

Part time courses at Franklin College



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David Bennett, 19, a former Cleethorpes Academy student started as a volunteer at New Waltham Academy, then progressed onto a Franklin Traineeship and now he is studying for his Level 2 Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools as a Franklin Apprentice. His aim is to forge a career in education. David insists you can only win



with apprenticeships. You get hands on training, a good qualification and even earn a wage. He really enjoys his job, as he finds it very interesting and even entertaining. David learns a lot from the children too and says it is a fun experience. Every day is different, although there is still a certain structure his day follows. David works with a group of low achieving boys. He has built good relationships with them and has clear expectations of behaviour. He assists children with all activities, supports their use of language and various other skills. He is responsible for delivering nursery narrative to a group of children, for this he follows planning and gathers his own resources. He also writes up assessments on children he works with and feeds back to the teachers. Mrs Jayne Perry, head teacher said, they find that having David there added an extra dimension to the school, as it is quite rare to have the opportunity to work with male teaching assistants. She thinks David is a good, male role model for young boys to follow. For this reason specific boys, who were labelled as “not ready to learn”, were assigned to work with David in the foundation group. Most children learn through playing, but some of them even struggle to play, because they are not able to communicate effectively enough with their peers, so David

tries to prepare them for this. Once they are socially ready, they are ready to learn too. Mrs Perry added that it can take a lot of time and effort for schools to look for an extra member of staff, but the Franklin Apprenticeship scheme takes most of the pressure off them. You can get help with recruitment and training from Franklin College whilst you get to mould someone to your exact needs. She wholeheartedly recommends Franklin Apprenticeships to all other schools and academies. David’s advice for other young people: You should continually be searching for any opportunities in your chosen area. Be committed, work hard and you will definitely succeed. Volunteering and traineeships can give you a great deal of work experience and a good reference for the future.

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