

Teaching Assistant Margriet

Margriet first started learning with ApprenticeshipsPLUS over a year ago and in that time, she has progressed from a period of unemployment to completing a Level 3 Teaching Assistant apprenticeship to taking her first steps on her career in teaching with a Post Graduate Teaching apprenticeship.

"I was unemployed for about 18 months and before I was a department manager at Sainsbury's. I was trying to get to work in schools and, I was looking for something to do, but I wasn't sure where to start. I was lucky to meet the Royal Greenwich ApprenticeshipsPLUS team during a job fair and I knew that this was the opportunity I was looking for.



They helped me to find a placement. The schedule, having a day away from work to concentrate on my course, and the work and support from the team was really helpful. I liked the fact that I was given a timetable and to be able to see my term plan in advance and plan my work accordingly. The school, which I am still currently working at, has always been amazingly supportive too.

The course helped me understand the way to work professionally in this country, which is a little different from what I was used to. It also made me realise that even though I am not as young as other students, I was still able to achieve my academic goals, which helped me consolidate my decision to keep progressing up the apprenticeships ladder, as I was able to complete and attain my first apprenticeship very well, giving me the confidence to advance to the next opportunity. It gave me the job I had, but most importantly, it opened the doors into working in schools. The programme is quite robust, and for a person like me, that is new to this educational system, it was fantastic to have a place where everything got explained from scratch.

I have just been promoted to a teacher in training in my school, and I started a Post Graduate Teaching apprenticeship course with ApprenticeshipsPLUS and the University of Greenwich to prepare to gain my new qualifications and become a teacher."

