

Interested in becoming a Teaching Assistant with Prospere Learning Trust?

We asked our staff to share their experiences to help give you an insight into the role.

A DAY IN THE LIFE



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ROLE: SENIOR TA

I am a Senior Teaching Assistant at CHS South.

I work with a team of TAs supporting students across the school and help to manage the Access and Achievement base.



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BACKGROUND

I studied Event Management and Caribbean studies but after completing my degree and having my daughter, I realised that I wanted to take a different path and work with children. Before CHS South I worked at a Pupil Referral Unit. I enjoyed the challenges and diversity the role provided, but I was ready for a change and found the opportunity to do so when CHS South opened and I successfully applied for a TA1 position. This role was mainly providing classroom support to the SEN cohort and teachers. I have since achieved a promotion to Senior TA and the move to our brand new building has brought significant change to my role as we now have an Access and Achievement base in which I help to manage.

MY DAY

We have a complexity of need at our school so the support I provide each day varies. I begin by assisting students into their equipment such as standing frames and wheelchairs and I make sure students have had breakfast and have everything they need for the school day. Throughout the day I run intervention with small groups or individual students, provide support in the base and sensory room and liaise with external professionals such as physiotherapists and nurses. I also meet with staff from primary schools and new or prospective families as part of the transition process. I also lead a weekly team meeting with my TA team.

THE BEST PART OF MY JOB

The best part of my job is being able to work with such a diverse and brilliant cohort and team. Myself and another colleague are able to take our students to another specialist provision in the Trust which enables our students to experience working with animals which we all enjoy.

MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT

Realising that I wanted to change my career path and work with children, and being promoted to Senior TA.

SKILLS & EXPERTISE

In this role you will need:

- patience
- passion
- resilience
- to be grateful for the small wins
- a positive attitude