



Termly Alumni

Focus

Term 2

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Here at Teesdale, we are interested in the role that our School has played in the lives of our alumni and each term we will publish a profile that explores qualifications, experiences, and trace career paths.

Meet Olivia Mennell ...

Qualifications

NCFE CACHE Level 3 Extended diploma in Health and Social Care and currently doing a Foundation Degree in Children and Young People at Newcastle College University Centre.



Career

After I complete my foundation degree, I will move on to get my degree in primary teaching with a speciality in SEND. I hope to become a primary school teacher. My current job role, while I study, is a store associate in my local Barnardo's shop. I also volunteer one day a week at my local primary school as part of my degree. I hope to eventually become a lecturer in a university teaching childcare or primary teaching as it's something that I am extremely passionate about.

Job profile – Primary School Teacher

Hours: Hours vary between schools but are usually from 8.30am until 3.30pm or 4pm.

Skills - To be a primary school teacher, you'll need:

- excellent communication and interpersonal skills
- planning, organisation and time-management skills
- the ability to enthuse and motivate pupils
- imagination, creativity and a sense of humour
- listening skills and the ability to reflect on your teaching practice
- strong teamworking skills and the ability to collaborate with other staff and education professionals on a range of initiatives
- the ability to use your initiative and think on your feet
- good judgement and an analytical mind

Salary:

New entrants to the profession in England start on the main salary scale, which rises incrementally from £28,000 to £38,810.

Resources

<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/primary-school-teacher>