

# Adam Lamb

## What did you get most from your time as a trainee with Shotton Hall SCITT?

I gained a wealth of experience from different educational settings which have equipped me well for teaching.

I had experience in a sixth form, as well as in a school with behavioural problems. This insight has been invaluable as I have been lucky enough to have the experience of teaching A-Level Spanish this year and also some classes whose behaviour is challenging. Without these experiences, I don't think I would have been as well equipped to deal with these groups of students, whose demands are high in different ways.

## What are the biggest challenges of bring an NQT?

My biggest challenge as an NQT is the responsibility levels. I teach Key Stage 3,4 and 5 and I know the results this year are my own, which is quite scary. This dawned on me for the first time during

a Year 11 parents' evening. I was flying solo and it was scary!

I would also say that picking up a class halfway through is challenging, too. They don't know your expectations or your way of working; and it is tough to lay down the law, but once they're onside, there's no problem. It's getting them onside that is the difficult bit!

## What are the best parts about being an NQT?

The best part is having my own classes and knowing you can make a difference and definitely feel the students make progress.

It feels like a long haul, but having students who can be 'difficult' and seeing them make progress has been a definite highlight of this year so far.

That, and some of the fantastic sound bites the students come out with! I have never laughed as much in a long time!

## What of you get most from being a fully fledged teacher?

The thing I get most from being a fully fledged teacher is a sense of pride in being part of an ever-growing and improving professional community.

I regularly attend and present at teach meets which are a great way to plunder ideas and meet forward-thinking, enthusiastic pedagogues who make you proud to be in the vocation you have chosen.

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