

LESS QUALIFIED TEACHERS IN SCHOOLS

We wanted to look into the reason why there is an increase of supply teachers and a decrease in experienced teachers. We wanted to also find out the reason why students feel as if they are lacking in subjects and falling behind, so we interviewed a couple of teachers with certain questions and their responses were;

1. *When teaching do you feel as if you have full control of your class?*

“It depends on what type of class it is and the subject that I’m teaching, most students feel as if they can take advantage simply because I am a supply teacher.”

2. *Whilst teaching do you understand what is being taught?*

“Most of the time I understand what the students are learning and it also helps me as I learn extra things that I haven’t been thought before.”

3. *Do you want to carry on being a supply or become a professional teacher?*

“I’m only going to be here for this school year, for training until next year where I will go onto teaching history full time.”

In most schools the main reason teachers tend to leave school is due to student behaviour, less payment or long hours, so some schools need temporary staff to take their place until they return or until a new teacher arrives. This sometimes comes as a disadvantage to students who need to learn their subjects, and this is shown by the students underachieving in their studies. A study shows that in just one school the amount of teachers leaving school has gone up to 40% in the last 2 years. We also asked students why they think that their grades are slipping and the most common response was the fact that teachers usually give worksheets without a properly taught lesson.

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