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I have recently joined Winsor Primary School as an NQT and I already feel a valued member of the team. I feel well-supported in my role and fellow teachers and my NQT mentor are all incredibly encouraging and nurturing. The pupils in my class are eager and enthusiastic to learn and enjoy a challenging and varied curriculum, both inside and outside the classroom.

I have already benefited from working with experienced colleagues through weekly CPD sessions in school and a weekly NQT training programme at a local partner school. I have also attended other CPD sessions delivered by Newham Partnership Programme (NPW) and other external agencies.

My career journey has been long and varied. After leaving university I worked across Europe as a tour guide, youth worker and teacher of English as a foreign language amongst other things, including founder and director of my own company. It was only when I went to work in a primary school in Milan that I realised what I wanted to do with my life. Two years later, after completing a PGCE course, I found myself here at Winsor. I was drawn to Winsor because of the passion of the Head Teacher, James Dawson, and his vision for the school.

I enjoy working in such a friendly and supportive environment and am enthused for the direction in which the school is going. I am excited for the opportunities this will bring for the pupils and my own professional development as a teacher.