From the perspective of Tayla, a tuition-fee student

Since the very start of my teacher training year I have felt thoroughly supported by the Tommy Flowers SCITT. From the day of my interview to now, Angela and Elaine have provided help with any and all of our questions and have been caring and sympathetic with regard to the work load that we are adjusting to. As well as this, they are very understanding should any personal problems occur and are fantastic at ensuring that you stay on track in a helpful and supportive way.

It is a very intense course – I was told this before I started and thought “oh I’ll be fine” – and I am fine, but it is much more work than I ever expected. The first half term was the hardest because I had never been in a school situation long term before. It is a surprise to see some of the more extreme behaviours and, sometimes, I have even found myself shocked at the level of work expected to be completed by the children. The curriculum is far harder now than I remember it to be, but you do acclimatise! The second half of the autumn term is lovely. You are teaching more and begin to feel confident in your ability as a teacher – and it is Christmas! Primary school children at Christmas time are wonderful and you get to enjoy all the fun activities that they get to do.

The training on Fridays is always fast paced and robust, but also extremely useful in terms of being able to apply what you learn straight away in your teaching. Every session sends me away full of new ideas and really shapes how I am becoming a teacher. I have found that the actual training we get on Fridays is more robust and relevant than any other course I have ever done before. Everything we are taught can be used in practice.

I am absolutely loving learning how to be a teacher. It is an incredibly difficult career but most things that are worthwhile tend to be so. I have just secured a job at a local Primary School for my NQT year and the school said that in my interview I sounded very knowledgeable about many aspects of teaching, which is something that NQTs tend to struggle on. That is thanks to the training provided by the Tommy Flowers SCITT. I would recommend it to anyone who is willing to work hard, who loves children and is passionate about learning how to become an outstanding teacher. If all three apply to you, then you have found yourself the perfect course.