



# Testimonial



Joining the Hospital School team has been one of the best decisions I have ever made, both professionally and personally. From the moment I started here, I quickly realised that this is so much more than just a school, it is a place of care, understanding, encouragement, and hope for children who are going through some of the most difficult times in their lives. Being able to play even a small part in supporting those young people has been incredibly rewarding, and I feel truly grateful every day to be part of such a special environment.

Over the past two years, I have seen first-hand the positive difference a school like ours can make to a child's confidence, wellbeing and future. Whether it is helping a student rediscover their love for learning, supporting them through challenging circumstances, or simply being a familiar and supportive face during difficult days, every moment reminds me why this role is so important. The resilience and strength shown by our students inspire me constantly and working alongside such dedicated and compassionate staff has taught me so much.

I originally joined Hospital School through agency work and was later given the opportunity to become a full-time member of staff. Since then, I have continued to grow both professionally and personally. During my time here, I successfully completed my Level 4 HLTA qualification, and I am currently working towards my Level 5 teaching qualification. The encouragement, belief and support I have received from colleagues and leadership throughout this journey has given me the confidence to continue developing my skills and pursuing my ambitions.

My long-term goal is to become a teacher in Hospitality and Catering. I am passionate about helping young people develop practical life skills, confidence and independence through food and hospitality education. Thanks to the incredible support network around me at Hospital School, I truly believe this goal is achievable. I feel very lucky to work in a place that not only supports students to achieve their potential, but also encourages staff to grow, learn and follow their aspirations too. Being part of the Hospital School team is something I will always be proud of, and I look forward to continuing this journey and making a positive difference wherever I can.



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