

# Francesca Courtney and Tristan Cooper

## Two Tewkesbury Students Return to the Classroom to Help the Shortage of Maths Teachers

Two Tewkesbury students are helping to fill the national shortage of Maths teachers after both gaining jobs straight after qualifying.

Francesca Courtney and Tristan Cooper, both former pupils of Tewkesbury School, will start work this September after successfully completing a Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) in Maths at the University of Worcester.

Francesca will be returning to her former school as a Maths teacher, while Tristan has secured a job at Prince Henry's High School in Evesham.



"I am really looking forward to returning to my former school," Francesca said. "I was excited to take the job as they offered me additional training throughout the year in Special Educational Needs and the promise of developing the A-level further maths programme a few years down the line."

The 22-year-old added: "I decided to become a maths teacher because I wanted to pass on my knowledge and enthusiasm of maths to the younger generation. I became interested at maths at school and wanted to put back into the education system. The course at Worcester was fantastic; I got the support I needed throughout the year to develop into a young teacher."

Tristan secured his new job just six weeks after starting his PGCE course at Worcester.

"I was fortunate enough to be on placement at the school whilst they were advertising the post of a new mathematics teacher, and even so early on, I knew Prince Henry's was the school I wanted to start my teaching career in," said the 23-year-old Commanding Officer with Tewkesbury Sea Cadets.

"I am looking forward to continuing to grow my pedagogical skills over the initial few years of my career, but I most definitely aspire to take on a leadership position at some point in my career."

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