

Christmas Blog

We made it to Christmas!!!! And what a brilliant yet tough few weeks it has been. We are all at different stages with our universities, some of us at 50% teaching timetable, some at 30% and some even fewer, none the less we made it!!! It has been a hectic 3 months from when we started back in September, but one thing is for sure I personally, and I'm sure the rest of the trainees, have thoroughly enjoyed it. We have had some fantastic training sessions, from effective use of differentiation and assessment for learning. To a real hands on experience of EAL at Mount St. Mary's, and behaviour management at King James school in Knaresborough. From speaking with other trainees from various teacher training routes, they all seem slightly envious of the experience that we are gaining and knowledge we are being passed. The support that we have been given has been outstanding and I certainly have appreciated and come away from every Wednesday/ phone call/ email with YTSA feeling at ease and confident with my training and progress.

We are all fully settled into our placements, some of us have even finished phase one of training now. To make us feel even more at ease, we have all been placed at a school with another YTSA trainee, which has been really beneficial and a great support system.

Even though we are starting to finish some of our training at St Aidan's we are still put in situations where we are able to still meet other trainees that we may not have had chance to speak with before and hear their experiences and share hints and tips.

Finally to end this post and end 2017 on a high, I would like to thank all the staff that have delivered our sessions so far, they have all been fantastic, our mentors for the support throughout phase one and getting us settled into placement. And most of all Dave, Tori and Kathryn for all the encouragement and help (and biscuits) they have given so far.

Here's to a very exciting 2018!!!!