

Case Study



Aamna Malik, Teacher of Mathematics (ECT1) in a Secondary school in Slough.

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Introduction...

Aamna Malik currently works as a teacher in a Secondary School in Slough and shares her personal experience with the Slough ITE Partnership.

What has your personal experience with the Slough ITE Partnership been like?

I have had a very enjoyable experience and have learnt huge amounts from experts within the university, the Slough ITE Partnership and the schools that I was placed in. I feel very grateful for having had the opportunity to work with such supportive members of the community to build on my knowledge and become a teacher of tomorrow!

" From the moment I started the course until now, reaching the end of it, I have developed on a personal and professional level and now feel ready for my journey to begin as an ECT in my new school in September. "

What have been the highlights of training with us?

My highlight of training with the Slough ITE Partnership has been having the opportunity to become a deeper member of the community, by connecting with the students and forming unforgettable bonds. Having had the opportunity to work in two schools in Slough, I have truly broadened my horizons. The opportunity has given me valuable insight into the experiences of students within the community.

" It has helped me to develop my understanding of how to teach in a way that is inclusive, accessible, and engaging for all learners. If anything, it's deepened my love for teaching and encouraged me to work even harder to create the learning environment the students need at every and any school I have the pleasure of being part of."

How have you felt supported throughout your training?

I have received incredible amounts of support from the university, the Slough ITE Partnership and the staff members at my placement schools. From classroom feedback to guidance on how the course works and critical analyses of assignment drafts, I have felt tremendously supported throughout my time.

" I felt comfortable asking questions (no matter how silly they may have seemed at the time!) and would have prompt responses. Overall, I could not have asked for more support."

Why would you recommend the Slough ITE Partnership to others wanting to start their teaching career?

A huge part of why I'd recommend the Slough ITE Partnership is due to the support I felt I have received and the opportunity to become a deeper part of the community here in Slough. Everyone was incredibly welcoming and I really felt part of the team.

" It is a truly rewarding experience and I would recommend the Slough ITE Partnership to anyone with the slightest interest in teaching. I can guarantee that you will feel supported and you will always be heard. "

Having started your teaching career, where do you see yourself in the future?

As I begin my teaching career, I see myself becoming a reflective and impactful educator who continually develops both professionally and personally. I am excited by the idea that teaching is part of the "golden thread" of education; the continuous journey of supporting children and young people to grow into confident, capable, and compassionate individuals.

In the future, I hope to become the teachers I had growing up; the very same ones who led me to this point in life! I hope to evolve as a teacher, develop my teaching strategies and contribute to wider development of students at my school as an ECT. I am excited by the possibilities and progressive opportunities that lie ahead!