

TRANSCRIPT: TA to teacher

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I was a learning support worker here before I became a teacher. I did a placement at a special school when I was doing my college course to become a learning support worker and was just amazed by the work that the staff do in special schools and was completely hooked, and knew it was where I wanted to work. I was lucky enough to get a role as a learning support worker and, during that time, I was really inspired by working with some wonderful teachers and wonderful staff to decide that teaching in a special school was where I wanted to be in the end.

The wonderful things in the special school are seeing the achievements of the pupils. They can be such small steps but where an outsider coming in might not quite recognise these tiny, tiny steps but for us, as staff, they are huge, and the passion that you see from all the staff that work with pupils within special needs schools is just infectious and it makes you want to be included in it.

Every special school I've worked in or been part of, you become like a family. You're a family who want to achieve together and you're always, always striving for the pupils and the best and you're learning new things all the time.

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