

Over the years teaching assistants have become more and more prominent within schools. Just like teachers they play a vital role in the classroom by ensuring children get the most from their lessons which is why it is essential that they hold the correct qualifications.

STAR has operated as a training centre for over 10 years delivering school support staff, management, and learning and development qualifications to schools, children's centres, Local Authorities and private organisations. During this time we have supported 3875 individuals through qualifications.

Among the numerous qualifications that we offer there are several different qualifications for school support staff, dependent on a learner's role and experience.



*'I have thoroughly enjoyed working with STAR, especially with Tracy as she has been extremely helpful, understanding and kind towards my needs and requirements as an individual. It has led me to continue and go for the level 3 qualification.'* Samim Malek, Hyrstmount Junior School



Samim Malek, a volunteer teaching assistant from Hyrstmount Junior School in Batley commenced her Supporting Teaching and Learning NVQ level 2 in October 2009, finishing just over three months later.

After completing this qualification Samim decided to continue further to do an NVQ Level 3, both for herself and also to enable her to secure a job.

Samim contacted STAR to undertake her Level 3 as she had found the service and advice previously given by her assessor Tracy Holmes, extremely



helpful and relevant. The delivery method was also particularly convenient as STAR's preferred means of assessing a learner is to visit them in the workplace, rather than working from a classroom.

As a result of her ongoing development Hyrstmount Junior School have gained a qualified individual in this area who has knowledge of how the school system works. Samim has an extra qualification to put on her CV, which will help her when applying for similar jobs in the future.

*'Doing this qualification has encouraged me to apply for the post of Learning Mentor and I also hope to go on to do a seal course, Reading Friends, Learning Mentor course and possibly HLTA. I would definitely choose and recommend STAR highly.'*

Since the completion of this case study Samim went on to complete her Level 3 Supporting Teaching and Learning NVQ with STAR in a very short time frame.

*'Tracey has been absolutely wonderful and has supported me every step of the way! I shall miss her visits.'*

For more information please do not hesitate to contact STAR using the details below.

