

Getting school experience is incredibly important and will help you with your application and interview. Take this sheet with you to help ensure you are getting the best you can from the experience. This sheet is purely to help you reflect on what you are learning and will not be seen by anyone else.

### Questions to ask yourself when observing lessons:

<b>Classroom Management</b>	
How well was the classroom managed?	
How did the students enter and exit the room?	
How did pupils speak to each other in the classroom?	
How quickly did students settle into activity?	
How did teachers handle disruption? Which method was most effective?	
How did teachers manage bad behaviour?	
How did teachers create a positive environment?	

<b>Engaging Pupils</b>	
What activities did teachers employ to keep pupils interested?	
When did pupils start to lose interest – how well was this managed?	
How well did the teacher show enthusiasm and passion for the topic?	
How did teachers motivate the less interested pupils?	
How did teachers stimulate the pupils who have different learning styles?	

<b>Learning</b>	
How did the teacher set out the learning objectives?	
How was the lesson structured?	
How did the teacher check all the students were learning?	
How is independent learning promoted?	
How is the time managed for each activity?	
How do teachers pitch the lesson at the appropriate level?	
How did teachers help pupils who struggled to learn?	
How did teachers use different methods to stimulate students?	
How did teachers take into account different needs and levels of ability?	

<b>Things to find out about during your visit to schools</b>	
Safeguarding	
Diversity – multi-cultural environment	
Teaching Standards	
Challenges of teaching today	
Future of teaching, including ICT	
Age group – issues and joys	
Differentiation	
Progression	
Attainment and Learning Outcomes	