

SPOTLIGHT ON...

ADELE'S STORY

Read about Adele's journey to teacher training with MK College and The Two Mile Ash Initial Teacher Training Partnership



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My journey towards becoming a primary school teacher first started when my youngest child went to pre-school.

I was soon volunteering as a committee member at the pre-school, getting involved in the overall management of the setting and helping out when required too.

My previous job as a programme manager really helped with this. An opportunity for me to complete my Level 2 in Early Years arose which I took. It was through this that I realised that I particularly enjoyed working with young children (not just my own) and saw first-hand the positive impact that I as a practitioner could have on an individual child which I thoroughly enjoyed.

For me I needed more structure than pre-school could give so attended an opening evening which MKITT were hosting to find out more about primary school teaching. It became clear that evening that my route into teaching would be through the undergraduate scheme as I didn't have a degree. In order to take this route I needed more UCAS points than my 20 year old a-level results amounted to. Jane at MKITT was great and recommended an MK College Access course to boost my point count.

I started at MK College in September 2019 studying Access to High Education Diploma, taking the Social Sciences Pathway. The course re-introduced me to education and taught me how to structure my studies, giving me the skills and support to complete my UCAS application, prepare for university interviews, present ideas, research and write essays.

I was called to interview with MKITT in January 2020 where I spent the day in one of their partner schools. I spent time in a classroom environment, completed a pre-prepared activity with a small group of children – they were lovely. I was also interviewed and completed a literacy and numeracy test too. Luckily I was put out of my misery and was notified that evening that I had gained a place on the undergraduate course subject to completing my MK College Access course.

Currently I am in mix of virtual lectures and on school placement every week, both of which complement each other, as there is nothing like gaining knowledge and then being able to put it in to practice straight away.

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