



Olivia Hansom

I began teaching RE and Citizenship at the Archbishop Lanfranc Academy in 2015. I was fortunate enough to always know that I wanted to teach so after completing a Bachelor degree in Theology at Durham University I went on to do my teacher training through Schools Direct. I trained at two different schools in Hartlepool whilst completing my PGCE. When I finished my teacher training I applied to the academy as an NQT. I was immediately drawn to the energetic atmosphere and after delivering my interview lesson, I knew that I wanted to work here.



I am now in my fourth year at the Academy and continue to enjoy every minute of it. The ethos of the Academy, 'learning changes lives', is reflected in the high expectations teachers have for the pupils as well as the high expectations that pupils have for themselves. They are vibrant, caring and display a real love for learning. As a form tutor, it has been extremely rewarding to build a strong rapport with my tutees as well as the rest of the year group. I was fortunate enough to take some of them on a reward trip to Disney Land Paris which was a tremendous amount of fun.

The collegiate nature of the staff has enabled me to feel fully supported during my time at Lanfranc. I have been able to develop as a practitioner through the CPD training offered, observing my colleagues and the discussion of 'best practice'. This supportive atmosphere has allowed me to progress within the school. After two years of being Social Sciences co-coordinator, I have now been given the opportunity to lead the Humanities department. Whilst it was daunting at first, the guidance and encouragement from SLT has been invaluable in giving me confidence in my ability to manage others.

I would highly recommend working at this Academy. The staff and pupils are both a real pleasure to work with. I believe I have gone from strength to strength since being here and have been able to do so because of the support I have received. I am constantly inspired by the overwhelming dedication my colleagues show towards the young people we work with.

Georgia Campello



I am a new teacher of French (KS3) and Spanish (KS4) as well as being a Year 8 Form Tutor. I also teach Year 7 and Year 8 in the enrichment programme offered by the Academy. In addition to this, the Academy has offered a number of other opportunities to help me to flourish in my career.

I was born and raised in Brazil, a country that unfortunately does not provide as many opportunities as a developed country such as the UK. However, being the ambitious daughter of a teacher, I realised from an early age that education was the only way I would be able to accomplish my goals.

I am really passionate about languages, and I was awarded a First Class Degree in Modern Languages from the University of Sao Paulo. After several years teaching English as a Foreign Language in Brazil, I worked as a volunteer teacher for economically-disadvantaged children in Peru.

After qualifying via the Schools Direct programme, I started teaching MFL at the Archbishop Lanfranc Academy last year.

One of the great advantages of teaching at the Academy is the welcoming and friendly atmosphere I found from the moment I arrived. Colleagues are incredibly supportive, always offering to lend a helping hand when necessary. As an NQT myself, I'd recommend starting your career at this academy as you will be surrounded by highly qualified and enthusiastic professionals who will help you along the way.

In the future, I hope to be able to continue to develop a range of professional skills and realise many of my other professional ambitions. I have already been able to use my knowledge and area of expertise with EAL students to good advantage within the Academy's structure. Teaching is a challenging career, but with the Academy's support, I have been able to address my needs and those of the department successfully. The smaller, intimate school environment has also given me autonomy and flexibility to develop my career and confidence, sharing my achievements with staff.

Felicity Goodlet

I began teaching RE at The Archbishop Lanfranc Academy in September 2016. Prior to this, I completed a Bachelor's degree in Theology and Religious Studies at the University of Cambridge; worked for a year full time as President of the Cambridge University Students' Union; and worked as a Learning Support Assistant at another school in Croydon. As a young person, I had always intended to work outside education, since I come from an extended family which consists almost entirely of teachers! However, following some voluntary teaching in Uganda and some work at several 'challenging' secondary schools during my years at university, the appeal of training on the Teach First programme caught my attention and I was placed at Lanfranc. I am now in my NQT year and the second year of the Teach First Leadership Development Programme.



I love teaching at Lanfranc; the close community of staff who readily share expertise is both a reassuring support and a strong motivation to drive my standards upward. This has been particularly important during my NQT year, where I have received weekly training and have weekly meetings with my mentor, who makes a lot of time to support me. My favourite part of the job is, undoubtedly, any time spent with the students. They are lively, bright and good humoured, challenging me to think differently and they constantly ask difficult questions!

There are many significant opportunities for staff at Lanfranc to take ownership and responsibility both inside and outside the classroom. I developed a charitable enterprise during my Enrichment extracurricular activity last year and put on the Academy pantomime last Christmas. The support for and confidence in the career progression of young staff is outstanding at Lanfranc; this year I had the opportunity to become the Achievement Coordinator for Year 10, which has offered me invaluable professional development. Building relationships with my year group and engaging with them pastorally as well as academically is a huge highlight of my job and one which I thoroughly enjoy. In the future I hope to see my year group achieve the best results the Academy has ever received and to continue to develop my RE teaching and learning expertise.

And from our students...



"Lanfranc has an outstanding learning environment."

"At Lanfranc you can get an amazing education."

"The teachers at Lanfranc are highly skilled and have experience of working with students from many different cultures."

"There is an excellent working environment at Lanfranc, which is created by teachers and students working together as one."