



Testimonial



I joined River Tees Hospital School in January 2026 after spending 16 years teaching in mainstream secondary education and over 20 years working within education overall. At that point in my career, I knew I needed a complete change.

In mainstream education, I often felt unable to give the level of support I wanted to pupils with SEMH, Autism, and other SEND needs because of the demands of teaching over 300 young people. I always understood how important strong relationships are in helping pupils feel understood, supported and able to reach their full potential, but finding the time and opportunities to build those relationships properly was incredibly difficult.

Joining River Tees Hospital School has allowed me to become the teacher I always wanted to be. I now have the time to build meaningful relationships with pupils and parents, which makes such a difference in supporting young people to achieve their best.

Working within such a supportive and trusting culture has completely changed how I feel about my career. I went from questioning, 'Is teaching really still for me?' to genuinely being able to say, 'I love my job.'



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