

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.



BACKGROUND

I became a cover teacher and then a teaching assistant when I moved to the UK after having taught A-Level Art and Art History in Germany for nearly twenty years. Before that, I lectured at art college in Jamaica and helped run outreach programmes in the education department of the National Museum there. I've been very happy to find myself using all of this experience in my work at CHS South.



MY DAY

A typical school day begins for me with a lot of preparation, I support individual pupils throughout the day with tasks such as getting in and out of a wheelchair, or having a short break during a long class session. I also do various learning exercises with these pupils or with small groups, such as phonics practice, homework and conversation games. The variety of these 'interventions' is something I particularly enjoy. It is important for me to record the work we do so that my colleagues can read about pupils' progress and challenges - this helps us all to keep meeting their needs.



THE BEST PART OF MY JOB

The best part of my job, is participating in the development of young people and knowing that I am part of a very good team of people who share my enthusiasm for pupils' learning. The SEN department at CHS South is full of people who play widely different parts, but share goals which enable us to help each other and share information that we use to help pupils learn.



MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT

Since our work is so varied, there is no single 'memorable moment'. Even though our roles are very demanding, I experience wonderful things every day as I see young people gain confidence by learning to help themselves and by learning to help others. For example, one Year 7 student who said, 'I can't read properly' is now in Year 8 and reading whole paragraphs fluently - and I will remember his journey for the rest of my life.



SKILLS & EXPERTISE

In this role you will need:

- ⦿ to listen patiently and selflessly
- ⦿ be a team player
- ⦿ to share ambitious goals for the students
- ⦿ flexibility
- ⦿ passion for learning

A DAY IN THE LIFE



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I work at CHS South as Teaching Assistant Level 3.

I support the school by doing learning exercises with pupils in many areas, and completing administrative tasks for our SEN department.



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