

Supporting Teaching & Learning in Huddersfield

Over the past few years there has been a dramatic increase in the number of support staff working within schools, resulting in close scrutiny of qualifications held by the school workforce. With speculation that it will soon become mandatory that all school support staff hold an appropriate level 3 qualification or above, ensuring that school employees are appropriately qualified has never been so important.

Here at STAR we are firm believers that the driving force behind any school's success is its people, which is why we have supported in excess of 2500 school support staff to gain a nationally recognised qualification in the last 10 years.

Karen Thompson, a teaching assistant from Moorlands Primary School in Huddersfield first came in to contact with STAR in 2006 when she embarked on a level 3 VQ in Support Work in Schools (SWiS). As a result of this, Karen decided to further develop herself by enrolling to do a NVQ level 3 in Supporting Teaching and Learning (STL).

The primary school hoped that the course would be of benefit to Karen and raise awareness of how children learn and at the same time have a direct impact on helping her to support others.

On her experience, Karen said:

'I was able to look at my role and scrutinise the activities undertaken, in order to look for ways to improve them. I am now more analytical of my work and it has given me more confidence.'



Karen also achieved HLTA status whilst working towards her NVQ Level 3 and hopes to go on to undertake a foundation degree as she is contemplating a career in teaching.

Mrs Shanaz Ashraf, also a teaching assistant from Moorlands Primary School undertook a Supporting Teaching and Learning NVQ Level 3 in order to increase her skills and knowledge. She also hoped that the qualification would help increase her confidence and her ability to lead and guide adults and children in a supportive and effective manner.

On how the course has benefited her, Shanaz commented:

'I am now much more knowledgeable and can deal with any issue, using my skills effectively. As we have moved into a new school, I have looked into and updated myself with new information. I have really enjoyed this course.'

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